



STARTING YOUNG ARE THESE TWO 4-H members, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Balmer, Lititz R4. Jesse, left, and his sister Cynthia pose their Guernsey heifers for Associate County Agent, Victor Plastow. This is the first year either has had a club calf.

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planting was completed, but we found the family in the field cultivating tobacco.

As Bollinger, a leader in the County 4-H Holstein club, drove the tractor, Mrs. Bollinger and son Donald worked the hoers around the young tobacco plants. As we arrived, they finished the cultivating job and came to the barn to show us Donald's 4-H Holstein heifer. Seventeen year old Donald, treasurer of the club, produced his project book, which Plastow scored, and then paraded his heifer up and down the tobacco was also in progress, but walkway to show us she is halter broken.

After some suggestions on heifer management for Donald and some discussion on fly control and a look at a young bull, we were on our way to the farm of Kenneth Eshleman, Elizabethtown R1.

At the Eshleman farm, tobacco planting was also in progress, but this time the beds were at home, and we found the family busily pulling plants.

Linda and Donna stopped work long enough to halter their Ayrshire heifers and parade them around the barnlot.

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THE JACOB BOLLINGER FAMILY seems to be posing for a family portrait as they exhibit a 4-H project heifer for the county agent. Left to right, they are Mrs. Bollinger, Betty, Nancy, who is also a 4-H club member, Jacob Bollinger, and John, holding the halter strap. Associate county agent, Victor Plastow, is at far right. The Lititz R4 family have a Guernsey herd.

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● Extension Agent

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Agent, Arnold Lueck, takes most of the problems dealing with field and horticultural crops. Homemaking activities are coordinated by Miss Jane Thurston, Extension Home Economist.

Plastow came to the county in 1955 with a year's experience in extension work in Northampton County. He had been hired on a temporary basis in that county, and when the county agent came back, Plastow was transferred to Lancaster as an Assistant County Agent.

His seven years and two months as a DHIA milk tester and his positions as herdsman at the E D King farms, Coopersburg and later at the Norristown state hospital, gave him a good background for his dairy work in the county.

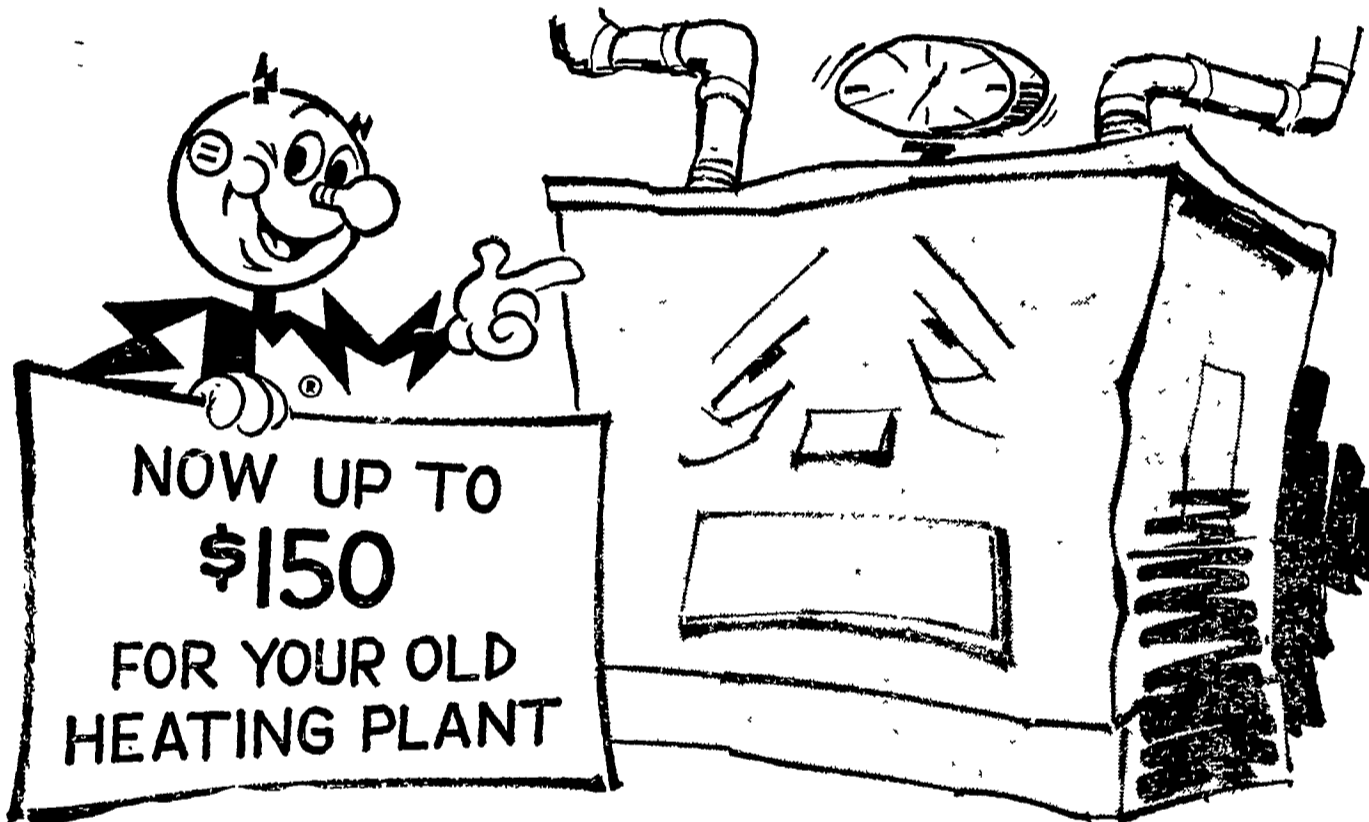
Plastow did not start out with the idea of becoming a county agent. He grew up on a Columbia County dairy farm, lived with an Uncle while he attended Benton High School, and graduated from the vocational agriculture course in 1938. In the Spring of 1939 he took a two months course in milk testing at the Pennsylvania State University and became the DHIA supervisor for all of Carbon and Lehigh Counties and part of Northumberland County.

All during the seven years I was testing milk, I hoped to be able to go back to Penn State and earn a degree, he said. In 1946 he took the job as herdsman with the King farm, but after two months, he was made herdsman at Norristown State Hospital where he worked for four years.

In 1950 he realized his ambition of returning to college where he enrolled in the dairy production curriculum. During the four years in college he continued to do some milk testing for Paul Williams, the head of DHIA work in the state. He did check testing of herds on Advanced Registry almost every week end during his college days, and continued to work with Williams until October after he graduated in 1954.

Our first stop was at the farm of Harry Mumma, Manheim R1. Plastow wanted to see Mumma about some DHIA business, but tobacco planting was underway and Harry was not at home.

At the farm of Elam Bollinger, Manheim R1, tobacco



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