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WHAT APPEARS TO BE A GIGANTIC MINING OPERATION is in reality a silt removal project under Becker's Bridge over Little Chickies Creek. Over 17,000 cubic yards of silt and sand had to be removed from the stream channel to let flood waters move under the bridge. Silt had changed the channel to the point where the bridge foundations were being threatened.

L. F. Photo.

17,000 Tons Of Topsoil Removed From Streambed

Farmers paid \$3,775 this week for the privilege of letting their top soil wash down the creek.

That is the price tag on the job of removing the sand and silt from under Becker's Bridge over Little Chickies Creek near Milton Grove.

Elam Shenk, Penna. Highways Department foreman in charge of the project said this week it had cost the state \$2,675 up to Monday night and

would cost another \$275 each day for the rest of the week to keep the machines and men working.

More than 17,000 tons of soil had to be removed from the stream bed to widen a channel that had silted in to a mere four foot waterway under the two-span bridge. One span was completely closed off with a layer of muck more than six feet deep. Flood waters came to within inches of the bridge

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County Future Farmer Reaches Four-Year Goal

Larry Weaver realized a four year ambition two weeks ago when delegates to the annual state FFA convention at the Pennsylvania State University elected him vice president for Region II.

Larry, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester M. Weaver, New Holland R1, said this week, "When I went to FFA week as a freshman and saw those state officers on the platform, I decided, 'That's what I want to be someday.'"

Whether or not this was his only goal, Larry made a successful march on a state office through four years of activity filled FFA work in the Grassland Chapter.

Being a charter member in

the chapter gave Larry a head start in local chapter activity. He was elected vice president as a freshman and held the office of president through the remaining three years of his high school career.

His outstanding leadership ability through four years, says Robert Herr, his teacher of vocational agriculture, helped get the new chapter off to a good start.

Larry is an easy student to work with, Herr says, but the excellent family cooperation the Weavers gave us made it a pleasure to work with the boy. His parents always encouraged Larry and cooperated in every way they could.

The 17 year old graduate of (Continued on Page 13)

Larson Is Dean Of Ag. College

University Park, Pa. — Dr. Russell E. Larson, Director of Agricultural and Home Economics Service and associate dean of the College of Agriculture has been named dean of the College at the Pennsylvania State University, effective July 1.

He will also serve as acting director of the extension service, according to Dr. Eric Walker, president of the University in announcing the appointment approved by the Board of Trustees June 8.

Dr. Larson will succeed Dr. Lyman E. Jackson, who will retire as dean emeritus after serving 17 years as dean.

Dr. Larson was named to the Penn State faculty in 1944 (Continued on Page 12)



MUD WAS THIS HIGH under Becker's Bridge before highway crews moved it out with a dragline and a bulldozer. Elam Shenk, foreman with the Pennsylvania Department of Highways, stands under the bridge across Little Chickies Creek. Before cleaning operations started, only a four foot channel was open under the double-span bridge.

L. F. Photo.

Cut Spring Oats In Blossom Stage For Top Quality Hay Or Silage

Oats can be made into good hay or silage if it is cut at the proper time and handled correctly, County Agent M. M. Smith said this week. Smith said he has had several questions on the subject during the past week.

Oats should be cut between the flowering and milk stage if it is to be palatable and high quality forage, but it should be headed out in order to get the most feeding value, he said.

If oats is cut after it has begun to turn from the grey-green to yellow color, and made into hay, there is some

danger of oats poisoning to livestock. If the crop is cut after it has begun to color, it should not be fed immediately. Approximately six weeks of curing time in the mow is required to remove the danger of poisoning, he said.

To make good oats silage, Smith recommends direct chopping with no wilting. Oats does not have as much juice as some of the grasses and legumes, and does not require the wilting.

To increase the palatability and hasten curing, a preservative

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Farm Calendar

- June 30 — 1 p.m. — Farm Women 1 will hold a covered dish supper at the Middle Creek Church pavilion.
- July 1 — Deadline for National 4-H Award applications to be in County Agent's office.
- July 1 — Kirkwood Community 4-H Club swimming party at the home of Richard Maule, Quarryville R2.
- July 2 — 8 p.m. — Southern Lancaster County 4-H Holstein club meets at the home of Paul Wenger, Quarryville R1.
- July 3 — 8 p.m. — Red Rose Baby Beef and Lamb Club meets at the home of Titus Lefever, Manheim R4. Lebanon County beef club will be guests. Fitting demonstration by Melvin G. Rohrer, Lititz R3, club leader.
- July 6 — Keystone Ram and Ewe sale at the Farm Show Building, Harrisburg. Nebraska 4-H club tour of Lancaster County. Elvin Hess, Jr., local club leader will guide.

Two New Jersey Milk Plants Offer Amish Dairymen Markets

Two New Jersey milk plants offered Amish dairymen in the county a market for milk produced in barns without electricity.

Early in the week, the Sterling Davis Dairies, Wrightstown, offered to buy as much as 300 to 350 cans every other day, while later in the week Quality Farms Co-operative Association, Inc., announced they could use an estimated 2,000 gallons a day from farmers with bulk tanks.

The plight of Amish dairymen came to a head recently when a ruling by the Lower Merion Township board of health required all milk sold in the municipality to be produced in barns lighted by electricity and cooled in equipment with automatic controls. The ruling threatened the market of approximately 220 Amish dairymen who ship to Sealtest, Inc. Religious beliefs prevent the Amish farmers from installing electric lighting systems in barns.

A spokesman for the New Jersey cooperative marketing association said the three dairies serviced by the cooperative are governed only by the

New Jersey Department of Health which is concerned more with bacteria count and temperature than with barn lighting.

An official of the Sterling Davis Dairies told a meeting of about 60 dairymen Monday night that his company might double the local pickup of milk later on. The new source would replace milk now shipped to New Jersey from Ohio.

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FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average in excess of six degrees above the normal range of 67 at night to 85 in the afternoon. Temperatures will be well above normal throughout the period with some moderation near the end of the period. Precipitation is expected to total .2 to .6 inch occurring as widely scattered showers Sunday night and again Tuesday.