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A THIRD GENERATION HEIFER in the herd of Robert Wenger, Quarryville R1, is looked over by Robert and his father, Paul Wenger. Robert began his herd with a 4-H animal and now has a herd of six milking cows and three more to freshen this fall. He also has five younger heifers. The heifer above is the granddaughter of his first cow.  
L. F. Photo.

## State F. F. A. Secretary Almost Missed Voc. Agri.

Robert Wenger, secretary of the Keystone Association of Future Farmers of America, came within a whisker of not taking vocational agriculture in high school.

The 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wenger, Quarryville R1, was an outstanding student in grade school. His eighth grade teacher was convinced the boy was college material and insisted that he enroll in the academic curriculum at Solanco High School.

Robert and his parents believed he had a place on the home farm and made special arrangements with the Solanco guidance department so that Robert could take his academic subjects along with the vocational agriculture curriculum.

Apparently they were justified in their efforts. Robert graduated last month with an outstanding scholastic record, was a commencement speaker, and the following week was tapped for the second highest state office in the FFA.

How about Robert? Is he glad he took the agriculture course? He said this week he never really seriously considered going to college, although he does realize the value of education. He plans to continue farming on a share basis with his parents and eventually work into a partnership on the 440 acre home farm. Robert has a herd of six purebred Holsteins in production, three others that will freshen this fall, and five younger animals. Robert, who likes working with dairy cattle has much of the responsibility for the 65-head herd of milking cows, while his younger brother, Earl, who likes machinery, does much of the field work. Earl will be a sophomore at Solanco in the fall.

While quite a bit of the East Drumore Township farm is in woodland, the big black and white cows have about 100 acres of pasture and another 140 are devoted to crops. All crops on the farm, 50 acres of corn, 40 acres of alfalfa, 18 acres of clover, 18 acres of winter oats and 13 acres of triple purpose grass, go into

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## Doris W. Thomas Appointed County Extension Home Economist

Mrs. Doris W. Thomas has been named associate extension home economist in Lancaster county. Dr. R. E. Larson, director of the Cooperative Extension Service, The Pennsylvania State University, says her appointment is effective July 1. She will be in charge of the adult and 4-H home-making programs.

Mrs. Thomas was graduated

Lancaster County Home Economics Teachers Association, and the National and the Pennsylvania State University. (Continued on Page 11)

## Most Boys Ever In Voc. Agri.

A report from the Agricultural Education Branch of the U.S. Office of Education says that more boys than ever before are studying vocational agriculture in high school. Enrollment in vo-ag usually closely parallels total membership in the Future Farmers of America which, for the 1962-63 school year hit a new high of 395,812. Membership this past year was 7,820 more than in 1961-62, and about 18,000 over five years ago, according to the Office of Education.

Approximately 35 percent of the boys with three or more years of "vo-ag" enter farming on a full-time basis. About

## FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average five or more degrees below the normal range of 65 at night to 86 in the afternoon. It will be a little warmer at the beginning of the period turning cooler about Monday. Less than 0.1 inch of precipitation is expected to fall as possible showers about Monday.



MRS. DORIS THOMAS

from the Quarryville high school and received her bachelor of science degree in home economics from Hood College, Frederick, Md.

Mrs. Thomas taught home economics six years in the Solanco Area school district. Before that she was with Slater System Inc., one year and with the Lancaster County Gas Company as home service director two years.

She is a member of the

## Farm Calendar

- July 8 — 1:30 p.m. — County 4-H Demonstration day at Penn Manor High School cafeteria.
- 1:30 p.m. — Manheim Township 4-H Marry Stitches club meets at the Production Credit building, Roseville Road.
- 8:30 p.m. — County Soil Conservation District directors meet in the court house, Lancaster.
- July 9-11 — District 4-H leadership school at Hershey.
- July 9 — 8 p.m. — Garden Spot 4-H club meets in the Smoke town Elementary School.
- July 10 — 7:30 p.m. — Guernsey 4-H club meets at the home of Ellis Denlinger, Gordonville R1. Ballgame and doggie roast.
- July 11 — 8 a.m. — County livestock judging practice at the Lancaster stockyards.
- July 12 — 7:30 p.m. — Boots and Saddles 4-H horse club judging practice at the home of Clarence Sweigart, Denver R2.
- July 13 — 10:30 a.m. — State Swine field day at the Pennsylvania State University.

## USDA Moves Livestock Office From Lancaster

The area office of the Packers & Stockyards Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S.D.A., which has been located at the Lancaster Stock Yards for the past 10 years moved to Newark, N. J., on July 1st.

Under a plan of reorganization of the entire field office set up of the P & S Division, the area head quarters for New England, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania under the direction of Kenneth F. Grizzell, area supervisor, will now be located at 1060 Broad St., Newark (2), New Jersey.

Edward H. Heller, formerly connected with the office here will transfer to Washington where he will deal primarily with poultry problems coming under P & S scrutiny.

Duane D. Dieber & William F. Riley assistants here will move with Grizzell to Newark.

The P & S office moved here from New York City ten years ago and was under the direction of Frank Fitz Roy who

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## Six From Co. Attend 4-H Training School

Six 4-H members from Lancaster County have been selected to take part in a Leadership Training School at Hershey next week.

Larry Weaver, New Holland R1; Paul Welk, Strasburg R1; Cynthia Bucher, Latitz R2; Elaine Stoltzfus, Ronks R1; Belinda Hershey, Manheim, and Robert Wenger, Quarryville R1, will be among approximately 65 outstanding 4-H members from 13 county organizations attending the three day event.

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## 4-H'ers Make Exchange Trip

Fifteen Lancaster County 4-H members and five adult leaders will embark on an exchange trip with 4-H'ers from Oklahoma next week.

The trip will be a return visit to the homes of 15 Oklahoma 4-H'ers who visited in

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