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MELVIN BRENEMAN HAS A RIGHT TO be proud of this five year old Guernsey. Nearing the end of her lactation, she has made 13,103 pounds of milk and 649 pounds of butterfat in 299 days. Melvin says his mother, center, is his unofficial cow doctor, staying up all night to keep one calf alive. He also credits his father with much of his success for his encouragement in the dairy business. L. F. Photo.

State F. F. A. Chaplain Says Parents Helped Most

Editor's Note: This is the last of a series of five articles about Lancaster County's five state FFA officers.

"My parents deserve a lot of credit for what success I have had," the chaplain of the Pennsylvania Association of Future Farmers of America said this week.

Melvin Breneman, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Henry Breneman, Strasburg R1, went on to explain how his parents helped and encouraged him to develop his farming program and participate in FFA and other community activities.

My mother is my unofficial veterinarian, Melvin said "Once she sat up all night to keep a calf from dying."

Melvin explained that one of his club project calves began bleeding after dehorning and several things were tried to get the flow stopped. After several products recommended by the veterinarian had failed to stop the bleeding, Mrs. Breneman went to her first-aid book. "It just seemed that I had to do something," she said.

She located the blood vessel that was causing the trouble and applied pressure. The bleeding stopped, but began again when the pressure was removed. So — Mrs. Breneman spent the night sitting on a bale of straw with a calf's head in her lap. Next day the bleeding subsided and the calf recovered.

Melvin, a 1962 graduate of Lampeter-Strasburg High School's vocational agriculture de-

partment farms three farms with his parents and brother, Larry, who is 16.

The major enterprise on the farms revolves around Guernsey dairy cattle, but Melvin is also in the swine business.

As a freshman, Melvin purchased 16 pigs which he fed for market. "Dad never had a pig on the place," he said, but Melvin wanted to diversify the farming program. He also started a pure bred Guernsey calf that year.

By the time he had reached the 10th grade, Melvin's swine program had grown to include two gilts and 15 fattening hogs. He continued with his Guernsey heifer, started another calf and raised one acre of corn.

He farrowed three sows and added two more gilts in his 11th grade program. He has found that five sows is about the limit for his operation at home, and still keeps his swine program on this basis, fattening out the litters from his five sows.

His dairy program had grown to include a cow, a heifer and a calf. He now has two cows, two heifers and a calf. In addition, he feeds out about 300 head of hogs in partnership with a feed dealer on another farm.

The family has about 140 acres in three farms and share (Continued on Page 13)

County Livestock Judging Team Retires Rotating District Trophy

A three member team from Lancaster County 4-H clubs earned permanent possession of the Warrington Greene 4-H livestock judging trophy Wednesday in Southeast District competition on the Greene farm near Wellsville, York Co.

Going into the fray with two legs on the challenge cup, Kenneth Weaver, Quarryville R2; Mark Nestleroth, Manheim R3; and Wilbur Hosler, Manheim R3, nosed out York County by a score of 1,348 to 1,328. York County teams had previously won the trophy two years. The team from Northampton had 1,288 points; Adams County had 1,277 points, and Cumberland County had 1,260 points out of the possible 1,500.

Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jason Weaver, led the 62 competing judges with 464 out of 500 possible individual points. (Continued on Page 6)



Poultry Ass'n Schedules Tour

County poultrymen will tour four laying hen operations and one broiler growing farm during their annual tour July 31. Busses will leave the Poultry Center at 7 a.m.

At the Brown Brothers broiler operation, Yellowhouse, Pa. visiting poultrymen will see a 47,000 capacity house which is filled four times a year, heated with hot water, coal burning brooders, and ventilated with fans.

In Shoemakersville, Arenel Farms, Inc. will display their 16,000 laying hens in a house with three-tiered roosts with complete insulation and fan ventilation. In another house 13,000 birds are on a dirt floor with no roosts and no fan ventilation.

At the hatchery of George (Continued on Page 6)

Excellent Yield On Redcoat Is Reported

An outstanding wheat yield was reported this week by a Lancaster County farmer in the Kirkwood area.

Mr. Abram Herr, whose Maple Lane Farm is located on the Quarryville-Kirkwood road just south of Black Rock, harvested over 70 bushels per acre on 10 acres of Redcoat.

Herr said the quality of the grain was good with high test weight and moisture of just about 14 per cent. "It made a lot of straw," he said, but added that the tall grain stood up very well through wind and rain storms in the area earlier this month.

Herr planted the Redcoat on tobacco ground about the middle of October and added 400 pounds of 4-12-12 fertilizer with the grain drill.

He sold some of the grain from the field this week, but kept most of it for seed. He will use it for his own needs and sell the surplus to other farmers for seed.

He said he has not yet harvested his Pennoll crop, but his Dual wheat was "a little better than average".

Holstein Men Set Field Day For Next Week

The annual Field Day of the Lancaster County Holstein Association will be held on Thursday, July 25 at the Spring Belle Farm of Furry Frey, 1343 Gypsy Hill Road, Lancaster. The Frey farm is located just off route 222 (Beaver Valley Road) two miles east of the junction of route 72 and 222 (Mylin's Corner) which is four miles south of Lancaster.

The morning program will begin at 10 00 a.m. with the dairy judging contest Official (Continued on Page 6)

FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures for the next five days are expected to average about normal. Normals for this time of year range from 66 to 86. Warm at the beginning of period. Not quite so warm Sunday and Monday. Warmer again Tuesday and Wednesday. Precipitation is expected to total about 0.2 to 0.6 inch falling as scattered showers or thundershowers Sunday and possibly again near the end of the period.

Farm Calendar

- July 21 - 27 — National Farm Safety Week.
- July 22 — 9 a.m. — County Guernsey breeders judging school at the farm of Harry Mumma, Manheim R1. Kenneth Berry, manager of Spar Hill Farm is the official. 7:30 p.m. — Elm Penryn 4-H club meets in the Penryn fire hall.
- 7:30 p.m. — Fulton Grange annual picnic at the Grange Hall, Oakryn, Penna.
- July 23 — 10 a.m. — Southeastern district 4-H demonstration contest at Allentown.
- 1:30 p.m. — Manheim Township 4-H sewing club meets in the Production Credit building, Roseville Road, Lancaster.
- July 25 — 10 a.m. — County Holstein-Friesian field day at the farm of Furry Frey, Beaver Valley Road, off Rt. 222 south of Lancaster.
- 8 p.m. — County 4-H Holstein club meets at the farm of Daniel Martin, Manheim R1.
- 7:30 p.m. — County Honey Producers to meet at the farm, owned by John Moore, Letitz R1.

President Sets Safety Week; Urges Caution

President Kennedy has proclaimed July 21-27 National Farm Safety Week.

The President urged all farm families and all persons and organizations allied with agriculture to unite in an effort to reduce the number of farm, home and highway accidents.

The 1963 farm safety campaign will concentrate on the prevention of fires and falls. (Continued on Page 12)