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THIS LARGE TREE IS DEAD. Sunlight filtering down through this thick forest area shows that many more trees are dead or dying in the same plot. Chestnut Oaks in the area south of Route 372, defoliated by cankerworms two years in a row, became weak and low in vigor giving bark beetles a chance to enter and finish the job of killing the trees. Service Forester, John Kitch, shows that this tree is 20 inches in diameter at breast height. At least 11 more large trees within a hundred feet of this one were dead or dying. L. F. Photo.

I Ride With The Forester

Chestnut Oaks In Trouble, Forester Urges Utilization

By: Jack Owen

Editor's Note: This is the ninth in a series of articles dealing with Lancaster County businesses related to agriculture. The writer will spend a day riding with persons who serve the farmer but do not actively engage in the business of farming. The articles are an attempt to bring the farmer a report of the job of service personnel before they reach the farm. Other articles will be printed in the following weeks.

Are the Chestnut Oak trees soon to be talked about but seldom seen in our forests headed the way dom seen.

of the old native Chestnut?

Of course everyone hopes they are not, but some of the woodlands in the southern part of the county look pretty dismal.

I rode in this area recently with John Kitch, service forester, working out of the Valley Forge office of the Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters. What we saw would lead a person to believe that the Chestnut Oaks will

Kitch was making a return call to a woodland he had marked for harvest in the spring. All the live trees big enough for timber had been cut out, but when we went back, many of the trees in the woodland had died, or were nearly dead.

We drove for several miles through wooded areas southeast of Quarryville, and everywhere we went, the story was the same. The Chestnut Oak that the Chestnut Oaks will

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Maximum Butterfat Limit Imposed, Dairymen Told

Dairymen may soon have to skim some of the cream off their milk before shipping it, according to Ray Smith, speaker at the annual Lancaster County Holstein-Friesian field day Thursday at the farm of Furry Frey, 1343 Gypsy Hill Road.

Smith, manager of Monocay Meadow Farm, Frederick, Md., told the 500 dairymen at the field day, "A dairy company in New York has informed its shippers that no milk will be received from any herd with an average test over 3.8."

He went on to say that the company, which he could not name, sent out a directive in May of this year setting the top limit for butterfat content at 4.0, and followed with

a second directive in June setting the top limit at 3.8 per cent. He told Lancaster Farming after the meeting that he did not know of any shippers that had been "cut off", but, he said, a Pennsylvania shipper, whom he would not name, told him that he had been skimming off some cream before he shipped his milk.

In a speech entitled, "How To Go Broke With Registered" (Continued on Page 5)

Albert Fry Has Perfect Score In Holstein Field Day Judging

Albert Frey, Manheim R2, won the second leg on the revolving trophy presented to the high scoring judge at the annual Lancaster County Holstein-Friesian field day.

Fry turned in a perfect 300 point score to outclass the other 103 contestants in the men's division of the contest. He won the trophy in 1959.

Close behind Fry in the scoring was Sue Kauffman, nine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert

Kauffman, Elizabethtown R1, with a score of 298. A total of 78 children under 18 judged.

In the ladies' division, Mrs. Harry Ranck, Jr., Ronks R1, scored 285.4 points to beat out 50 other contestants. Runner up with 284.3 points was the wife of the men's division winner, Mrs. Kathryn Fry. Mrs. Ranck, the wife of a Holstein breeder, had never been in the top placings before.

In tight competition, Elvin Shelly, Manheim R1, scored 299.5 points to take runnerup position in the men's division with the 299.1 of Donald Trimble, Quarryville R1, coming in a close third.

Robert Kauffman, father of the children's division winner, placed fourth with 290, and Clarence Lyons, 204 Hess Blvd., Lancaster, was fifth with 286.6 points.

Finishing third in the ladies' division was Mrs. Wilmer Hostetter, Oxford R1 with 283.3 points. Mrs. Herbert (Continued on Page 12)

Farm Calendar

July 29 — 10 a.m. — Judging begins in the Brown Swiss Canton show at the Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeders Co-op grounds on the 230 bypass. 7:30 p.m. — Fulton Grange swim party and doggie roast at the Earle Gilbert Farm near Port Deposit, Md. 7:30 p.m. — Lincoln Community 4-H club meets at the Mount Airy fire hall.

July 30 — 9 a.m. — Judging begins in the county FFA market hog show at the Green Dragon, two miles north of Ephrata.

10 a.m. — Judging of the colored breeds begins at the SPABC show at the cooperative's grounds, 230 bypass. 1 p.m. — County plowing contest on the Roy Garber farm, Lititz R3.

1 p.m. — Sale of county FFA market hogs at the Green Dragon.

7:30 p.m. — Manor com- (Continued on Page 14)

Small World

Future Farmers of America from Manheim Central High School and Donegal High School are touring western United States by different routes.

When the Donegal boys went into a laundromat in Upland, California, who should be there doing their washing but the Manheim boys. The boys had a reunion right on the spot, did their laundry together, and continued their six weeks tours by their separate routes.

It certainly is a small world.

Solanco Hires Two Teachers Of Voc. Agri.

Two new teachers of vocational agriculture began their duties at Solanco High School on July 1.

Ralph Layman, a veteran of 13 years teaching experience, took over as head of the three-man department, and Richard Wood, recently graduated from the University of Delaware, went on the job as the third teacher. William M. Fredd will continue in his position of teacher of vocational agriculture and advisor of the Solanco Young Farmers Association.

Layman came to Solanco from 13 years teaching in the Brookville High School, Jefferson County, where he had a Future Farmers of America Chapter of 40 to 50 boys. He (Continued on Page 11)

County 4-H Demonstration Teams Advance

Four out of five Lancaster County 4-H demonstration teams cleared district hurdles this week in Allentown for a shot at state competition August 13 at the Pennsylvania State University.

The four teams won top hon- (continued on page 3)

Co. Plow Test Is Next Week

Plowmen will exhibit their skill next week as the annual Lancaster County plowing contest gets under way on the Roy Garber farm, Lititz R3, near Erb's stone quarry, at 1 p.m., July 30.

As of Friday, a total of nine contestants had indicated intentions of competing, according to Elmer V. Good, contest chairman.

Winner of the county contest will enter the state matches on August 15. County contestants will plow level (Continued on Page 5)

FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average five or more degrees above the normal range of 66 at night to 86 in the afternoon. Continued hot weather with little day to day change is expected. Precipitation will probably total ¼ to ½ inch occurring as widely scattered showers throughout the period.

FFA Swine Sale Is Next Week

Approximately 150 head of hogs have been consigned to the first annual county FFA market hog show and sale next week.

Sponsored by the county association of Future Farmers of America, the show will have classes in lightweight, medium-weight and heavyweight by breeds. Hampshires, Yorkshires, Durocs, Spots and cross-bred hogs have been consigned by county FFA members.

Judging by assistant York County Agent, Tony Dobrosky, is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. Tuesday, July 30, at the Green Dragon sale arena, two miles north of Ephrata, just off Route 222. The sale is set to begin at 1 p.m.

Prize money has been donated by agricultural merchants and banks in the county, and the Lancaster County Swine Producers Association has do- (Continued on Page 4)