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GOOD RECORDS ARE AN IMPORTANT PART of any farm operation. Richard Hoover compliments a Farmers Home Administration patron on the excellent condition of her records. Mrs. Robert Guhl, second from left, helps keep the farm records up to date on the operation run by her husband and his brother William. Left to right in the Guhl kitchen are son David, Mrs. Guhl holding one year old Lori, Robert Guhl, Richard Hoover, Robert Mumma, and William Guhl holding five year old Terri.
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I Ride With The F.H.A. Supervisor

FHA Supervisor Helps With Money Management

By: Jack Owen

Editor's Note This is the tenth 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.

The Federal Housing Administration, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, serves eligible farmers with credit and needed technical help on farm and money management problems. Loans are made only to applicants unable to obtain adequate credit from other sources at reasonable rates and terms.

This was the explanation of the job Richard Hoover, County Supervisor of FHA, gave to me as we started on a day that was to take us on farms varying from a share crop dairy and tobacco operation to one of the real show places in the county.

"We don't make loans to

only poor farmers," Hoover said. The FHA is designed to help any deserving farmer who can not obtain credit from other sources for any number of reasons.

Sometimes a farmer has a good opportunity to purchase a farm or expand his operation, but if he lacks collateral, the normal sources of credit may not be open to him. Many a deserving farmer has to struggle along on an inadequate income because he can not finance an efficient operation through the more conventional lending agencies, Hoover explained.

The FHA makes operating
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Biological Control Of Weevils Looks Promising In Co. Trial

A new method in the fight against alfalfa weevils was introduced into Lancaster County this year, and preliminary results look hopeful, assistant county agent Arnold Lueck said this week.

In late April of this year, Lueck and the U.S. Department of Agriculture entomologist from Moorestown, N.J. released a colony of BATHYPLECTES ANURA (a parasitic wasp that attacks the alfalfa weevil larvae) on a farm near Bowmansville.

On May 10, the entomologist took 100 sweeps with an insect net in the area and captured about 2,000 weevils. From these larvae, technicians were able to rear 40 of the wasps.

This is a phenomenal rate when you consider only 112 adult wasps were released, Lueck said.

Lueck said this was the first release of the ANURA species in the United States, although several other wasps of the same genus have been used in Utah and California with varying degrees of success.

"There is no danger that the importation, from France, will ever become an economic past," Lueck said. The adult wasp lives on plant nectar and the female deposits her eggs only in the live bodies of alfalfa weevil larvae; the young wasp then devours the weevil.

"We are hopeful that this method of Biological insect control is a start toward helping farmers gain control over the alfalfa weevil," Lueck said.

Meanwhile, spray recommendations for weevil control still include fall application of either dieldrin or heptachlor.

Earlier applications of these chemicals have proven more

satisfactory. Recommendations are to apply either material after the last cutting, but BEFORE November 1.

Lueck says at least 20 gallons of spray per acre is needed to do a complete job. Sprayer nozzle pressure should be at least 40 pounds per square inch.

Either material should be applied at the rate of one pound of actual chemical per acre.

Feed Dealers And Millers To Hear Wentink

Mr. Hendrik Wentink, Sales Manager, Miller & Bushong, Rohrerstown, Pa., will address the Pennsylvania Millers' and Feed Dealers' Association 85th Annual Convention at Pocono Manor, Pa. September 8 - 10. His subject will be "Pennsylvania Can Be Competitive in Poultry."

Following Wentink's presentation a panel of poultry producers will expand the subject and answer questions from the audience. The panel is composed of - Harry Ulrich, Harrisburg R.D. 3, Paul Konhaus, Mechanicsburg, and William Myer, Myerstown. Ulrich is currently President of the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation.

The Convention will also hear speakers on Dairy and Livestock Membership in the Association consists of flour and feed mills from all parts of Pennsylvania and the Convention regularly attracts between 300 and 400 persons, according to Donald W. Parke, assn. sec-

Red Rose DHIA Begins Solids - Not - Fat Testing

Directors of the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association Monday night voted to begin testing milk for solids-not-fat in approximately 38 herds on October 1.

With the interest that has

and can be applied as spray, granules, or in a fertilizer mixture. Proper equipment is necessary if either granules or fertilizer mixture is used.

Lueck warned that treated fields must not be harvested or grazed before normal harvesting time next spring.

Two 4-H'ers Win Scholarships

Two scholarships of \$100 each were awarded to county 4-H members Tuesday by the Lancaster Kiwanis Club.

Miss Barbara Gamble, Columbia R2, and Mark Nestleroth, Manheim R3, recipients of the awards, are both college sophomores.

John Long, chairman of the club's agriculture committee, made the presentation at the Kiwanis' annual agriculture luncheon in the Hotel Brunswick.

Miss Gamble, nineteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus S. Gamble Jr., will enter her sophomore year at Mansfield State College, majoring in home economics.

Nestleroth, nineteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nestleroth, is an animal husbandry sophomore at Pennsylvania State University.

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been shown, directors felt the association should purchase equipment and make the service to members who requested it. To start the program, two kits will be purchased for the county and each one will be used by several testers.

SNF testing will be offered to DHIA members in addition to the present butterfat test. The present testers will be

Stockyards To Conduct Business On Labor Day

The Lancaster Union Stockyards will be open for business as usual on Monday, September 2, Labor Day.

According to Robert Heilbron, president of the Lancaster Livestock Exchange, this year marks the first time in about 10 years that the yards have been open for business on the fall holiday.

The exchange board made the decision to remain open at their August meeting.

Several considerations brought about the decision, Heilbron said. Since this is the height of the stocker and feeder cattle business, many cattle in the yards would have to be fed hay from Friday until Tuesday. With the cost of hay, this would represent a considerable expense to owners of cattle. Monday is the big fat cattle day at the yards, and many buyers have schedules that would take them elsewhere the rest of the week. With other
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trained to make the test by the Pennsylvania State University.

Cost to the dairyman will be 10 cents per cow, in addition to the present testing charges; of this, five cents will go to the tester and five cents will go toward paying for the equipment. If sufficient interest is shown, protein testing may be offered by the association at a later date.

Bedford County, testing 10 herds since June 1, is the only other association in the state which has offered SNF testing to members.

In other business, directors voted to start another association, the seventeenth, in the county. At present about 18 herd owners have indicated interest in beginning DHIA testing, but all present testers are working to capacity.

Victor Plastow, associate County Agent asks that any herd owner on owner-sampler or independent testing interested in joining DHIA call the county extension office in the Lancaster Post Office building as soon as possible. Directors would like to see the new association started about October 1.

FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the five day period Saturday through Wednesday are expected to average 2 to 6 degrees below the normal range of 60 at night to 80 in the afternoon. Cool weather early in the period will give way to warmer air about the middle of the period and colder again near the end of the period. Precipitation may total more than 1/2 inch falling about Monday.