



A BEAR ON THE CORNERSTONE along with the date, 1773, tells some of the history of this tobacco shed on the Elvin Hershey farm, Lincoln Highway, west of Lancaster. The cornerstone carries no names, but the cornerstone on the barn bears the date 1807 and the names Christian and Elisabetha Bear. The house has a stone with the date 1885 and the names of Benjamin and Anna Bear. Hershey has lived on the farm since 1934.

L. F. Photo

● **Hershey**

(Continued from Page 1) during December, January, February and March, and sells most of the meat, except the hams, at his market stand. The hams are usually sold fresh to be cured and sold later by another market stand owner. He raises about 50 head of Yorkshire hogs each year. "If we bought hogs to butcher, we would need a special license," he says.

Hershey said he keeps busy enough with the farms and market, and does not do any custom butchering. I could probably have custom butchering all the time if I wanted it, he said, but he does not feel that he has enough time for that kind of business.

**DAIRY BUSINESS**

Nelson H. Hershey, the son who lives on a second farm at Columbia, R2, is the dairy herdsman. The 110-acre farm is run as a partnership of father and son.

Last year the 33 Holsteins in the herd made an average 13,912 pounds of milk with a 3.9 per cent test and 542

all the cows in the herd were raised on the farm. Nelson attributes most of the gain to increased grain in the ration, but he says there might have been some other factors.

Nelson said he had felt for several years that the weakest link in the dairy program was the heifer raising facilities. To improve this phase of the program, the Hersheys remodeled the barn on the home place so that the pens were larger, easier to clean, and more light and airy.

The old well was torn away and a new concrete block wall was constructed at the front edge of the forebay. The small doors were replaced with large rolling doors and a long steel I beam eliminated the need for several posts in the stable. Now the entire barn can be cleaned with a manure loader and spreader.

Feeding is easier, too, with the long continuous trough at the back side of the pens. Replacing the partitions in the small pens with movable gates makes it easier to see the heifers and keep a check on their health. At present, the Hersheys have about 30 head of young stock for replacements on the home farm. As the heifers freshen they will be taken to the milking string on the farm Elvin bought from Park Hess about seven years ago.

Nelson says he believes the new method of handling replacement stock will improve the dairy program a great



**HOGS GO DIRECTLY TO THE CONSUMER** from the Elvin Hershey farm. This is part of the 50 head of hogs fed out each year and butchered by Hershey for his stand at the Arcade Market. Hershey slaughters three of the heaviest hogs from the pen each week during the four winter months.

L. F. Photo

deal. On the home farm of 88 acres, purchased in 1916 by John C. Hostetter, Elvin raised 40 acres of corn, 15 acres of wheat, 10 acres of grass, 12 acres of pasture, and about two acres of potatoes.

Most of the potatoes and the eggs from the 7,800 laying hens go to the market trade or to retail stores in around Lancaster.

On the farm where Nelson lives the 30 acres of corn, 35 acres of hay, 20 acres of wheat and five acres of barley, as well as the 15 acres of pasture, provide feed and bedding for the dairy herd.

The Hersheys raise no tobacco or other cash crops.

An interesting feature of the newly remodeled barn on

the home farm is the stone in the gable end of the old stone structure. One of the stones carries the names of Christian Bear and Elisabetha Bear, and the date 1807. The stone in the gable of the brick farm house has the names Benjamin and Anna Bear, and the year 1885. A tobacco shed on the farm has a cornerstone with the figure of a bear and the date 1773. Hershey says he does not now the history of the Bear family, but he has contracted with a historian to trace the family and its background.

In many ways the farm is a unique combination of the best of the old days and the most modern agricultural practices.

(Continued on Page 13)

pounds of butterfat. This was an increase of 90 pounds of butterfat over the previous year without the addition of a single cow. In fact,

For Christmas, give a membership in the  
**Lancaster Automobile Club**

365 days of driving pleasure

**THE IDEAL GIFT**

EASY TO BUY—SURE TO PLEASE

PACKAGED IN A COLORFUL HOLIDAY BOX

Over 50,000 Members in Lancaster County enjoy these services . . .

 PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE	 EMERGENCY ROAD SERVICE	SCHOOL PATROLS LEGISLATION DRIVER EDUCATION GOOD ROADS AND MANY OTHERS	 COAST TO COAST	 BAIL BOND SERVICE
 MAPS TRAVEL SERVICE	<b>LANCASTER AUTOMOBILE CLUB</b> 15 N. PRINCE ST., LANCASTER Please send a CHRISTMAS GIFT membership			 LICENSE SERVICE
 LEGAL ADVISORY SERVICE	To _____ <small>This application to be used for NEW MEMBERS ONLY</small> Address _____ <small>MUST RESIDE IN LANCASTER COUNTY</small> INDICATE (X) HOW YOU WANT DELIVERY MADE Send gift package direct <input type="checkbox"/> Send to me <input type="checkbox"/> Sender's Name _____ Address _____			 MONTHLY MAGAZINE <small>No entrance fee for a person residing with a present member. FEE ..... \$7.50</small>
Dues ..... \$ 7.50 Entrance Fee ..... \$ 2.50 TOTAL ..... \$10.00				



The Most Famous Name  
In Corn  
**Pfister Associated  
Growers**  
Lattz, Pa.  
Phone 626-8808

**SPRAYING Service**  
Dairy Barns  
Poultry Houses  
**CARBOLA**

- Disinfecting White Paint
- Dries White
- Disinfects Against Disease
- Kills Flies; 90% Less Cobwebs 8 to 10 Mo.

DISINFECT  
POULTRY HOUSES  
6 Witmer Rd., R4, Lanc.  
**Maynard Beitzel**  
Phone 392-7227