

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 of young stock for replace- On the farm where Nelson he does not now the history house has a stone with the date 1885 and the names ments on the home farm. As lives the 30 acres of corn, 35 of the Bear family, but he had of Benjamin and Anna Bear. Hershey has lived on the the heifers freshen they will acres of hay, 20 acres of wheat contracted with a historian to farm since 1934.

pounds of butterfat.

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previous year without the ad-

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 tresh to be cured and sold later by another market stand owner He laises 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 it I wanted it, he said, but he does not teel that he has enough time tot 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 iun as a partnership of father and son

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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 remodled the barn on the home place so that the pens were larger, easier to clean, and more light

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 deal. stable. Now the entire barn loader and spreader.

placing the partitions in the two acres of potatoes. small pens with movable gaheifers and keep a check on ing hens go to the market the farm has a cornerston their health. At present, the trade or to retail stores in with the figure of a bear-an Hersheys have about 30 head around Lancaster.

This was an increase of 90 years ago. Nelson says he believes the new method of handling re- co or other cash crops. placement stock will improve dition of a single cow. In fact,

HOGS GO DIRECTLY TO THE CONSUMER from the Elvin Hershey farm. This is part of the 50 head hogs fed out each year and butchered by Hershey fo his stand at the Arcade Market. Hershey slaughter three of the heaviest hogs from the pen each wee L. F. Photo during the four winter months.

can be cleaned with a manure acres, purchased in 1916 by structure. One of the stone John C. Hostettter, Elvin rai- carries the names of Christia Feeding is easier, too, with sed 40 acres of corn, 15 acres Bear and Elisabetha Bear, an the long continuous trough at of wheat, 10 acres of grass, the date 1807. The stone the back side of the pens. Re- 12 acres of pasture, and about the gable of the brick fare

tes makes it easier to see the the eggs from the 7,800 lay- year 1885. A tobacco shed of

L. F. Photo be taken to the milking string and five acres of barley, as trace the family and its back on the farm Elvin bought well as the 15 acres of pas- ground. from Park Hess about seven ture, provide feed and bedding. In many ways the farm i for the dairy herd

An interesting feature of tices. the dairy program a great the newly remodled barn on

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a unique combination of the The Hersheys raise no tobac- best of the old days and the most modern agricultural prac-

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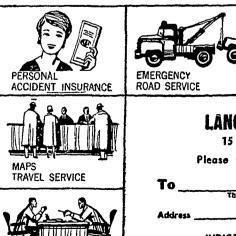
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