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THEY'RE ALL MINE, this Guernsey cow seems to be saying. The triplet heifer calves were born last Wednesday to Majesty's Polly, the four year old cow on the farm of Jesse Balmer, Lititz R4. Here, Balmer tries to keep the three healthy calves in line for their first portrait. L F Photo.

Rare Triplet Heifer Calves Are Born On County Farm

A Lancaster County cow gave birth to rare triplet calves last week.

A registered Guernsey cow, Majesty's Polly, gave birth to her third, fourth and fifth calves just one month past her fourth birthday on the farm of

Jesse Balmer, Lititz R4. Making the event even more rare, the calves were all heifers.

Balmer, who farms about 140 acres on two farms with his father, Allen J. Balmer, said, "We were at the Farm Show all day last Wednesday, but when we came home, we saw a bigger show right here."

The calves, weighing in at a combined 150 pounds, all appear healthy and vigorous. Balmer says he plans to raise all three, "if they make it." They were artificially sired by Miss Lilly's Neptune, a young sire in the Southeastern Artificial Breeders Cooperative stud.

Multiple births are not unusual on the Balmer farm. (Continued on Page 13)

Farm Calendar

- Jan. 27-29 — Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers and Canner Fieldman conference at the Pennsylvania State University.
- Jan. 27 — 7:30 p.m. — County 4-H Conservation club meets at the Senseng Market, New Holland R1.
- 7:30 p.m. — County Future Farmers of America meets at Pequea Valley High School.
- Jan. 28 — 1:30 p.m. — County Fruit Growers Ass'n meets at Farm Bureau Cooperative building, Dillerville Pike.
- 7:30 p.m. — Pest control spray meeting at the shop of Lester Singer, Ronks.
- Jan. 29 — 12 noon — Interstate Milk Producers annual meeting and banquet at the Quarryville Methodist Church.
- Jan. 30 — 7:30 p.m. — Cattle feeders' clinic by the Extension Service at Rohrerstown School.
- Feb. 1 — 1:30 p.m. — Farm Women 6 meets at the home of Mrs. Clarence Greiner, 729 Groff Ave.
- 1:30 p.m. — Annual meeting of the Lancaster County Livestock Producers Cooperative at the Farm Bureau Cooperative building, Dillerville Pike.

Vegetable Men Will Convene

Pennsylvania vegetable growers and cannery fieldmen will hold their annual educational conference Jan. 27 to 29 at University Park. The annual business meeting of the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers' Association will begin at 10 a.m. Monday.

Among highlights will be a discussion of the State Department of Agriculture's role in the horticulture industry by Leland H. Bell, State Secretary of Agriculture, the morning of Jan. 28. "Labs and Labor in Your Vegetable Business" will be the topic of John Carew of Michigan State University the afternoon of Jan. 28. (Continued on Page 7)

Mount Joy Farmers Co-op May Add Bulk Handling

Mount Joy Farmers Cooperative is considering addition of bulk milk handling facilities to its plant at Mount Joy.

In his report from Management Monday night, S. A. Horton said, "It may be that we will soon be able to take care of those producers who want to convert to bulk tanks, and still take care of can shippers as at present."

He said the cooperative has applied for a permit to sell milk in Pennsylvania. "Compliance will mean added expense to producers in many cases," he added.

Horton told the 350 members and guests at the 31st annual meeting that the cooperative handled 45 million pounds of milk last year, two million pounds more than in the previous year. Volume peaked in May when the plant received 1,800 cans of milk daily.

He reported that 93 per cent of the milk received in 1963 went to Class I (fluid) milk use. The cooperative paid eight cents a pound more for milk in October 1963 than in 1962. In November the increase

4-H Leaders Name Directors

The Lancaster County 4-H Leaders' Council amended its by-laws Monday to allow half the board of directors to be elected each year for two year terms.

The by-laws said that the 10 member board would be elected (Continued on Page 7)

Poultry Ass'n To Close Weekly Broiler Auction

Directors of the Lancaster County Poultry Association voted Wednesday night to discontinue its weekly poultry auction after nine years of operation.

Announcement of the decision was made at the reorganizational meeting of the board in the Lancaster County Poultry Center, 340 W. Roseville Road, Lancaster.

A spokesman for the board said the action to discontinue

the sale was necessitated by withdrawal of support from the county's only live poultry auction.

Earlier this month the poultry exchange lost 50 to 75 per cent of its weekly listings when two major feed firms announced plans to discontinue use of the sales.

Miller and Bushong, Inc. Rohrerstown, and D. E. Horn Company of York announced (Continued on Page 14)

Tobacco Market Opens, Bids Mostly 28 and 18

The long awaited opening of the Lancaster County Tobacco market came this week with three major tobacco companies reported in the field.

Prices of 28 and 18 cents were reported being paid Tuesday by Consolidated Cigar Corp., P. Lorillard Co., and

American Tobacco Co. The three firms continued to pay largely 28 and 18 through Wednesday, but trading began to taper off as the day wore on.

By Thursday afternoon reports indicated that many farmer-buyers had filled their quotas and were turning in their books. Quotas were reported somewhat lower than last year.

Farmer-buyers reported that quotas in some areas filled "very quickly", and by Thursday reports from farmers in (Continued on Page 16)

Poultry Ass'n Elects Directors

Members of the Lancaster County Poultry Growers Monday night elected seven members to the board of directors for three year terms.

The two grower members elected were Roy Erb, 118 Kreder Ave., Lancaster, and Aaron O. Brubaker, 1075 Gypsy Hill Road.

The five directors from allied industry were Charles M. Texter, 514 West Walnut St., Lancaster, F. W. Fisher, 28 Quarry Lane, Leola, John Keener, Elizabethtown R1; Paul Hiestand, Marietta R1, and Phares Auker, Elizabethtown R1.

It was announced that Mrs. Sally Harper, secretary and office manager, has resigned. (Continued on Page 7)

FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average near the normal range of 22 at night to 39 in the afternoon. Temperatures are expected to turn cooler over the week end with little day to day change for the rest of the period. Precipitation as rain or snow on Saturday and again about Wednesday may total more than a half inch (melted).

SPABC Show Is Cancelled

There will be no 1964 Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeders Cooperative progeny show.

The announcement of the board of directors' decision to cancel the yearly exhibition will be made at the cooperative's series of annual meetings next month.

A reliable source said this week, the board reached its decision at a meeting earlier this month. The board felt that the show was not representative of the entire membership and did not justify the expenditure of the approximately \$10,000 yearly.

The spokesman said the decision to discontinue the 12 year old show, which attracted 384 entries in 1963, would be open for review next year.

Closing of the show will pose a problem for the county 4-H dairy clubs, the Brown Swiss Canton 5, and the Southeastern Black and White shows which have used the tents and facilities of the SPABC show on the 230 bypass.