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NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS of the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association pose after their election Monday night. They are, left to right, president, Samuel Dum, 2191 Greystone Road, East Petersburg, vice president, Robert Breneman, Strasburg R1; secretary, Dr. Victor Conger, 226 Pitney Road, Lancaster, and treasurer, Jacob Houser, Lampeter. L. F. Photo.

Co-op Official Says, Milk Price Hikes May Kill Self

Dairymen can look for higher milk prices through 1964, a milk cooperative official told members Thursday, but he added a big "if"

Dr. James Honan, General Manager of Interstate Milk Producers Cooperative, told members of District 7 at their annual banquet in the Plain and Fancy restaurant. "Class I prices will be about 16c per hundredweight higher, but this will not mean higher milk income if the higher prices push production up enough to cut the class I utilization"

of the past benefits to the industry have come from legislation, but with congressional redistricting, it will become more difficult to get farm legislation passed. He called on dairymen to solve some of their own problems rather than running to the government whenever they are in trouble.

Describes Raids
Honan pleaded with farmers not to commit what he called "co-opticide" in the raids on membership which he said have been made by two other cooperatives.

He said The Metropolitan

He told dairymen that many

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DHIA Elects Samuel Dum

Samuel A. Dum, 2191 Greystone Road, East Petersburg, was elected president of the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association at a meeting of the board of directors Monday night.

Robert Breneman, Strasburg R1, was elected vice president, and Dr. Victor Conger, Red Rose Research Farm, 226 Pitney Road, Lancaster, is the newly elected secretary. Jacob Houser, Lampeter, was retained as treasurer by the board.

Dum, secretary during 1963, succeeds Jason Weaver, Quarryville R2, whose term on the board has expired. Both Conger and Breneman are serving the first year of three-year terms; Dum is serving his second year.

In other business, the board voted to raise the minimum cutoff points on the monthly newsletter. The minimum monthly herd average was raised from 35 pounds of butterfat to 40 pounds, while the individual lactation record cutoff point was raised from 400

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Farm Calendar

Mar 2 — 12 noon — County Extension Service Committee meeting at the Holiday Motel, Latitz Pike, Lancaster
7:30 p.m. — Central 4-H Tractor maintenance club meets at Keener Equipment, Mannheim Pike, Lancaster
7:30 p.m. — Adult welding class at the Ephrata High School vocational agriculture shop

Mar 3 — 7:29 p.m. — New Holland Young Farmers corn growing meeting at the High School vocational agriculture room
7:30 p.m. — Manor Young Farmers meet at farm of Aaron Herr, Millersville R1, Hog evaluation, full fed vs. limited feeding.
7:30 p.m. — Southern county 4-H Holstein club reorganization in the Solanco

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New Cash Crops Are Described At County Crops And Soil Day

Five miscellaneous cash crops are under investigation in Lancaster County, farmers were told at County Crops and Soils Day Tuesday.

John Yocum, Superintendent of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Field Research Laboratory, speaking at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion, Lincoln Highway east of Lancaster, said not many agronomic or economic data are available at present, but if any of the crops become economically feasible for Lancaster County, the Pennsylvania State University wants to have some tests underway.

He described three "weeds"

that may produce oil seeds in enough quantity to make them valuable as a replacement for some of our present cash crops. Two of the crops are fiber producers.

Clarence Bryner, Extension Agronomist, said "I believe we can grow sugar beets in Lancaster County", but he said there are several "ifs".

We have the soil and climate, he said, but before a processing plant will be built, we need about 30,000 acres available for beets, and we have to have farmers who are willing to grow them. The 30,000 acres have to be within a

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Panel Sees Prosperity, Problems In County Poultry Picture

New poultry houses formed the major part of the discussion at the educational meeting sponsored by the Lancaster County Poultry Association at the Poultry Center Thursday night.

Consensus of the panel of four experts, there is a future in poultry for the family farm as well as the large operator, but efficiency is the watchword.

Floyd Hicks, extension poultry specialist from the Pennsylvania State University, called on poultrymen to be sure

Solanco YFA To Have Class On Free Stalls

A discussion of free stall housing for dairy cows will be the program of the Solanco Young Farmers at their regular meeting, Thursday, March 5, in Solanco High School, Quarryville R1.

Discussion will be led by a panel of four dairymen moderated by William M. Fredd, teacher of vocational agriculture and advisor of the Young

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of a market before starting any new construction. He said new houses must be built to last well, and with an eye to future expansion or change. He said past advances have

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1964 Feed Grain Program Offers Some Changes

The sign-up for the 1964 feed grain program now is under way in the ASCS County Office, Fred Seldomridge, Chairman, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee announced today. The sign-up period started February 10 and will continue through March 27.

At a meeting of farmers in the Quarryville fire hall Thursday night Richard Pennav Farmer Fieldman from the state Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service said, "The 1964 program will be more attractive to many producers than the 1963 program, but basically the program will be about the same."

The program will be avail-

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River Basin Study Team To Begin Work In County

The Lancaster County phase of the Susquehanna River Basin Study is set to begin next week, a US Soil Conservation Service staff member said Wednesday night.

Joseph Krivak, Basin Party Leader, speaking at a meeting of 50 local government, conservation, and agriculture organization leaders in the Manor Shopping Center auditorium, said the team of technicians will spend about two months in surveying river tributaries in the county.

He said about 50 possible water impoundment sites for flood control, water supply, and recreation have been located in the county, "but possibly only 15 or 20 of these will prove to be practical when the survey is completed."

Ivan McKeever, State Conservationist with the US Soil Conservation Service, and chairman of the US Department of Agriculture Advisory Committee in the river basin study, said, "The people involved in the study have not been satisfied with previous river basin studies."

He believes that prior studies such as those on the Delaware and Potomac Rivers, have concerned themselves too exclusively with downstream problems and have not "gone far enough up on the land."

McKeever explained that the five-year study, involving the US Department of Health,

Fulton Grange To Give Scouts Use Of Hall

Fulton Grange 66 met Tuesday evening, Feb. 24 in the Grange Hall at Oakryn with Master Gyles Brown presiding.

Dallas Thomas spoke to the Grange about scouting. The Grange decided to make the Hall available for scout troops

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The Corps of Engineers, the Department of the Interior, as well as the USDA, will attempt to come up with a comprehensive report on present and future water, land, and recreation resources and needs in the entire river basin and all its drainage area.

He said the tributary by tributary approach is being made to the study so that local officials, agriculturalists, planners and conservationists may have information to help in developing the full potential within the watershed.

The 39 watersheds in the river basin are being surveyed as separate parts, he said, because he believes the Susquehanna's upstream potential and needs exceed the downstream potential.

He pointed out, for example that 75 per cent of the flood damage is done and can be controlled upstream at the source.

Krivak said flood prevention, water supply, recreation, pollution abatement, and conservation on the county tributary watersheds, including the Octorara, Pequea, Conestoga, and smaller creeks, will be studied and possible solutions

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FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average near the normal range of 45 in the afternoon to 26 at night. It will be cold Saturday moderating Sunday, turning colder Monday and milder Tuesday and Wednesday. Precipitation may total 0.3 to 0.4 inch (melted) with snow flurries over the higher areas Saturday, snow showers or rain showers late Sunday and early Monday.