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THE PATTERN OF CONSERVATION on the land makes a striking picture. While contour strips are probably the best known of all conservation practices, they are only one of the tools used by conservationists in an effort to get every acre to produce at its maximum potential.

The Lancaster County Soil Conservation District carried approximately 175 people attended Richard Groff, Litz RD3, was the winner of the county contest and gained possession of the Plowman trophy for 1963.

- 1 The Outstanding Conservation Farmer was Harry Troop Quarryville R3
- 2 A total of 235 attended the Annual Meeting at Hostetter's in Mt Joy
- 3 During May Soil Stewardship was observed Seven papers carried Stewardship articles, and several rural Churches used Soil Stewardship materials
- 4 Rev Grosz of Blunnersville helped with a television program on Soil Stewardship
- 5 A tour of county farms was held for the County Commissioners
- 6 Director Chairman Amos H Funk is serving as President of the State Association.
- 7 The fourth annual Plowing Contest and Field Day were on the Roy Garber farm. There were 8 contestants, and
- 8 Richard Groff was sponsored by the District in the State Plowing Contest
- 9 The District sponsored a meeting with the Township Supervisors and the Planning Commission
- 10 The District helped start a 4-H Conservation Club through Associate Directors
- 11 Three Watershed meetings were at Blue Ball, Brickerville and Churchtown Area.
- 12 A district representative attended meetings of the Lancaster Co Agriculture Council
- 13 The District continued to help sponsor the Silt Sampling Station on the Conestoga Creek
- 14 The District Cooperating Agencies helped put on six Conservation television programs
- 15 Use of the film "Beyond Tomorrow", purchased by the Districts last year, is being

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No Sugar Beet Quotas For State Until 1967

A United States Department of Agriculture official told Pennsylvania potato growers Thursday, it may be 1967 before the Keystone state could get a sugar beet quota even if Congress passes new sugar legislation.

Speaking at the closing session of the state potato growers institute in Altoona, Vernon L. Bushman said the present sugar act was written in 1949 and amended in 1962 as a result of the late President Kennedy's embargo on Cuban commodities. The act ends in 1966.

Under the amendment to

provide for domestic growth and expansion of the beet sugar industry, Bushman said, Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman must reserve each year from the national sugar beet requirements enough acreage to yield 65,000 short tons of sugar.

While the act permits the accumulation of the reserve through 1965, it limits the carryover into 1966 to 35,000 tons.

"This limits the amount of sugar available for allocation in 1966 to 100,000 tons," he said, "which is enough for two factories."

Bushman said the agriculture department already has

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4-H Leaders Reelect Officers

The Lancaster County 4-H Leaders council executive board re-elected the full slate of officers Thursday night at the home of Victor Plastow.

Mrs. Jean Thomas, Manheim, was returned as president; Mrs. Harold Fry is vice president, and Wilbur Houser is secretary-treasurer.

The board went on record as opposing the present system of choosing club leaders. Members felt that election of leaders by club members sometimes resulted in a popularity contest and not necessarily choice of qualified leaders. Action was taken to recommend acceptance of any leader who volunteers and is approved by the extension service.

The board set Saturday, September 19, as the date of the annual chicken barbecue which will be held in the Lampeter Community building.

Planners Aid Conservation

A County-wide Water Resources Study has been recommended by the Lancaster County Planning Commission, and a consulting firm has been selected to undertake the first 5 months phase. Although \$10,000 was allocated in the previous budget, timing of the contract payments necessitates its consideration in the 1964 budget. Among other things the study will analyze existing resources, and make recommendations for supplying the future needs of the County. Both surface and sub-surface sources will be examined.

The Lancaster County Land Subdivision Regulations, which are under the jurisdiction of the Planning Commission have

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Co. Dairy Day Is Next Week

New practices in dairy farm management will be the item of interest at the annual Lancaster County Dairy Day next Tuesday.

The meeting in the Guernsey Sales Pavilion, Lincoln Highway east of Lancaster, sponsored by the county extension service, is set to get underway at 9:30 a.m. with Jason Weaver, Quarryville R2, as master of ceremonies.

Penn State University Farm Management specialist will discuss "Good Dairy Farm Management - The Key to Success". Good water supply and sewage disposal will be discussed by Joseph McCurdy, extension agriculture engineer.

Milk sales promotion programs will be outlined by Robert McKinley, president of the Dairy Council, and Frank Bushek, manager of the Atlantic Dairy Association.

Dr. William Pierce, Penn State Agriculture Economics extension specialist will answer the question, "What's the Milk Marketing Outlook for 1964?"

"What's New in the Line of Insecticides and Pesticides for Dairymen?" will be answered by John O. Pegger, extension entomologist.

Dr. Samuel Guss, extension veterinary specialist from Penn State will wind up the speaking program with ideas on how to prevent and care for some of the major diseases in dairy cattle.

The program will conclude with a question and answer period.

SCS Reports Year's Activity

The Lancaster County Soil Conservation Work Unit of the U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation Service completed the following work during 1963.

- District Cooperators — 52 — 7377 acres
- Cooperators cancelled — 46 — 3519 acres
- Land owners assisted — 507. Services provided — 1637.
- Landowners applying one or more practices — 352
- Basic plans prepared — 85 — 6363 acres
- Basic plans cancelled — 13 — 1215 acres
- Basic plans revised — 1 — 2000 acres
- Advisory services — 82

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FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures are expected to average three to nine degrees above the normal range of 47 in the afternoon to 28 at night. The temperatures through the period will be mild but slightly cooler Saturday night and again Tuesday night. Precipitation may total .1 to .5 inch with a chance of a few sprinkles Saturday and more general rain Sunday night or Monday.

Farm Calendar

- Mar 9 — 7:30 p.m. — Central 4-H Tractor club meets at the shop of L. H. Brubaker, Strasburg.
- 7:30 p.m. — Adult welding class at Ephrata High School agriculture shop.
- Mar 10 — 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Lancaster County Dairy Day at Guernsey Pavilion, Lincoln Highway East of Lancaster.
- 6:30 p.m. — Lancaster County Soil Conservation District banquet at Blue Ball fire hall.
- 7:30 p.m. — Northeast 4-H Tractor club meets at Farm-equipment, Farmersville.
- 7:30 p.m. — Elizabethtown-Donegal 4-H Community club reorganizational meeting at Donegal High School, Mt Joy.
- Mar 11 — 7:30 p.m. — Swine clinic sponsored by county extension service at Farm Bureau Cooperative building, Dillerville Pike, Lancaster.

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