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TOURISTS FOR A CASH CROP: Mr. and Mrs. David Benner, Ronks R. D. 1, enjoy a meal with tourists at their farm. Pictured (left to right) are David Franklin age 9 and Karl Franklin age 13, of Pittsburgh; Kurt Martens, Rendsburg, Germany; Sherley Spring, Erie, Penna.; Paul K. Franklin, Pittsburgh; James Franklin, age 2, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Henny Waack, Valley Cottage, N. Y.; Cathrine Franklin, age 5, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Eva Martins, Rendsburg, Germany; Mrs. Shirley Spring, Erie, Penna.; John F. Hermeling, Woodhaven, N. Y. and Mrs. John Hermeling, Woodhaven, N. Y. Standing: Mr. and Mrs. Benner and Mrs. Noel Franklin, Pittsburgh. L. F. Photo.

David Benner's Tourists A Different "Cash Crop"

by Everett Newswanger
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Once upon a time it could be said that the only place a farmer made money was from the animals in the barn or the crops in the field.

But on twenty-five or thirty Lancaster County farms this is not the case anymore.

These enterprising people have turned their spare rooms in the farm house into a profitable cash crop.

One such farm is the forty-two acre dairy farm of Mr. and Mrs. David Benner, Ronks RD 1. Their twenty-two cows get milked under the watchful eye of maybe a lawyer or a railroad worker. The eleven hundred chickens may be fed by an Internal Revenue Service man or a Real Estate Salesman.

"We have a lot of people like the Vice President of a large company," says Mrs. Benner.

Of course all the extra entertainment of seeing cows milked, calves fed and eggs gathered is free with the five dollar a night room or the "All you can eat," seventy-five cent breakfast of fried potatoes, eggs, blackberries, tomato juice, cereal and coffee. And you can't drag the children away from the barn. The sights are so different from anything they have seen in the city.

In answer to the question, if they have had any dishonest people the Benner's agree that they have had "Not a one." In fact the night the electricity went off and the rain water came in the windows the tourists helped mop water and light candles just like one of the family.

The average guest to the

Benner Farm stays about two days and are invited to Church with the family if they're there over Sunday. They find out about staying on the farm from the Pennsylvania Dutch Tourist Bureau or one of its local

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Harry Kardos Named To Soil Conservation Job

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The Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation Service announced at their meeting Monday that Harry Kardos has been named to the position of Soil Conservation Technician for the district. A student of Chemical Engineering at the Pennsylvania State University, Kardos comes to Lancaster County from three years of Soil Conservation Service in Lycoming County.

He has assumed the responsibility of making contacts with land owners and gathering information to make conservation plans. Other duties include mapping drainage areas, grassed waterways, diversion terraces, farm ponds and farm and field boundaries.

The new Soil Conservation Technician will work from the Service office at 439 North Duke Street, Lancaster.

It was also announced that plans have been made to have a number of exhibits made ready for the County Plowing Contest to be held July 23 at the Roy Garber Farm, Fruitville Pike. It was reported that everything is in shape at the farm.

WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average 4 or more degrees above normal—normal high 87, normal low 66. Cooler Sunday night and Monday, otherwise warm throughout the period.

Precipitation may total 1 to .6 of an inch occurring as scattered showers about Sunday mainly over the northern section.

Farmers Cautioned Against Using Hay Containing Pesticide Residue

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania farmers were cautioned this week by Leland H. Bull, state secretary of agriculture, to guard against purchasing hay containing pesticide residue.

"Insist on a guarantee that the hay is clean," he advised, "or get it tested before hauling."

Many farmers, he said, are in the market for hay because of short early season crops or as insurance against possible adverse conditions later in the summer.

On Wednesday, Governor Scranton declared seven Northeastern Pennsylvania counties drought disaster areas on the basis of poor forage yields.

He asked the United States Department of Agriculture to

give farmers in those areas hay and grazing privileges on land diverted to federal conservation programs.

Secretary Bull said the current dry spell has extended to other areas and that additional counties may ask for drought disaster status and federal relief.

Drought conditions, he noted, "quickly become an emergency problem in areas that already have experienced two successive years of critically dry weather."

As a result, the state's agriculture head explained, farmers have had no hay carryover to cushion against recurring shortages.

Prolonged dry weather, he suspects, could be a factor in pesticide behavior and for that reason has advocated new research on the use of these chemicals.

Many hay sources, he indicated, may be entirely free of residue, but because of extremely low tolerances he advised buyers to "get laboratory analyses to be on the safe side." Secretary Bull said a number of commercial laboratories in the state are now making such tests.

It's the green blades of grass that manufacture food for the plant. If you mow off 90 per cent of the blade, root growth stops for several days to as much as more than a week.

Carol Hess and Christine Rutt New 4-H Queens

Carol Hess was crowned 4-H Queen in the senior division at the Field Day contest held at Longs Park this week. Miss Hess is a member of the Red Rose 4-H Baby Beef Club and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Hess Jr., Strasburg R1.

Queen in the junior division was Miss Christine Rutt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Rutt, 509 E. Main St., New Holland. She is a member of the Garden Spot 4-H Sewing Club.

Tractors, Drugs Targets Of Rural Safety Campaign

July 19-25 has been proclaimed National Farm Safety Week.

President Lyndon B. Johnson called on all persons and organizations in the nation "to unite in a strong and purposeful effort to reduce farm, home and rural highway accidents to an irreducible minimum."

The 21st annual farm safety program, sponsored by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the National Safety Council, is built around the theme, "Safer American Families Everywhere."

In his proclamation, the President said that despite the

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Farm Calendar

- July 18—Lanc. Poultry Assn. Banquet, Lititz Springs Park
- July 19-25 — National Farm Safety Week
- July 20—Farm Women's Society 3 family picnic, Walter's Meadow, near Hopeland
- July 21—Dist. 4-H Demonstration Day, Allentown Fair Grounds
- July 22—1:00 p.m., Lanc. Co. Plowing Contest and Conservation Field Day, Roy Garber Farm, Fruitville Pike
- July 25—Co. 4-H Horse Show, John Glick grounds, Leola