

Lancaster Farming

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F&H Campaign Showing Support At Farm Level

Volunteer solicitors serving in the Farm Gifts Division of the Farm and Home Foundation Campaign turned in "encouraging reports of support," according to campaign officials, in the first progress report of the drive. Reports from 30 of the 39 campaign "districts" of the county indicated that interest in the building of an agricultural center is widespread, and that a great many farm families and agribusinesses are willing to contribute toward the establishment of a center. The over-all campaign is for a minimum of \$375,000.

Levi H. Brubaker, Chairman of the Farm Gifts Division, composed of more than 500 farmers and businessmen of the county, indicated that solicitors have gotten off to a prompt start in calling on their assigned prospects. The drive was launched the week

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ACSC Begins Series Of Information Meetings To Precede Referendum

The Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service held the first of a series of meetings Thursday night at the Poultry Center on West Roseville Road, Lancaster.

The meetings are designed to inform growers on the details of the pending tobacco allotment referendum (February 18), and on the 1965 feed grain program.

These two programs were explained by Richard Pennay and Raymond Connally of the State ACSC office.

Pennay told the small group of local farmers that braved the cold night to come to the meeting, that the feed grain program, in its fourth year, had helped reduce the carry-over from 85-million tons in 1962 to 45-million tons, estimated, for the 1964 crop. He showed by example how a farmer can estimate his income from diverted acreage payments versus the cost of

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Farm Calendar

Feb. 8-8-10th; State Hort. Assn., Fruit Growers Meeting at Yorktowne Hotel, York

7-7:30 p.m. Ephrata Young Adult Farm Welding Class at Ephrata High School. Subj. "Welding Mild Steel."

Feb. 9-9-12 noon-3 p.m. Garden Spot Young Farmers; field trip to Veterinary College at New Bolton Center; members and wives leave from Garden Spot H.S. at 10 a.m.

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PAUL E. BALMER SHOWN TRAYING EGGS brought to a central collecting point directly from the nests by an endless belt system. This operation is done three-four times daily. By raising the plywood panel to his right Balmer can view the birds without entering the pen.

L. F. Photo.

Farmer Degrees Awarded To 36 Co. FFA Youths

The Farmer Degree, the highest award that can be given at a county level, was bestowed on thirty-six members of the Red Rose Chapter of

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Clair Zerby To Begin Vo-Ag Teacher Duties At Warwick Mar. 1

Clair Zerby, Lititz R4, will become the vocational agriculture teacher at Warwick High School, Lititz, starting March 1. He is presently fulfilling his student teaching require-

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Automated & Controlled Environment Also Works Well With Floor Layers

Most of the new laying houses that have been going up around the county in recent years have been for caged birds. The reasons for this have been listed as "more economical;" "greater bird density possible;" "lends itself better to automation," etc.

One man who recently put up such a building does not agree with that line of rea-

soning. Paul E. Balmer, Lititz R2, feels that for one thing a floor operation offers greater flexibility than cages. For example, "If I wanted to I could keep breeders in this house; something I couldn't do with a cage plant," Balmer pointed out.

This operation is automated to a greater extent than the typical floor bird laying house. To illustrate that point, there has even been provision made to remove the hens from the nests at quitting time and close the nests automatically. The system works on compressed air, much like a hydraulic door closer. When the lights go off with the time clock, the compressor goes to work to build up 50 pounds pressure. The nest bottoms in the roll-out type community nests respond to the compressed air by slowly raising up from the back while pivoting from their front anchor. As they raise, they gently but firmly push any would-be roosting birds out of the nest. When they are fully raised, the nest openings are closed.

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USDA Adds New Bovine TB-Free Qualifications

Two new methods have been added to the two adopted in 1964 for establishing and maintaining areas free of bovine tuberculosis in cattle, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The new methods, recommended by the U.S. Livestock Sanitary Association and approved by USDA, permits States or areas to qualify as bovine-tuberculosis-free in two

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FUTURE SHOW CHAMPIONS FOR COUNTIANS?



TWELVE MEMBERS OF THE RED ROSE 4-H BABY BEEF CLUB who had volunteered to take younger animals this year drew their choices last Saturday from among eighteen purebred Angus calves. With the exception of two animals these were all from Old Home Manor Farm, Homer City, Pa. One of the members, Preston Lefevre, Jr., Quarryville R2, may be seen in the background making his selection. These calves averaged 360 pounds. Ninety-nine other members drew their animals, Angus and Hereford, last November. Eight Shorthorns will be chosen shortly, completing the selection of the 119-member club.

L. F. Photo.

Vo-Ag Teachers Hear Power Co. Rep. Review Mech. Project Contest

In a meeting at Penn Manor High School, Millersville, the county's teachers of vocational agriculture heard James Metzler, farm representative for the Pennsylvania Power & Light Co., describe the contest rules and objectives for the annual FFA Individual Farm Mechanics Achievement Award. The awards are sponsored by the Pennsylvania Farm Electrification Council in cooperation with the Department of Public Instruction Division of Agricultural Education.

All active FFA members are eligible, Metzler said, and the project may cover any application of farm mechanics. The project entered must have been completed in the current school year. Judging

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Weather Forecast

Temperatures for the five-day period Saturday through Wednesday are expected to average above normal. It should be considerably warmer through the weekend, but cooler again Monday with little day-to-day change thereafter. Normal high for the period is 40 degrees; low 23.

Precipitation is expected to total about 1/4 inch melted. This will occur as rain or snow toward the end of the period.