

## Student Teachers Train At The Garden Spot High School In All Phases Of Agricultural Program

The Garden Spot High School in New Holland is one of eighteen schools in Pennsylvania that is presently approved in terms of adequate facilities and activities for training student teachers in vocational agriculture. It is currently the only school in Lancaster County engaged in this teacher program. The in-training teachers have full responsibility for the vo-ag program, in and out of school, and for FFA work. The program covers a ten-week period, January 4 to March 12.

This year's student teachers are Clair Zerby and Robert Elmer. Both are graduates of Pennsylvania high schools, Zerby from Penn's Valley in Centre County, and Elmer from Penn Manor High School, Millersville.

Zerby has been accepted at Warwick High School, Lititz, and will replace Robert Henney who is resigning as the vocational agriculture teacher as of March 1.

Elmer hopes to accept a teaching assignment in Lancaster or in one of the surrounding counties.

Dale Gerber, now teaching vocational agriculture at Donegal High School, Mount Joy, went through the Garden Spot teacher-training program last year.



STUDENTS BEING INSTRUCTED BY STUDENT TEACHER CLAIR ZERBY at the Garden Spot High School are left to right, Ken Zimmerman, Bob Fisher, and Amos Reiff. The three boys are students in vocational agriculture. L. F. Photo

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Thursday night at the Solanco High School in Quarryville. Between the two locations an estimated 200 dairymen heard the A.B.C. management report that the cooperative was in sound financial shape and well-equipped to serve the needs of member-dairymen throughout its service area.

Harry Roth, assistant manager and director of breed programs, told the group how the \$125,456.29 revolving Fund Certificates would be distributed.

Roth also discussed the evaluating breed program — a program developed to help dairymen select the best sire for each mating. The latest

method being used to evaluate the breeding sires is the herdmate comparison test. Although this method has shown itself effective in the long run it has some drawbacks in its initial stages. The results on a single farm basis are likely to be misleading to the individual dairyman because he is seeing only the limited number of cases that occur on his farm. But from the breeder's point of view, with many samples to consider, the system has advantages which former evaluating methods did not provide.

At the two meetings in the county, members were elected to the Sire Reporting Committee. In District 4 the following countians were elected representing the five major dairy breeds: Ayrshire, James Martin, Stevens R1; Brown Swiss, Aaron Martin, Manheim R1; Guernsey, Jesse Balmer, Lititz R4; Holstein, Donald Eby, Gordonville R1; Jersey, Ivan S. Zimmerman, East Earl R1.

District 5 committeemen elected were: Ayrshire, J. Cleon Huber; Brown Swiss; none; Guernsey, Melvin R. Stoltzfus; Holstein, Roy H. Book; Jersey, Robert W. Ulrich.

Elvin Hess, Jr., Strasburg R1, was reelected to a three-year term as District Director. Certificates of merit were given to those members who completed the 1964 testing

year with a standing of 25 percent above the Pennsylvania DHIA average. In District 4 these farmers were: John E. Esh, Gordonville; Ivan G. Martin, Ephrata; Amos B. Lapp, Gordonville; Stanley G. Greiner, Manheim; Henry E. Kettering, Lititz; Red Rose Research Center, Lancaster; Paul B. Zimmerman, Ephrata; Hiram S. Aungst, Elizabethtown; Samuel A. Dum, East Petersburg; Benjamin D. Hershey, Kinzer; J. Richard Keller, Manheim; Harry S. Aungst, Marietta; Donald E. Eby, Gordonville; Kenneth A. Skiles, Narvon; Leon W. Hess, Gordonville; Ezra M. Martin, Ephrata.

Dairymen from District 5 receiving certificates of merit were: Furry H. Frey, Lancaster; J. Mowrey Frey, Lancaster; Vincent H. Hoover, New Providence; John M. Harnish, Lancaster; Parke H. Ranck, Ronks; Christ K. Lapp & Son, Gap; Raymond & Louise Witmer, Willow Street; C. Kreider & C. Akers, Quarryville; Levi A. Esh, Ronks; Clair M. Hershey, Willow Street.



### New Water System Possible Tax Saving

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The Council advises that expenditures for new pumping equipment should be re-

garded as a capital item whose cost can be recovered by means of depreciation. Under the recent guideline procedures announced by IRS, pumps fall under Subdivision I of Group II and are to be depreciated over a 10-year period.

In addition, pump expenditures are entitled to a special "first year" depreciation of 20 per cent. The effect of this allowance is to accelerate the basic 10-year depreciation.

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