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Farmers Union Hears NFU D.C. Rep. At Banquet

The Lancaster County Farmers Union hosted Dwyte Wilson, National Farmers Union's representative in Washington, D.C., at their 1st Annual Banquet last week at Quarryville.

Wilson told the group of approximately 75 farmers and wives a little of the history of the NFU. It was founded in 1902, he said, by a newspaper editor and nine farmers at Point, Texas. From there it grew to as large as a million members. They learned along the way, Wilson said, that if they withheld their crops and livestock for a better price, non-members were the only beneficiaries. Since that time they have concentrated on the legislative approach, trying to get bills and programs they felt would benefit the farmers.

The National Farmers Union is not a union in the sense of a labor union, Wilson pointed out. Rather it is an organization of family farm operators — medium and small — whose goal is the preservation of the family farm as a social and economic unit.

"Dairying is still a family farm operation and will likely remain so, in contrast to the egg and broiler business," Wilson told the farmers.

Along with other high costs, the freight rate discriminates against the eastern farmers, Wilson said. Farmers need representation to help them get an equitable rate, he said.

The speaker commented briefly on the millions of dollars being stolen from the farmers by giant companies who force small dairymen and cooperatives to pay a rebate or find another outlet for their milk. "Now that this situation is out in the open, I hope it can be corrected," Wilson said. He pointed out that the state milk control law, if it can be enforced, is more realistic for the farmer

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Farm Calendar

Mar 1 — 7:30 p.m. Northeast 4-H Tractor Club at Farmersville Equip Co., Farmersville

— 7:30 p.m. Ephrata Young-Adult Farm Welding Class at Ephrata H.S. Subj.: "Hard-surfacing"

Mar 2 — 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lancaster County Dairy Day at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion, Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster.

— 1:30 p.m. County Women's Clubs at Lititz Rec. Center to hear Wayne Maresch, county conservationist, discuss "What conservation means to American women"

— 7:30 p.m. Central 4-H Tractor Club at L. H. Bru-

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VICTOR PLASTOW, Associate County Agent, left, and Wilbur Houser, head DHIA tester, right, conduct the hydrometer test to determine the solids-not-fat content of milk. There are 2,756 dairy cows in Lancaster County being tested on the SNF program.

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L.C. Swine Producers Assn. Plans Carcass Show For March 15th

The Lancaster County Swine Producers Association will hold their Spring County Carcass Show on Monday, March 15, at the Lancaster Stockyards, beginning at 1 p.m.

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Dairy Day To Feature Milk Industry Men And Extension Specialists

The Lancaster County Extension Service, in cooperation with the milk distributors, milk marketing cooperatives, and dairy breed associations, will stage a "Dairy Day" on

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Samuel Dum Re-elected President Red Rose Dairy Herd Imp. Assn.

At their annual reorganization meeting the Red Rose DHIA directors re-elected Samuel Dum, East Petersburg, as president of the association, and Robert Breneman, Strasburg R1, vice president. They

also reappointed Jacob Houser, Jr., Lampeter, treasurer, and elected Clair Griffith, Quarryville R2, secretary.

Director Henry Hackman, Manheim R2, announced his

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SNF Approach To Milk Quality Being Tested

by Everett Newswanger
Staff Reporter

The integrity of butterfat has been seriously questioned by the general public. It has been accused of contributing to a list of human diseases, including heart ailments.

This degrading of butterfat by the consumer prompted the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association in October of 1963 to initiate a milk-testing program in Lan-

caster County under the supervision of the Pennsylvania State University to determine the total nutrients in milk. The hydrometer test for determining the solids-not-fat (SNF) content of milk was first used in the western part of the United States where some milk is being sold on this basis.

Since there is no SNF pricing of milk in Pennsylvania the program is being conducted: 1) as a research project to find the degree to which SNF is inherited; 2) to give dairymen something to talk about beside the "bad word" fat; 3) to inject this factor into the individual breeding program.

The University is presently engaged in a five-year research program in the 10-state northeast region. This includes 500 herds of each of the five major dairy breeds.

In Lancaster County there are 52 herds with a total of 2,756 cows on this test. The 18 Jersey, Ayrshire and

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Fed. Ext. Service Evaluates Use Of Area Specialists

The Federal Extension Service is evaluating the use of multi-county area extension agents. About half the State Extension Services are experimenting with an area agent or specialist approach to meet the increasing needs for more specialized assistance on farming and rural area development problems.

This was announced recently by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which participates with the State Land-Grant Universities and county governments in conducting extension work on a cooperative basis.

In the last five years the States have added more than 500 area agents and have reduced county agent numbers by 316, Dr. Lloyd Davis, Administrator of the FES, points out.

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F & H Campaign Nears Its Peak, Officials Report

Volunteer workers, serving in the Farm and Home Foundation Campaign, turned in an additional \$18,800 in pledges and cash gifts, within the past week, bringing the total raised up to \$121,200, as of Wednesday. The drive is moving steadily forward, according to campaign officials, even though the coverage of all districts in the Farm Gifts Division is requiring more time than was earlier expected.

Of the total raised, \$110,178 has been produced by the Farm Gifts Division as a result of canvassing which started the latter part of January. Levi H. Brubaker and Lawrence H. Skromme, General Co-Chairmen of the drive, indicated that gifts and pledges have come from 1,570 farm families and agricultural-related businesses of the county, thus far. The two

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Weather Forecast

Temperatures for the five-day period, Saturday through Wednesday, are expected to average below normal. Normal for the period is a high of 45 degrees and a low of 26. It will be seasonal over the weekend, turning colder Monday and Tuesday.

Precipitation for the period may total ½ inch melted. This will occur about Monday evening as general precipitation.



DIRECTORS OF THE RED ROSE DHIA named the above dairymen to the association's top officers this week. From left to right they are newly-elected secretary, Clair Griffith, Quarryville R2; vice-president, Robert Breneman, Strasburg R1, reelected; president, Samuel Dum, East Petersburg, reelected; treasurer, Jacob Houser Jr., Lampeter, reappointed. All terms are for one year.

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