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Virginia Wivell Named Delegate To Nat. 4-H Conf.

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One of Lancaster County's outstanding 4-H club members is scheduled to be a representative at the 35th National 4-H Conference in Washington D. C., April 25 to 30.

Virginia Wivell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wivell, Columbia R1, is one of only five delegates from Pennsylvania selected to attend on the basis of achievement, leadership and community service.

The conference theme is "Our Heritage Foundation for the Future." Those attending will increase their



SPEAKER AT THE ANNUAL LEADERS' BANQUET, Rev. Kent Smith, Chaplain, Lancaster General Hospital, is shown with 4-H County Council President, Larry Weaver. L. F. Photo

"Don't Smother Your Children; Let Them Mature", Speaker Tells 4-H Leaders and Parents at Banquet

"We seem compelled in our others, and we transmit this society to keep our children attitude to our young," the speaker said from growing up — emotionally. "We spend a great deal of time discouraging their actions from the moment they are old enough to suck their thumbs by their own volition" the Rev. Kent Smith, Chaplain at Lancaster General Hospital, told about 200 persons at the 4-H Leaders' Banquet at Hostetter's Banquet Hall this week. "We teach them compromise, and we discourage their being different from other children. We teach by attitudes, we tend to disparage

A "Young" Farmer Is Any Farmer Willing To Learn, So Says YFA State Motto

A local study has shown that there are approximately 250 farmers either enrolled in the formal Young Farmer Classes in the county or participating in the on-farm phase of the program. These "young" farmers appear to range in age from 18 to 58 with an average somewhere near 35. Their average investment in farms, buildings, livestock and equipment is estimated between \$30,000 and \$50,000 per farm. Just assuming the bottom of that range to equalize tenant and owner equity, and it seems these 250 farmers have a total investment of at least \$75 million!

30-Odd Milk Bills Now "Bottled Up" In Pa. State Legislature, Hatfield Tells L. C. Farmers Assn.

"Milk is one of the hottest legislative issues in the State Capitol right now with some 30 bills pending in committees," administrative secretary of the Pennsylvania Farmers Assn. (PFA), Hollis A. Hatfield told approximately 100 county farmers Thursday night at the Leola Memorial Hall.

These bills can be divided into two categories, the PFA lobbyist said: repeal of the milk control law, the amendment of the law. PFA sup-

ports the Pennsylvania Milk Control Commission (PMCC), and supports the present investigation because it feels there are needed changes that are long overdue. But, Hatfield emphasized, these changes can be brought about administratively under the present law, and his organization therefore opposes unnecessary legislative changes. He said, however, that feeling is running high in favor of a law change because of the recent-

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The Young Farmer Program was a natural development of the G.I. training program that followed World War II, and many of the members are former G.I.'s who didn't go into farming until after the war. So the Young Farmer Association (YFA) is a relatively young program, and appears to be still growing. There are presently six high schools in the county now offering this service, and others are considering it. YFA groups are now enrolled at Ephrata, Lampeter-Strasburg, Garden Spot, Penn Manor, Manheim Central, and Solan-

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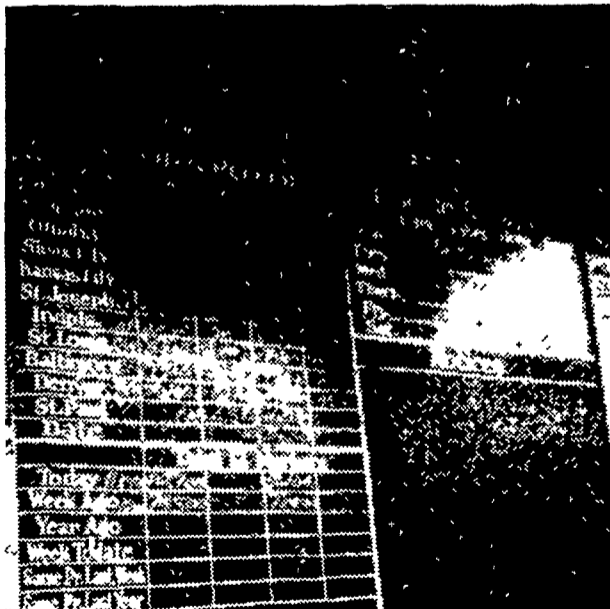
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understanding of democracy and the duties of citizenship. (Continued on Page 7)

County Plowing Contests Start After July 1st

County plowing contests that will serve as preliminaries to the 1965 state plowing championships will be conducted throughout the Commonwealth, according to Jack R. Grey, deputy state secretary of agriculture. He said county plowing organizations will list their events with the state committee two weeks in advance, none later than July 1.

Winners in level land and contour plowing at county meets will qualify for the State Plowing Contest August 28 at Hershey where Pennsylvania. (Continued on Page 9)



Farm Calendar

Apr 5 — 5th and 6th, 4-H Capitol Days, Harrisburg.
Apr 6 — 7:30 p.m. New Holland Young Farmers Assn.; subj: "When to sell livestock;" at N.H. F.S.
— 7:30 p.m. Manheim Young Farmers Assn.; "When to sell livestock;" at (Continued on Page 10)

JIM ANDERSON, USDA MARKET REPORTER, EXPLAINS A FEW OF THE FINER POINTS OF THE "BIG BOARD" at the Lancaster Union Stockyards to a group of Young Farmer Assn. members. The group shown above attended a county-wide YFA meeting at the Auction Bldg, as part of their study series on livestock marketing and buying. They received instructions on grading stocker and slaughter cattle on the hoof, and had the opportunity of evaluating live cattle under the supervision of livestock experts Bob Johnson,

Richard Hooper, and Jim Anderson. They were told, for example, that feeder cattle are USDA-graded for their potential, not for their present appearance. This system is not uniformly used, however; in Virginia they are graded only on their present value. They were told that a truly "Prime" animal is a rare thing. To get a Prime steer it is necessary to creep feed as a calf. It was further pointed out that "a twisted tail indicates an animal has been receiving grain for some time."

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