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## Governor Will Dedicate New PSDA Building

Governor William W. Scranton will dedicate the new office and laboratory building of the State Department of Agriculture at 2 p. m., Thursday, May 6.

"Open House" tours will follow formal dedication of the \$3 million facility on North Cameron St., Harrisburg, opposite the Farm Show Arena, according to Agriculture Secretary Leland H. Bull. He will preside at brief public ceremonies and then open the building to visitors.

Open house tours will continue that evening for department employees and their families.

The building will be open to the general public for tours on Friday evening, May 7.

Dedication and open house events have been listed by Secretary Bull as special func-



THE SUREST SIGN OF SPRING! Plowing has begun in parts of Lancaster County as shown by this picture of Warren Buch of Lititz R2. He had started at the top of the hill earlier this week, but found it too wet. This field had been reseeded for hay last Fall, but dry weather decided otherwise, so now it will go into corn. The lack of added manure in this field permitted the ground to dry a little faster, especially with the help of this week's wind, Buch said. L. F. Photo

## NEPPCO Leads Fight For Better Egg Weight Laws

The end to the long and bitter controversy over egg weights seems in sight for the nation's egg industry.

C. H. Stains, chairman of the NEPPCO Egg Marketing Committee recommended last week to the Board of Directors of the Northeastern Poultry Producers Council that the industry adopt the weight and size designations contained in the official United States Standards for Consumer Grades and Weight Classes for Shell Eggs, but with a reasonable tolerance.

The U. S. Consumer Grade Standards recommendations require a minimum net weight of 30 ounces for Jumbos, 27 for Extra Large, 24 for Large, 21 for Medium, 18 for Small and 15 for Peewee. The present standard allows individual eggs in a dozen to weigh up to one-twelfth ounce less, provided the dozen tips the scales at the required minimum.

This is too great a tolerance the NEPPCO Committee feels and allows for a variation in size that some consumers could visually detect. What's more, modern grading equipment can achieve a greater degree of uniformity which, in turn, will reduce

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## Veterinarians In 7-State Area To Meet At York

Six hundred veterinarians from seven states are expected to attend a day-long educational session in York on Thursday, April 22.

Twenty-two experts will give demonstrations in the medical treatment of ailing animals at the Second Mid-Atlantic States Veterinary Clinic, which is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association.

The previous clinic, held in 1963, attracted more than 400 veterinarians from Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware, West Virginia, Ohio and New York.

The clinic was arranged by the Association's Program Committee: Dr. S. F. Scheidy, of Bryn Mawr, chairman; Dr. Richard C. Guise, of Harrisburg, Dr. Samuel B. Guss, of University Park, Dr. Robert G. Little, Jr., of Williamsport, and Dr. Ernest L. Stearly, of Phoenixville.

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## More Efficient Use Of Water Seen As Answer To Rainfall Shortages

With 97 percent of the water on earth contained in the oceans, and two percent in ice caps and glaciers, precipitation remains the main source of water for human needs, a soil physicist told participants at the annual Delaware Bankers' Agricultural Forum recently.

Dr. William A. Raney, chief soil physicist in the Soil and Water Conservation Research Division, Agricultural Research Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, said that while a few experiments in weather control have shown some success, the real answer to water shortages is better and more efficient use of the naturally available supply.

In a panel discussion that

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## County Holstein Club Plans Tour

The Lancaster County Holstein Club will hold its annual tour on April 21st. The tour will include the following stops in Cumberland County.

Vallhala Farms, Carlisle R1, which has a milking herd of 63 cows, with an average of 14,439 lbs. of milk and 543 lbs. of fat. Eight cows classified Very Good. Herd average classification is 82 plus. Farm also has a new heifer barn 40 x 120.

Paul W. Chronister, Boiling Springs R1, has the highest herd average in Cumberland County — milking 32 head with a production of 16,948 lbs. of milk and 670 lbs. of fat. He has a 50-acre farm pro-

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## Freeman Describes Dept.'s New Role In U.S. Rural Affairs

The U. S. Department of Agriculture is broadening its concern from agriculture as an industry and the well-being of farm people to all of rural America as an element of the national society, Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman told agricultural and business leaders recently.

"Regardless of the name which eventually will adorn the Department, rural affairs has become a part of the

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tions in observance of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Department of Agriculture in 1895.

All offices and laboratories in the new building will be open for inspection during the conducted tours, Secretary Bull said. Heads of bureaus, commissions, divisions, and other employes will be at

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## Farm Calendar

Apr 20 — 7:30 p.m. Drumore 4-H Community Club First Meeting, at Chestnut Level Church House.

— 8 p.m. 4-H Leaders, Southwest Region, at Penn Manor H. S.

Apr 21 — 7:30 a.m. Lancaster County Holstein Club Annual Tour. Buses will leave from Conestoga Transportation Company, Lancaster, for Cumberland County.

— Reorganization meeting County 4-H Wildlife Club.

Apr 22 — 9 a.m. Mid-Atlantic States Veterinary Clinic at Interstate Fairgrounds, York.

Apr 24-30 — National 4-H Conference, Washington, D. C.

## Weather Forecast

Temperatures for the five-day period, Saturday through Wednesday, are expected to average near normal. Normal high and low for the period would be 65 and 42 degrees. It will be cool Saturday, a little more seasonable Sunday with no major changes for the rest of the period.

Precipitation is expected to total between 1/4-1/2 inch as rain toward the end of the period.

## Egg Retailing Has Some Hidden Economic Factors To Consider

A. Kermit Birth, Penn State marketing specialist, offers the following suggestions to poultrymen considering retailing their eggs.

Numerous metropolitan areas in Pennsylvania plus smaller urban centers scattered throughout the state provide several marketing alternatives for egg producers. Because of these alternatives, more producers are considering direct selling to retailers or consumers. The desire to perform more marketing services has been strengthened by low prices.

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## S & W Conservation District To Study Better Land Use In County

In response to the increasing pressures of population—housing, factories, shopping centers, roads, etc.—the Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District Directors voted this week to study the use of natural resources in Lancaster County as a preliminary step to possible expansion of their present conservation activities.

They were told by Boyd Kinzley, field representative of the Pennsylvania Soil Commission, that other districts have embarked on such a study and some have formulated long-range plans for best use of resources. Kinz-

ley described the step-by-step procedure that has been used successfully in the past, but emphasized that each district must adapt its plan to fit the individual community it serves.

The first step, after deciding that the district needs such a long-range plan, Kinzley said, is to inventory the county resources. Amos Funk, district chairman, said the assistance of the Soil Conservation Service would be requested for this purpose. The details of the inventory will probably include such factors as soil types and characteristics; best land use — agri-

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