

Soil & Water Conservation District Report Issue

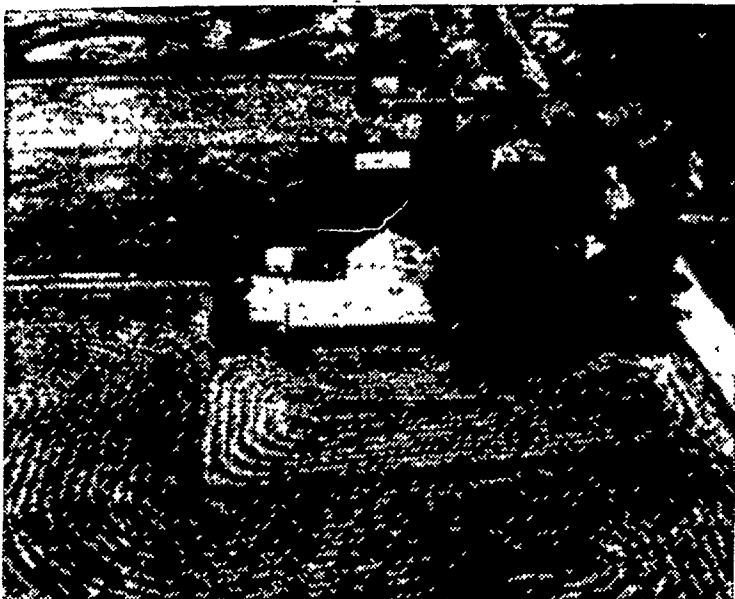
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SIGN OF THE TIMES IN LANCASTER COUNTY — FARMING ON THE URBAN FRINGE



The aerial photo at the left was taken by the Soil Conservation Service in 1960. It showed the town of Neffsville and Manheim Township High School slowly engulfing the Sanford P. Miller farm. The recent photo on the right testifies that capture of the farm by urban forces has been completed. The sign in the field says only that a 200-bed nursing home will

be built there. In effect, it says much more; it says that another Lancaster County farm has gone out of production. This farm had been in the Miller family for 50 years, and a stone in the barn wall indicates the barn was rebuilt in 1861. The farmhouse itself dates to about 1800.

Two Area Farmers Named To Soil & Water Conservation District Bd.

Aaron Z. Stauffer Took Over Director Post Early In 1965

When last year's Outstanding Conservation Farmer, Elmer Sensenig, retired from the board of directors of the county conservation district, Aaron Z. Stauffer of Ephrata R1 was named to fill the spot. Stauffer was a dairyman until 1964. At that time he changed



over to a steer-hog operation which he felt would make better use of his 67-acre Indian Run Farm.

He now feeds out 50 steers, buying them at 500-600 pounds and fattening them to around 1100 pounds. He combines this operation with finishing about 60 head of feeder hogs.

The next step in his change-over from dairying was to erect two controlled-environment

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J. Everett Kreider Replaces Elmer Good As District Director

J. Everett Kreider, a dairyman from the Quarryville R1 area, is the newest farmer member on the Lancaster County Soil & Water Conservation District board. His appointment became effective January 1, 1966, at which time he replaced retiring director Elmer V. Good of Lititz R3.

Kreider farms 142 acres at home, and rents 10 acres for silage corn. The farm has the capacity to support a 50-head dairy. Although it is not quite up to capacity at the moment, the 24 heifers presently being raised will soon change that. Kreider sold off his old grade herd in 1964, and has since converted entirely to registered



J. Everett Kreider



DHIA Elects Breneman Pres.

Directors of the Red Rose Herd Improvement Association reorganized at its regular quarterly meeting Monday night at the Farm Credit Building, Lancaster.

As president for 1966, the directors picked Robert A. Breneman of Strasburg R1; Breneman had served as Association vice-president last year.

Named as the new vice-president was Victor Hoover of Gap R1; Curtis Akers, Quarryville R1 was re-elected secretary; Jacob Houser, Jr., Lampeter, was returned as treasurer.

Head Tester Wilbur Houser, whose three-year term expired as of this week, was unanimously reaffirmed for another term by the directors. It was also decided that Houser's rate of compensation for his supervisory du-

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Soil & Water Conservation Dist. Directors Report

Amos Funk, Chairman, Aaron Stauffer, Elmer Good, Henry Hackman, and County Commissioner Arthur Campbell, Jr., directors of the Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District have reported the following activities accomplished during 1965.

1. 107 new farmer cooperators applying practices on 3150 acres
2. A total of 237 persons attended the annual meeting at Solanco High School.
3. Elmer M. Sensenig was named the outstanding conservation farmer for Lancaster County.
4. Soil Stewardship Week was observed during May. Elmer Good and Rev. Rhoden, Bergstrasse Lutheran Church presented a TV program on Soil Stewardship May 21.

5. Director Chairman Amos Funk served as a member of the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

Weather Forecast

Temperatures for the next few days are expected to average near normal with daytime highs ranging into the 40's, and overnight lows into the 20's and 30's. We should enjoy a little mild weather over the weekend, but can look forward to colder temperatures about Tuesday.

Precipitation will occur as rain Monday and part of Tuesday, and is expected to total approximately 1/2-inch. The weatherman reports that February was the wettest month since April, 1964.

6. Sixth annual plowing contest was held on the S. Gerald Darlington farm. 200 persons attended Marvin Zimmerman was the winner against five other competitors.

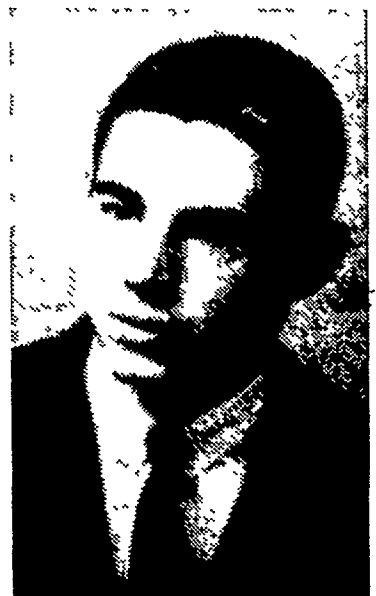
7. Six watershed meetings

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4-H Beef & Lamb Club Names Hess

The Red Rose 4-H Baby Beef & Lamb Club elected Fred E. Hess of Leola R1 as its president for 1966 at the annual reorganization meeting held Wednesday night. Hess, a holder of the FFA Keystone Farmer Degree, is a recent graduate of Warwick High School. In the

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Fred E. Hess