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## 36th National 4-H Conference Set Apr. 17-22

About 250 young men and women who "learn by doing" through 4-H will gather in Washington, April 17 through 22 for the 36th National 4-H Club Conference. They will come from the 50 states and Puerto Rico, representing the country's more than two million 4-H club members.

Last year Lancaster County was represented at the conference by Virginia Wivell of Columbia RI, but there will be no representative from the county this year.

The aim for the 1966 conference will be for each youth to (1) learn more about national and international issues and problems facing the American people, and (2) increase his understanding and acceptance of democratic values and his citizenship responsibilities.

Delegates will accomplish educational purposes of the conference through hearing selected speakers, engaging in

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A CAMERA SHY "EASTER BUNNY" tops off this seasonal, floral window display at the retail shop of Girvin's Flowers, Leola. Motorists passing by on the busy New Holland Pike see him at his tireless vigil, always on hand to welcome the many customers who visit Girvin's this time of the year.

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## Holstein Assn. Plans Annual Tour For Apr. 21

The Lancaster County Holstein Association announced this week that this year's tour will be in the Lebanon County area, April 21st. Several outstanding farm operations will be visited, and an automated factory.

Among the farms on the tour schedule is Harvey Bomgardner's, which features loose housing and free-stalls. His 62-cow herd averaged 15,621 pounds of milk last year and 606 pounds of fat.

Next, the Ferndale Farm of Frank Reist will be seen. This old-time herd, established in

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## Young Farmers Will Hear Corn Talk

At a meeting set for 8 p.m., April 11, the Manheim Young Farmer Association will hear a talk by a corn seed company representative on "Field corn production."

Speaking will be T. A. Doebler, Sr., representing the Doebler Seed Corn Company of Jersey Shore, Pa.

The meeting will be held in the agriculture room of the Manheim Central High School.

Information and entry forms on the Young Farmer five-acre corn contest for the 1966 crop will also be available at this meeting.

## Agr. Teachers Assn. Allocates Fair Fund Money

The Lancaster County Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association, at its regular monthly meeting Thursday at Elizabethtown High School, budgeted the entire \$2000 Fair Fund allocation for the coming year.

One of the vocational projects receiving a large share of this money was the County

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## Nine Million Dollars And Eight Years To Revamp Farm Show Area

HARRISBURG — At a news conference here Thursday, State Secretary of Agriculture Leland H. Bull revealed plans for completely remodeling the Pennsylvania Farm Show complex.

Eventually, Bull said, all buildings will be replaced except the large arena. But, he added, this will be done one building at a time, and "buildings will not be torn down ahead of time."

The Department of Agriculture has asked that \$9 million over the next four years be allocated for this purpose. Final approval on that amount rests with the State Planning

Board and the Legislature, however.

The plans, as developed by the EBS Management Consultant firm of New York, call for enlargement of the pre-

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## Easter Services To Be Held At 7 State Parks

Easter sunrise services will be held at seven state parks in the Commonwealth, according to a Department of Forests & Waters statement.

Parks in this area offering these services are Gifford Pinchot and Samuel S. Lewis State Parks, both in York County.

The services will be non-denominational and will be open to the public, the department said.

## Flowers For The Living Becomes Big Business For 68-Year-Old Girvin Firm

Although funerals used to account for nearly 80 percent of the florist business done by Girvin Flowers of Leola, the bulk of the firm's flower orders are now for happier occasions, or for no formal occasion at all. In relating this fact, Mrs. John Girvin said the beauty of flowers is to be enjoyed, and more and more people are taking pleasure in having flowers in the house the year around simply to enjoy that beauty.

Although much of the seasonality has disappeared from the business, Girvin's still find that Easter and Mother's Day are accompanied by a fierce rush of flower and plant buying. All this week the rush has

been on Girvin's meets it by working extra long hours and by shifting the 23 regular employees from job to job, as needed.

This local florist business was begun in 1898 by John Girvin's father. When the younger Girvin was released from the Army in 1946, he took over management of the firm which now includes two retail outlets in Lancaster and one in Leola, a 110,000 square-foot-complex of greenhouses and assorted buildings spread over several acres. Approximately one-half of Girvin's business is wholesale, which helps to even out plant and labor distribution over the year. The company's

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## Farm Calendar

April 11 — 7:30 p.m. 4-H Jersey-Ayrshire Club meets at Farm Credit Bldg., 411 W. Roseville Rd., Lanc.  
— 8 p.m. Lancaster County SWCD directors at Courthouse.  
— 8 p.m. Manheim Young Farmers meet at Manheim Central HS; subj. "Field corn production", speaker, T. A. Doebler, Doebler Seed Co.  
— 8 p.m. Meeting for 4-H Club Leaders in the northern end of county at Farm Credit Bldg., Lanc.

April 12 — 6:30 p.m. annual Spring banquet of Fruit Growers and Honey Producers at Meadow Hills Dining Room, New Danville Pike, Lanc. Speaker, extension pomologist, Carl Butner.

— 7 p.m. County FFA parliamentary procedure and

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AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH of the Girvin Flower Company complex of greenhouses and outbuildings in Leola. The greenhouse shown in upper left corner is plastic-covered. Heat is distributed in that house by means of a large plastic tube with holes in it every foot or so, which runs the

length of the building, suspended from the roof. When the blower comes on thermostatically, hot air is forced through the tube, causing it to inflate. When the heat goes off, the bag collapses. This unique system enables heat to be distributed evenly and instantly throughout the house.