

# Reflections

(From the files of Lancaster Farming)

## One Year Ago

April, 1965  
Milk Bills Pending  
In Legislature

About 30-odd milk bills are presently bottled-up in the Pennsylvania State Legislature, according to Hollis Hatfield, administrative secretary of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association.

He told members of the Lancaster County Farmers Association at their Spring meeting that the bills could be divided into two major categories: repeal of the milk control law; and amendment of the law.

He said feeling is running in favor of a law change be-

cause of recently disclosed improprieties in the Pittsburgh area, and he recommended that legislators refrain from action pending the outcome of the Pittsburgh hearings.

### Use A Shovel If Feeding Less Than 100 Steers

A shovel is about all the mechanization justified for a farmer feeding less than 100 steers, extension livestock specialist Lester Burdette told area cattlemen at a recent meeting.

He warned that money invested in mechanical equipment won't pay the small feeder as great a return as the same amount invested in corn land.

If a man feeds more than 300 steers, he can afford an auger and a fence-line feed bunker, Burdette said.

### Scranton Keynotes Challenge At Agr. Conference

Governor William W. Scranton told 600 agriculturalists at his conference on agriculture this week that Pennsylvania has the greatest potential of any state in the east.

He recommended a detailed study be made of the manpower needs for producing food in the U.S. with the idea of determining the place of agriculture in the nation, and Pennsylvania's place in the agricultural picture.

He proposed a committee of agricultural leaders be formed to work with Secretary of Agriculture Leland H. Bull in planning the state's future in agribusiness.

**Miss Wivell Delegate To 4-H Conference**  
Virginia Wivell of Columbia R1 has been named a delegate to attend the National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. at the end of this month.

### SWCD To Study Land Use

In response to increasing pressures of population — housing, factories, shopping centers, roads, etc. — the Lancaster County Soil & Water Conservation District directors voted to study the use of natural resources in the county. This will be a preliminary step to possible expansion of the district's present conservation activities.

The directors were told by Boyd Kinzley, field representative of the State Soil Commission, that other districts have embarked on such studies, and that some have formulated long-range plans for best use of district resources.

### Hubers Combine Flying and Farming

David and Charlotte Huber and their five children combine the best of two worlds — farming and flying.

The family operates a dairy farm near Peach Bottom, which includes 32 registered, Holstein cows and one, 1800-foot landing strip for their Piper aircraft.

### YFA Active In County

By definition, a young farmer is any farmer willing to learn, says the YFA state motto.

In Lancaster County area there are approximately 250 farmers — ranging in age from about 18 to 58 — either enrolled in formal Young Farmer classes, or participating in the on-farm phase of the program.

The Young Farmer program developed from the G.I. training plans that followed the 2nd World War. Many of the members are former servicemen who didn't go into farming until after the war.

Young farmers in the six formal programs in Lancaster County probably have a

total farm investment of approximately \$7-million.

## Five Years Ago

April, 1961  
Farm Price Declines Third Straight Month

Although the average level of prices received by farmers was the same as one year ago, March represented the third consecutive month that prices have dropped.

Mainly higher egg prices, over year-ago levels, were responsible for keeping the farm price average up. Livestock, milk and produce were all under year-ago figures.

### Hess Elected Sr. Extension President

James A. Hess, Strasburg R1, was elected president of the Lancaster County Senior Extension Club Thursday (April 6).

Hess is a former delegate to Peru in the International Farm Youth Exchange (IFYE) program.

Other officers elected were: Warren Miller, Columbia R2,

vice-president; Joan Michael, Lititz R2, secretary; Roger Thome, Mount Joy R2, treasurer.

### Farmers Cautioned Against Bank Plowing

Conservationist Amos Funk pointed out that corn won't grow on asphalt, and urged farmers to cease working their fields so close to the roads.

The Lancaster County Soil & Water Conservation District, of which Funk is chairman, has united with the Department of Highways in a campaign to cut down on this dangerous farming practice.

"The slow-moving tractor turning around on roadways is a hazard to auto traffic," he said.

John Detz, county superintendent of highways, said that plowing too close to highways can hurt the farmer financially, as well as physically, by cutting off proper drainage. When drainage ditches are broken down by plows it costs all the taxpayers money to have them repaired.

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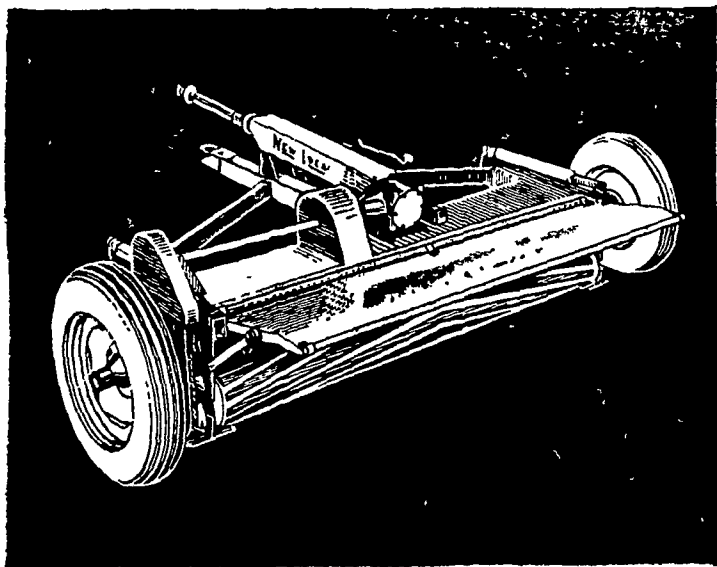
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