

● Reflections

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FIVE YEARS AGO

the plan was developed
Masonic Homes Has Top Heifer in National Sale — A purebred Ayrshire heifer consigned by Masonic Homes Farm, Elizabethtown, to the Grand National Sale at the State Farm Show Bldg., recently was third high animal in the sale.

The open heifer, Masonic Homes Polly Ann 2nd, was purchased by F. Ambrose Clark, Cooperstown, N. Y., for \$1,050. The 35-head sale averaged \$711.14.

Lititz Dairy To Open Bulk Milk Salesroom — Milk sales in gallon jugs have been legal for several years, but few establishments have been making such sales.

This will be changed in the Lititz area next week (May 20) when Neil Clark will begin sales of milk in gallon containers at Spruce Villa Farm. He presently operates two retail routes in and around Lititz.

Milk has been retailed at Spruce Villa since 1905 when the father of the present operator, Milton Brubaker, went from door to door with a horse and wagon, selling milk from cans.

The milk routes will continue, Clark said, "but if any body wants to drive out to the farm to take advantage of the wholesale price of milk in bulk, we will be glad to serve them."

Ten Years Ago

May, 1956

Poultry Exchange Reports ½-Million Bird Increase — The Lancaster Poultry Exchange reported that its receipts for the first four months of this year exceeded the corresponding period in 1955 by nearly 600,000 birds.

Although prices in January-April last year ranged higher with a top price of 31 cents for the first week of April, only 1.5 million birds were handled versus 2.1 million during the first quarter of this year.

Neighbors Aid In Fire Clean-up — Nearly 100 friends and neighbors descended on New Holland Wednesday afternoon (May 2) to clear up the debris left by the \$75,000 fire which destroyed the Lancaster County Farm Bureau building in April.

New Pequea Valley High School Constructed at Record Low Cost — Dedication ceremonies were held last Saturday (May 11) for the new, \$1¼-million Pequea Valley Joint Senior Junior High School, located between Inter-couse and Gap.

This school, in use since last September, was constructed at a record low cost of \$1,666 per pupil, according to school authorities. It was built to accommodate 750 pupils, although present enrollment is 520.

The new school also has a vocational agriculture department, including shop, classroom and storage room.

Big Wind Hits Southern End — A freak windstorm accompanied by heavy rains lashed southern Lancaster County Sunday night (May 6), causing damage to buildings in the thousands of dollars. Trees were ripped out by

the roots, and barns were blasted open by tornadic winds in the Kirkwood-Oxford area.

At the Arthur Astle farm, Oxford R2, wind tore through a large barn causing an estimated \$10,000 damage. In the York-Columbia section, winds cut off electrical and phone services over a wide area.

To add to the weather mixture, light frost was tossed into low places at midweek, with hail shredding some alfalfa and clover in the Lititz-Lincoln area Sunday night.

4-H's Honored By Lancaster Businessmen — Four Lancaster County 4-H Championship winners and their counselors explained to some 50 Lancaster businessmen Monday (May 7) the whys and wherefores of the livestock show business.

Each received silver 4-H cloverleaf cufflink set, or, in the case of one 4-H Club girl cited, earrings, as the American Business Club of Lancaster honored the 4-H winners.

The four youngsters were: Dorothy Stehman, Bruce Boyd, Harry Lee Hoar, and Abram Flory.

Contracts Let For \$30,000 Poultry Center — Raymond N. Miller, Lancaster, has been named general contractor for the \$30,000 Lancaster Poultry Center to be constructed at the Roseville Rd.-Route 230 Bypass site.

Excavations for the one-story, concrete block and brick building have been started, and volunteer help will do much of the work as the project progresses.

Claude F. Smith, 1776 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, has been named to head a stepped-up drive for the necessary funds.

At this time, about \$12,400 have been raised through donations and pledges. June 15 has been set as the deadline to raise the necessary funds.

Outstanding Farm Youths Cited — Jeanette Breneman, Mount Joy R2, and Walter Augsburg of Reinholds R1 were named Lancaster County's outstanding farm youths for 1956. The occasion was the spring party of the Lancaster County 4-H Clubs at the Guensey Sales Pavilion. Each received a check for \$25 on behalf of the Lancaster County Farm Bureau's Youth Award Fund.

FFA Tractor, Land Judging Winners Named — Clifford Hirsensen, Cocalico Union High School senior, won the Future Farmer of America land judging contest Thursday (May 10), held at the Paul M. Metzger farm, Mount Joy R2. He scored 409 of a possible 550 points.

In tractor driving, Merle Groff, Strasburg R1, a junior at Lampeter-Strasburg High School, placed first, with Samuel Long of Manheim Central High School in the runnerup spot.

Pa. Agr. Dept. Cited For Superior Service

The Bureau of Markets of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture was presented with this year's Superior Service Award by the U.S. Agriculture Department this week. The Bureau and its director, Clarence W. Funk, were selected for the award after agencies throughout the nation were considered. Eight bureau employees were also individually cited.

The awards were made for the Bureau's efforts in successful lamb marketing and Lamb-B-Q promotion programs, both of which helped improve the economic position of lamb producers, USDA said.

This effort was an outstanding example of how state and federal cooperation can aid industry, said George Goldsborough, director of USDA matching fund program.

According to State Secretary of Agriculture Leland H. Bull, the lamb program served as an example of other successful programs conducted later by the Bureau of Markets.

As early as the beginning of the Christian era, Roman scribes were using a writing fluid that penetrated the body of the papyrus. This "ink," it is said, was made by boiling apple ring and beer wort, filtering the mixture, and adding a small amount of alkali.

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