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MELVIN STOLTZFUS, RONKS R2, studies the dip stick of his bulk milk tank. Melvin has seen no drop in individual production records since moving his herd from a conventional tie stall barn to a free-stall system. L. F. Photo

Mechanization Improves Labor Productivity For Ronks Area Dairyman

by Everett Newswanger
Staff Reporter

Labor accounts for about one-fourth of milk production costs, according to the latest reports of dairy labor trends. Because the skill and knowledge necessary for farm work has increased, farmers find it difficult to obtain an adequate work force.

To alleviate some of their labor problems, farmers have improved labor productivity sharply in the past decade

alone, milk output per man-hour rose almost 100 percent. And Melvin Stoltzfus, Ronks R2, agrees that labor is the decisive factor.

About ten months ago, Stoltzfus moved his 45 registered Guernsey cows from a conventional stable to his new 60-unit, free-stall operation. He built a 20x60 ft silo with a 72 ft bunk feeder beside the two, 12x50 ft silos he did have. A double-four, herring-bone milking parlor was sharply improved in the past decade. (Continued on Page 6)

Sue Hershey Captures Top Honors At 4-H Capon Show

Perhaps there's something about the air, or the water, or just the 4-H'ers in the Lititz area that produces outstanding capons. At any rate, Tuesday's capon roundup at the Elks Club in Lancaster marked the fourth consecutive year that the winning entry was shown by a Lititz area youngster.

Ten-year-old Sue Hershey, who in her first year of club work last year had the re-

serve champion capon entry, came back for the top award this year. Her trio of 9 3/4 pound White Rock-Cornish crossbreeds were picked over 16 other entries by judge Floyd Hicks, extension poultryman from Penn State University.

Miss Hershey, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Richard Heishey of Lititz R1, as a (Continued on Page 18)

Wheeler McMillen To Speak At Agriculture And Industry Banquet

Wheeler McMillen, former editor of The Farm Journal and nationally known agricultural expert, will be the featured speaker at the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce Agriculture and Industry Banquet, November 10, at 7 p.m.

M. Maxwell Smith, Lancaster County extension agent and chairman of the Chamber's agriculture committee, announced this week that McMillen will speak on "Agriculture's Next Few Years."

According to Smith, the banquet is designed to "bring together the agricultural and business communities to discuss mutual interests" as well as hear a noted authority speak on the future of agriculture.

McMillen, born and reared on an Ohio farm, began his newspaper career as a reporter in 1911 and several years later purchased a weekly newspaper in Covington, Indiana.

He returned to the farm in 1918, remaining there until 1922 when he was appointed associate editor of Farm and Fireside.

Named editor-in-chief of The Farm Journal in 1939, he also held the same position with Pathfinder from 1946 to 1952 and became a vice president of Farm Journal, Inc., in 1955. In 1935, McMillen enlisted the aid of Henry Ford and others to organize the National Farm Chemurgic Council and served as the organization's president or chairman until 1962.

McMillen is one of the most widely read authors of agricultural books in the nation. Included among his numerous works are Land of Plenty; Har-

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REMINDER

Don't forget the Lancaster County Poultry Association annual banquet on Tuesday — November 3 — 6:30 p.m. at the Plain & Fancy Farm Restaurant, Bird-in-Hand.

If you haven't gotten your ticket yet, see your local feed, hatchery or other supplier; he may still have some left. Although there should be some tickets available at the door, the restaurant only seats about 300; if you buy your ticket now, you will be sure of getting a seat.

In addition to the good food and good company, the featured speaker — Orvel H. Cockrel, of the Watt Publishing Co. is reportedly a most enjoyable speaker.

This will mark the first year since the old Lancaster Poultry Association and the Lancaster Poultry Exchange joined forces that officers and directors will be elected at the banquet meeting. This move was enacted by a change in the association's by-laws at the last annual meeting on March 17th.

Goodwin Named PSU Poultry Science Head

Dr. Kenneth Goodwin, poultry geneticist, has been appointed professor and head of the department of poultry science at Penn State University.

Having received his early education in the public schools of Ossining, N. Y., Goodwin enrolled at Cornell University, where he earned three degrees: the bachelor of science in agriculture; the master of science in animal genetics and histology; and the doctor of philosophy in animal genetics, with minor emphasis on veterinary physiology and poultry pathology. As an undergraduate and graduate student at Cornell, he served as lab-

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U.S. Wheat Stocks Lowest Since 1952

All wheat stocks on October 1 were 16 percent less than a year earlier and were the lowest October 1 holdings since 1952. Stocks of the four feed grains totaled 58 million tons — 20 percent below last year and 36 percent less than average. Stocks of each of the feed grains were below a year earlier, and with the combined October 1 tonnage averaged the lowest since 1954. Rye stocks (Continued on Page 7)

Farm Calendar

October 29 — 29th and 30th, Annual Horticulture Show at Penn State University.

November 2 — 1 p.m., DHIA Supervisors, at Jacob Houser, Jr. home, Lampeter.

— 7:30 p.m., Agricultural occupations meeting for Agr. teachers and Guidance Counsellors at Penn Manor High School.

— 8 p.m., 4-H Red Rose Baby Beef & Lamb Club at Lampeter Elementary School; movies and roundup news.

November 3 — 6:30 p.m., Lancaster County Poultry Assn. banquet and annual meeting at Plain & Fancy Farm Restaurant, Bird-in-Hand.



CHAMPION CAPON TRIO shown by Barbara Sue Hershey, Lititz R1. Miss Hershey moved from reserve champion at last year's show to grand champion this year. The birds she exhibited were from a flock of 250 young capons which she raised this year. L. F. Photo