

**Five Years Ago**

**Reflections**

(From the files of Lancaster Farming)

**One Year Ago**

November, 1965

**Poultry Assn. Donates \$32,000 To Farm & Home** — Paul Hiestand, president of the Lancaster County Poultry Association, presented a check for \$32,000 to Levi Brubaker, for the Lancaster County Farm & Home Foundation. Brubaker is co-chairman of the F&H fund drive.

The occasion, attended by 300 Lancaster Countians, was the county poultrymen's annual banquet meeting, held Thursday (Nov. 4) at the Plain & Fancy Farm Restaurant, Bird-in-Hand.

**County Agent Honored For Service** — Lancaster County agricultural agent, M. M. Smith, was one of four agents in the U. S. honored with \$250 Animal Science awards at the County Agents National Convention, held this week at Pittsburgh (Nov. 6).

Smith, a county agent for 26 years, was lauded for the successful livestock programs he has developed and administered in the county.

**Almanac Predicts Rough Winter** — Baer's Almanac, in its 141st year of publication at Lancaster, foresees a cold, wet winter for 1965-66. The Almanac sees the entire year of 1966 as a wet one, which may be good news for the drought-stricken Northeast. Heavier snowfalls than usual will accompany January and February, according to the Almanac.

**County Holsteinmen Elect Stauffer** — Clarence Stauffer, formerly vice president of the Lancaster County Holstein Association, was elected to the top job of that 522-member organization last week (Nov. 13). He succeeds retiring president Roy Book, Ronks R1. Robert Groff, Quarryville R3, was named to fill the vice presidency. Completing the executive committee, Daniel Martin, Manheim R1, was returned to his third term as treasurer, Melvan Peifer, Hans Herr

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Drive, Lancaster, was elected secretary.

Newly elected to three-year terms as directors were Groff; Mervin Landis, Bird-in-Hand; and Ira Welk, Strasburg R1.

**Lancaster Farming Completes First Decade**—Lancaster Farming, Lancaster County's own farm weekly, completed its first ten years of life this week (Nov. 27).

In November, 1955, a new farm newspaper was born following months of preparation. Named Lancaster Farming, it became the first complete farm newspaper to originate in the East's leading agricultural county in this century.

The paper was adopted by county farmers almost immediately, and from an initial mailing to 28,000 rural box-holders came the nucleus of the paper's present farm subscribers.

**Kline Elected State Young Farmer Head** — Paul B. Kline, Lititz R3, was elected president of the Pennsylvania Young Farmer Association last week (Nov. 20) at the association's annual convention held at Penn State University.

Kline, a steer feeder and poultryman, is also president of the local Manheim YFA Chapter.

Another county farmer, Forney Longenecker of Lititz area, was reelected public relations director. Longenecker is also editor of the State YFA newsletter.

Grant Heilman, well-known agricultural photographer from Lititz R3, was awarded an honorary membership in the state association.

November, 1961  
**Lititz Area Girl Wins Capon Roundup** — Shirley Hershey, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hershey, came up with her second consecutive win in Lancaster County capon competition this week (Nov. 4).

Miss Hershey, a student at Warwick Junior High School, is in her second year of capon club work, and has, therefore, a perfect winning record.

Runnerup in this year's competition was Gary Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Porter of Washington Boro R1.

Judging the annual show, sponsored by the Lancaster Kiwanis Club, was Carl Dossin, poultry extension specialist from Penn State University.

**County Farm Women Elect** — At its 44th annual meeting last Saturday (Nov. 4) at Manheim Central High School, the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women elected Mrs. Kenneth Eshelman, of Conestoga R2, president.

Other officers elected were: 1st vice president, Mrs. Landis Myer, New Holland R1; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Paul Witman, Mount Joy R2; secretary, Mrs. Grayson Cooper, Peach Bottom R2; and treasurer, Mrs. Ammon Huber, Peach Bottom R2.

A total of 368 women, including 53 guests and five state officers, attended the annual county convention.

**Champ Steer Brings \$820 To Countian** — Wesley Mast, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob K. Mast, Elverson R2, showed a summer yearling Hereford steer to the grand championship of the Eastern National Livestock Exposition at Timonium, Md., on Tuesday (Nov. 14).

At the sale, the 980-pound animal brought \$2.25, leaving Mast \$820 richer than he was last week.

Mast's sister, Rhoda, was also in contention for grand champion honors with an Angus yearling. She took the reserve title in the junior show.

**PFA Raps School District Law** — Delegates to the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association in York Wednesday (Nov. 15) approved resolutions opposing the compulsory school district reorganization.

The delegates viewed the reorganization law as a "move toward the ultimate takeover of all school districts" by state or federal government.

It recommended that the law, recently passed by the state legislature, be repealed. PFA also went on record as favoring the denial of public assistance to persons who refuse "reasonable" job opportunities.

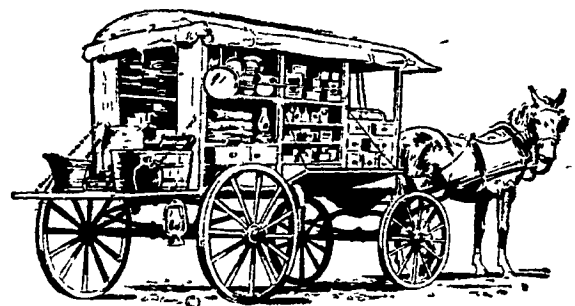
The resolutions were among several adopted at the closing session of the 11th annual

McSparran, National Grange Treasurer — J. Collins McSparran, the Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange and a former Lancaster County resident, was elected treasurer of the National Grange at a recent meeting in Worcester, Mass.

**New Holland YFA To Organize** — The first meeting of the New Holland Young and Adult Farmer classes is scheduled for Nov. 28 at Garden Spot High School. The subject for discussion and demonstration for the first class will be Farm Tractor Maintenance.

Agriculture instructors Robert Herr and Eugene Daugherty noted that all interested farmers in the New Holland area are invited to attend these winter classes which will be under the sponsorship of (Continued on Page 13)

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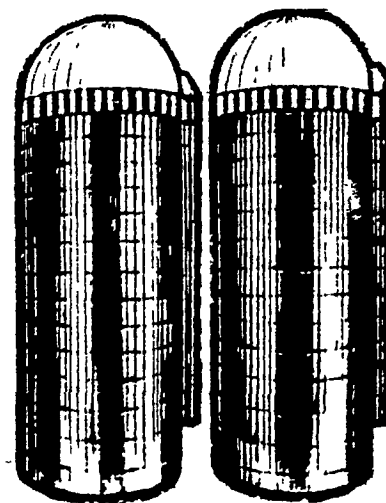
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