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Year's Absence Granted SWCD Sec. Gingerich

Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District secretary Garland E. Gingerich, Millersville R1, requested one year's leave of absence Monday night at a directors' meeting at the county courthouse.

Gingerich, Penn Manor High School vocational agriculture instructor, announced he will be taking a sabbatical leave from his teaching post beginning next fall.

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Garland E. Gingerich



HIGH HOPES — County FFA chapter president Howett Seiverling shown with the registered Ayrshire heifer he won last fall. He plans to enter her in the FFA district dairy show at Hershey in the coming season, and may also enter local fairs. L. F. Photo

County FFA Pres. Sees Future In Agribusiness

How does the Lancaster County Future Farmers of America chapter president see his personal future in agriculture? Viewing the situation from his present vantage point — a junior at Warwick High School — Howett Seiverling plans to take the two-year program in agriculture at Penn State University, leading to an associate degree.

Following that route, he may either continue his education, or go into some phase of the giant agribusiness industry. According to Warwick vocational agriculture instructor, Clair Zerby, Howett has the academic ability and the personality to succeed at any endeavor he may ultimately choose. He hopes someday to get back into production agriculture.

The sixteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Seiverling,

he lives on his parents' 73 acre farm overlooking the Hammer Creek at Lititz R1. The main family enterprise is dairy but the home farm and an additional rented 90 acres are also used for poultry, tobacco, and field crops.

Howett's farm projects this year consist of several heifer calves, including the Ayrshire calf award which he won last fall, an acre of tobacco, and nearly 300 laying hens. He plans to show the Ayrshire heifer next season at the district FFA show at Hershey, and may also show her at the local fairs.

While most of Howett's school activities have been confined to the agricultural area, he has been a regular on the honor roll throughout his high school career.

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Processor-Producer Cooperation Urged By Egg Marketing Experts

A panel of four, local, egg marketing men presented varying views of the egg business in Pennsylvania Thursday night to more than 100 Lancaster County poultrymen.

Speaking at the Lititz Community Center in the second of a series of three meetings sponsored by the Lancaster County Poultry Association, the egg processors told county poultrymen that changes in the industry would necessitate changes in their individual ways of operating, if they were to continue competing for the prime eastern markets.

In a three-hour session that was notable for its exchange of ideas and opinions between speakers and the audience, two conclusions were reached by the panel of experts.

One, we need more new poultry housing here to compete efficiently with outside areas; two, improved producer-processor coordination is a must if Lancaster County is to continue to grow in the egg business.

SUCCESS DEPENDS ON QUALITY

Raymond W. Sauder, Lititz egg dealer outlined a program of management for the farmer which was vital to producing a quality pack of eggs.

Sauder said the consumer knows what she wants in a quality egg, and that it's up to the producer and the processor to give it to her. He listed several points on egg handling at the farm level which could substantially upgrade present egg quality.

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Corn Silage And Alfalfa Labeled Best Forage Program For Dairymen

Penn State University research agronomist Dr. John Baylor told Lancaster County dairy farmers Wednesday night at the John Neff School that they must fit the right crops into their forage programs if they expect a maximum feed supply at the greatest level of profit.

For total energy per acre, Baylor said, "no crop in Pennsylvania today will equal corn

silage." In terms of pounds of protein, however, alfalfa has no equal, he said.

Baylor pointed out that there are four factors involved in making a decision on what crops to plant: 1) the relative yield and profit potential; 2) soil limitations; 3) available machinery and storage; 4) a farmer's individual livestock program.

Stating that linear programming of farms in the state show that corn silage and alfalfa are the two most profitable forage crops, Baylor recommended that all crop programs should be built around these two moneymakers.

In developing a planned for-
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New Clinic Announced For Estate Planning

Lancaster County agricultural agent M. M. Smith announced this week that a series of three evening meetings on Estate Planning will be sponsored by the extension service. The meetings will be of a "clinic" type, and will be open to all interested persons. All sessions will be held at the John Neff School, Neffsville, and will begin at 7:30 p.m., Smith said.

The dates, subjects, and
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Farm Calendar

February 20—7:30 p.m., Solanco Soil & Water Conservation 4-H Club, at home of Steve Mitchell, Refton

—7:30 p.m., Extension Service Estate Planning program, "Building Savings Investment and Insurance Plans", at John Neff School, Neffsville

February 21—7:30 p.m., Central 4-H Tractor Club at Allen Mahr Inc., 505 E. Main St., New Holland

—7:30 p.m., Ephrata Farm Electricity Course, "Circuits and Distribution of Electricity For Farm Use", at Ephrata High School-agriculture room.

February 24—1 p.m., Chester County Estate Planning Program at Cochranville Fire Hall.



More cold weather will forestall any thoughts of Spring during the next five days, says the weatherman. He looks for temperatures to average below the normal range of 43 to 24 degrees, and expects little day-to-day change in the thermometer readings.

Precipitation may total ¼-½ inch, melted, occurring as snow in the beginning of the period, and as snow or rain early next week.



EGG MARKETING PANEL — from left, Raymond W. Sauder; Earl Hess; Harold Musser (master of ceremonies); Arthur Lehman; and Melvin Mitchell. The group exchanged ideas with more than 100 Lancaster County poultrymen Thursday night at Lititz. L. F. Photo