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County Dairy Day Draws Capacity Crowd; Local Dairymen Featured

A panel of four outstanding County dairymen aired their views Tuesday on feeding programs, housing, breeding efficiency, automation, and the outlook for dairy farming in the county.

Climaxing the all-day, county dairy program at the Guernsey Sale Pavilion, Mrs. Herbert Royer, 2025 Oregon Pike; William Arrowsmith, Peach Bottom R1, J. Mowery Frey, Jr., 401 Beaver Valley Pike; and Rohrer Witmer, Willow Street R2, responded to questions from moderator Joe Taylor, chairman, Penn State University dairy science extension.

Taylor, who earlier in the program had talked to the audience of more than 400 farmers on general herd management, related some of those problems to the local level by quizzing the panel members on their individual operations.

FEEDING PROGRAMS
The panelists were in general agreement on the objectives of their feeding programs, but varied in actual practice. They all fed at least some home-grown grains, hay and silage, and placed an upper limit on the quantity of grain any one cow would receive daily.

Each member, however, expressed the need to know and

observe one's individual animals, and feed them according to their needs.

None of the panelists was a strong advocate of "lead feeding", in fact, one member stated he didn't believe in it at all. There was general agreement on feeding large amounts of forage, and several members reported they did not limit forage to increase grain consumption.

BREEDING EFFICIENCY
All the panelists reported they were generally able to get cows settled on the first service at least 60 percent of the time, although one dairyman

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Red Rose DHIA Lists January Milk Records

According to the January news letter released this week by the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association, a registered Holstein cow owned by Charles Tindall of Peach Bottom R1, completed the highest 305-day lactation in the association. "Lucinda" produced 21,095 pounds of milk and 884 pounds of butterfat.

Second high cow completing a 305-day lactation was a registered

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RECEIVING A SCRAPBOOK from SWCD vice chairman Henry Hackman, left, are Mr. and Mrs. Amos H. Funk, Millersville R1. Funk was honored at the District's annual banquet for his long-time efforts in conservation in Lancaster County. L. F. Photo

Amos Funk Honored At SWCD Banquet; Dubbed "Mr. Conservationist" By Group



OUTSTANDING CONSERVATION FARMER for 1966 award was presented to Elmer Good, Lititz R1, by County Commissioner Arthur R. Campbell, Jr., left, at the District's annual banquet. L. F. Photo

Elmer Good Is '67 Conservation Farmer

Thursday night's banquet meeting of Lancaster County Soil & Water Conservation District Cooperators turned into a surprise testimonial to the county's leading conservationist.

Most surprised was the recipient of the honor, Amos H. Funk, who has served as chairman of the conservation district for the past 15 years.

He was praised for his efforts by Mrs. Henry H. Hackman, wife of the district vice chairman. On concluding the reading of a poem dedicated to Funk, Mrs. Hackman conferred upon him the unique title of "Mr. Conservationist of Lancaster County."

After receiving a scrapbook assembled by Henry Hackman, and hearing excerpts from contributors read — including praise from Governor Raymond Shafer — Funk thanked the 225 cooperators assembled at Hostetter's Banquet Hall in Mount Joy, and others who had participated in bestowing the honor.

"You know, I went out and begged by friends and neighbors to take the last 36 tickets I had for this affair. I assure them all I didn't know anything about this," the conservationist stated.

ELMER GOOD CITED
Elmer Good of Lititz R1 was presented with a plaque by

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Potato Growers Informational Meeting Slated For March 14

A special informational meeting will be held next week, March 14, for potato growers. It will concentrate on production and storage practices, according to associate county agent Arnold G. Lueck.

Beginning at 9:15 a.m. at the Lancaster Farm Credit building, the meeting is scheduled to run until 3 p.m.

Specialists from Penn State

University, and their subjects, include: Elmer Pifer, varieties, soil tests and weed control; Carlton Taylor, field and storage disease control; Joe McCurdy, a ventilation control system for potato storage; Henry Menusan, insect pests and their control.

A good part of the afternoon session will be devoted to research agronomist Joe Harrington's presentation of preliminary research results on new varieties and fertility studies now in progress.

Farm Calendar

March 13—1 p.m., Lancaster County Swine Producers Assn. Spring Carcass Show and Evaluation Contest, at the Lancaster Stock Yards.

—7:30 p.m., Amish-Jersey 4-H Dairy Club, at Lancaster Farm Credit building.

March 14—9:15 a.m., Potato Growers' Informational meeting, at Lancaster Farm Credit building.

7:30 p.m., Ephrata Farm Electricity Class at Ephrata High School, "Selecting and operating electric motors."

—7:30 p.m., Elizabethtown-Donegal 4-H Community Club, at Donegal High School.

—7:30 p.m., Garden Spot Young Farmers Assn., "Corn Growing" meeting at Garden Spot High School.

—7:45 p.m., Central 4-H Tractor Club, at L.H. Brubaker Farm Equipment Store, Strasburg.

March 15—7:30 p.m., 4-H Wild-

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Lancaster, First PFA Group With 1000 Members

Lancaster County Farmers' Association became the first county affiliate of the organization to reach the 1000-member level, according to an announcement last week by the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association.

The local group has been growing steadily, it was reported, and last year became the top membership county in the state at 947. This compared with 818 the year before, and 750 in 1964.

County association membership chairman Clarence Stauffer of Ephrata R1 announced a goal of 1100 members before the end of 1967.

Doebler To Speak At Corn Growing Meeting

Theodore Doebler, Sr., of the T. A. Doebler Seed Co. will be the featured speaker at the final meeting of the Garden Spot Young Farmers Association next Tuesday, it was announced by agriculture instructor Robert Elmer.

At the meeting, set for March 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Garden Spot High School, 1966 corn growing contest data will be collected, summarized, and compared, Elmer said.

He noted that registration for the 1967 corn growing contest will also be held at this meeting.