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Lancaster Pony Club Gets Ready For May 6th Show

On Saturday, May 6 many children and their mounts, she Lancaster and Chester County adds youngsters with horses or ponies, will be heading for Quarryville for the Junior Horse Show

The show which will get under way at 9 a.m. is being sponsored by the 43-member Lancaster Pony Club of southern Lancaster and Chester counties, and will be held on the Quarryville Community Grounds

All junior horse men, 18 years of age and under, are eligible to compete in this open show, according to pony club district commissioner Mrs. G. W. Hassler II. of Quarryville area.

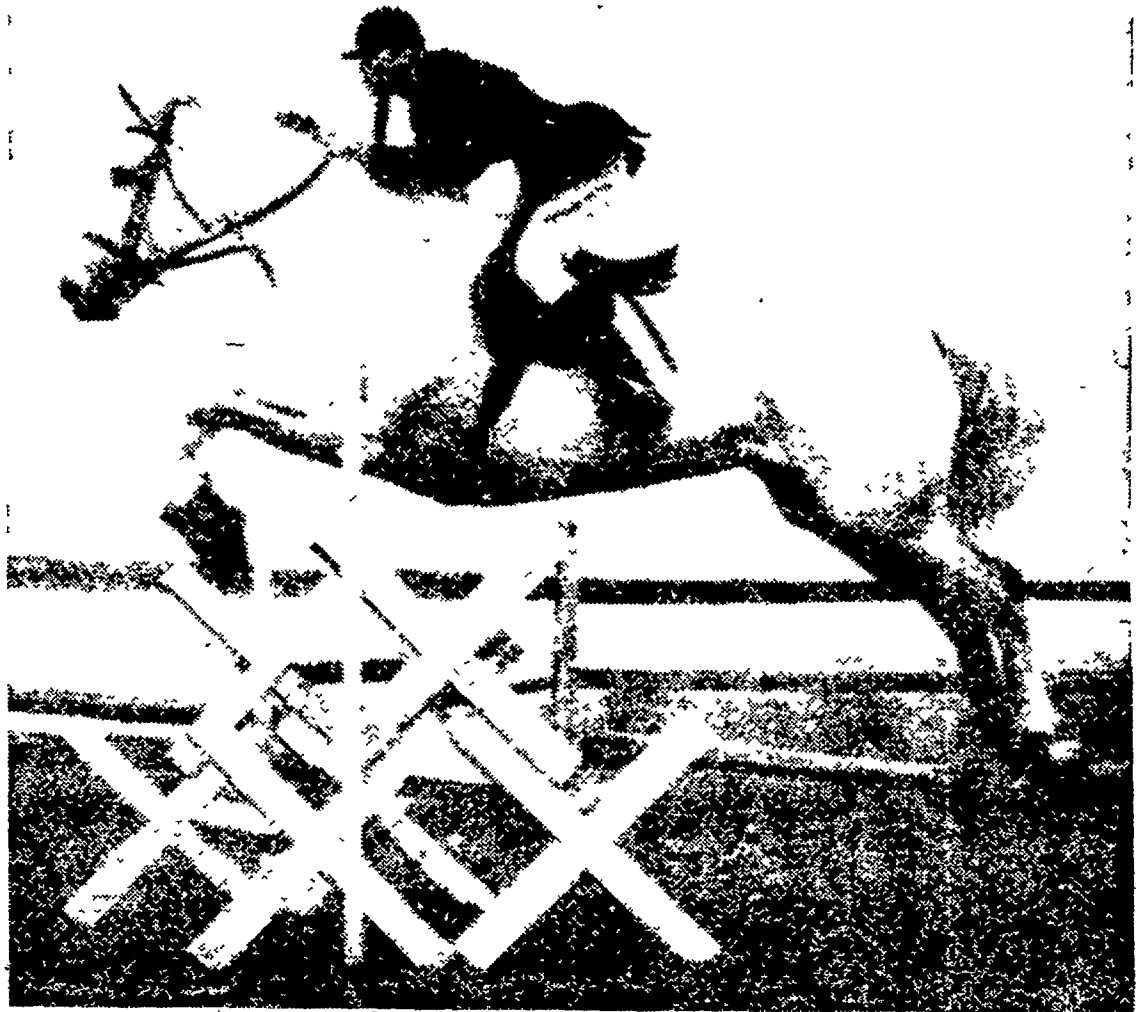
The club hopes that revenue earned through this show — from entry fees and program advertising — will help to finance a permanent cross-country course for training the

22 CLASSES

"We have tried to provide classes for all levels of riders," Mrs. Hassler notes. Classes will include lead line, for children under six years of age, two, walk-trot classes for 10 years and under, and 11-14 years of age; two classes, maiden horsemanship (those riders who have never won a blue ribbon) — under 14 years and 14-18, maiden horses, for horses never having won a blue ribbon maiden ponies and there will be five divisions offering championships — small pony, large pony, junior hunter, horsemanship 14 years and under, and horsemanship 14-18 years of age

Mrs. Hassler notes there will be two rings working at the same time to accommodate the

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UP AND OVER goes Pam Hassler, Quarryville R2, and her mount Lady Dee at the last Regional Pony Club rally. Miss Hassler is a member of the "C" team of the Lancaster Pony Club.

Fight To Retain Handler Pool Is Finished, Area Dairymen Told

The fight to retain a handler pool in the Delaware Valley milk marketing area has been lost. Dr. Paul E. Hand, Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative economist, told some 200 area dairy farmers Thursday night

"We're the last major handler pool in the country, and although it took them (federal government) a long time to

get us, they finally cut us down.

"The problem now is to determine what we can salvage out of this to make it one of the best paying market pools in the country," Hand explained.

The meeting, held in the Guernsey Sale Pavilion was called to give farmers the details on the final decision of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, changing the Delaware Valley milk marketing area from a handler to a marketwide pool.

After reviewing this final decision, Hand discussed the advantages and disadvantages to Philadelphia shippers of a "yes" or "no" vote in the referendum now being conducted.

The decision was issued April 7 with a 30-day period provided for referendum.

TO BE SWALLOWED BY N.Y. "How long will it be before the N.Y. order swallows us up?" one dairyman asked Hand.

"Well, they're trying right now," the economist noted, "but they've got some prob-

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Paul E. Hand

Tobacco Tops Crop Insurance Coverage

Crop-hail insurance protection has doubled over the past 15 years, keeping pace with increasing costs of production and values of harvests, according to a report published by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Of all major commodities, tobacco has the largest proportion of the crop insured against hail damage, about one-third. Some one-fourth of the wheat crop is insured

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Rural Life Sunday Observation April 30

The fifth Sunday after Easter is often referred to as Rural Life Sunday or Rogation Sunday. This is a day set apart for emphasizing the meaning of Christianity for rural life, notes associate agricultural agent Win Merriam.

On April 30th at 7:00 p.m. a Rural Life Sunday Service will be held by the youth of Bethany United Church of Christ in Ephrata. This will be held at Old Bethany which is located just off the Bethany Road leading from Route 222 in Akron towards Murrell. Additional facts may be secured by contacting Mrs. Paul S. Schantz, R. D. 1, Ephrata.

A special service will be held on April 30th 7:30 p.m. at the Stevens Hill Church of the Brethren. The main speaker for this event will be Norman Reber, editor of the Pennsylvania Farmer magazine.

Everyone is invited to attend, especially young folks in 4-H and FFA activities. These services are open to the public and all are welcome, Merriam said.

Grangers Oppose Constitutional Conv.

At its spring meeting at the White Horse Fire Hall last Saturday, the Lancaster County Pomona Grange #71 went on record opposing the proposed constitutional convention question which will appear on the ballot during the May 16 primary election.

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Agricultural Land In River Basin Must Be Preserved For Future Use

HARRISBURG—River basin studies being made in the state must include plans for preservation of land "highly suited for agricultural use," the Pennsylvania Association of Soil and Water Conservation District Directors urged Wednesday.

"Pennsylvania land resources are not inexhaustible," the organization pointed out in a series of recommendations relating to river basin studies. "It is apparent that plans should be made to preserve our better agricultural land for future production. Whenever practical, plans should call for recreational developments, industrial developments on land of relatively low value for agriculture."

In presenting a committee report on the recommendations, Raymond D. Shaffer, of Dalmatia, Northumberland County, pointed out that land will be vitally needed in the future to produce enough food for the rapidly growing popu-

lation "in this country and elsewhere in the world."

The association's executive council, in addition to calling for plans to preserve agricultural lands recommended that river basin studies must consider

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Earl Hess Named PENB Chairman



Earl L. Hess, president of Hess Bros. Farms, Inc., Ephrata was unanimously named chairman of the Poultry and Egg National Board at the organization's annual membership meeting held last week in Chicago.

Hess, who had previously been PENB first vice president, succeeds Dr. John Salsbury in the chairman's post.

Also attending the annual session in Chicago was K. M. Souder, manager of Producers Cooperative Exchange, Coatesville. He is a PENB state director, representing the Pennsylvania Poultry Association, and served as a member of the nominating committee.

It was also reported at the (Continued on Page 4)

Farm Calendar

April 25 — 7:30 p.m., Food Club leaders meet at UGI Building, Conestoga St., Lancaster

April 27 — 9:30 a.m., Southeast Pa. 4-H Leaders' Forum at Reading Motor Inn, Reading.

— 1:30 p.m., Area FFA Tractor Driving Contest at Garden Spot High School.

— 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., ABC Open House at Fair Hill Farm, Chestertown, Md.



Temperatures for the period Saturday through Wednesday are expected to average below the normal range of 66 to 44 degrees.

Precipitation may total 1/2 inch, occurring as showers Saturday and again about Tuesday.