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THE BRENEMANS, with Willow Bend T.C. Shirley. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Breneman, Willow Street R1, are standing with their three Keystone Farmer sons (left to right) Roy, Edwin and Arthur. L. F. Photo

## The Breneman Family Is Interested In Farming

Closely knit and intensely interested in farming is the John A. Breneman family which lives along Route 222, south of Lancaster.

The interest in farming can be shown by the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Breneman were recently honored for having all three of their boys (Arthur, Roy and Edwin) named Keystone Farmers.

The closely knit part is something intangible that you sense as you stand in a circle in the middle of their cow stable filled with fine-uddered, upstanding, Registered Guernseys and listen to the Breneman's friendly discussion of this cow and that, as this reporter did last Saturday afternoon.

The Keystone Farmer Father thinks the best thing about raising boys on a farm is that they learn to "do things and learn responsibility." He also feels the moral atmosphere is "favorable."

The Breneman farm consists of 120 acres (some woodland) and their main crops are hay and corn. The Registered Guernsey herd consists of 80 head.

Arthur, age 27 and Keystone Farmer in 1955, is married to the former Dorothy High and lives in the large part of the farm house. He farms the home place on the halves. They have two children, Kathy Ann, age 5 and Kerry May, age 2.

Arthur likes farming. He acquired high grades in school, especially in mathematics, and was offered a good off-the-farm job about the time he was ready to start. But he chose farming "because I like it better here," he said. Art was recently elected vice president of the Lancaster Guernsey Breeders' Association.

Roy, age 25 and Keystone Farmer in 1961, has kept a keen interest in the dairy herd even though he has been away at

Eastern Mennonite College for two years and spent time from June of 1965 to November 1967 in Algeria under the Mennonite Central Committee's Pax Service Program. Roy would write home and tell the family when it was time to dry up a certain cow and, when he came back from his overseas work just before Thanksgiving, he knew every cow in the herd — except one his dad had bought and hadn't told him. His brothers say he even knew the cows that had grown from calves while he was away.

Roy has now applied for admission to Delaware Valley College where he would like to study animal husbandry, and then go back and continue some type of work like he had in Algeria.

While in Algeria, Roy served as a dairy superintendent and taught the farmers to take care of dairy cattle. "I taught men to feed dairy cattle so they were able to take them home and properly care for them," he said. "I never knew that animals could exist on so little, and I saw plenty of hoof and mouth disease and other animal (Continued on Page 8)

## Penn State Management Head Instructs Beef Cattle Feeders

"You would rather plow or feed cattle than keep records," Fred Hughes, Penn State Farm Management Specialist, told 75 cattle feeders at the Farm and Home Center, Tuesday night. "But can you afford to by-pass the records?"

Speaking at the last in a

### Elementary Farm Safety Contest Held

The Elementary Agriculture Program under the direction of Robert Herr, Vo-Ag instructor for the Eastern Lancaster County School District, conducted a special "Farm & Home Safety Through Art" contest in cooperation with the art teachers of the school district.

Throughout the year, safety has been stressed in Elementary Agriculture as the various units are taught. In this contest each (Continued on Page 12)

## Farm Calendar

- Monday, March 25**  
25-27-ADA Annual Meeting, Chicago.  
7:30 p.m.—County FFA Meeting, Solanco High School.
- Tuesday, March 26**  
7:00 p.m.—Farm & Home Foundation meeting, Farm & Home Center.  
7:00 p.m.—County FFA Parliamentary Procedure & Public Speaking Contest.  
7:30 p.m.—Garden Spot Adult Farmer Meet, School Vo-Ag Room.  
7:30 p.m.—Lancaster County Farmers Assn. meeting, Farm & Home Center.  
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series of Beef Cattle Feeder meetings under the direction of the County Extension Service, Hughes said, "You put more effort on work than how to get it done. Can you tell me how much return on your capital investment you made last year?" "There is no point in know how to feed and fertilize if you can't manage," he said.

Hughes listed these problems in farm management: inadequate resources; improper use of resources; under-employment of resources and technical knowledge.

"We need to manage profits," he said. "We can no longer look at farming as only a way of life."

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## Holstein Tour Set For April 3

The Lancaster County Holstein Association has announced plans for their annual tour to leave the Conestoga Transportation Company, Wednesday, April 3, at 8 a.m. The tour will go to York County this year and will return to Lancaster by 4:30 p.m., according to Jay Landis, tour committee chairman.

The visits to be made are as follows:

- (1) The first stop will be **Romeda Farms** owned by Mr. Eichelberger. This is a new dairy barn with 150, comfort stalls and pipe line milker.
- (2) **Tioga Weaving Company** is a large weaving mill that makes drapery and upholstery material, and other types of fabrics.  
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## Carl B. Herr Is New Extension President

Carl B. Herr, 840 Penn Grant Road, was elected president of the Lancaster County Agriculture and Home Economics Extension Association at a recent reorganization meeting. J. Wade Groff, 644 Beaver Valley Pike, is vice president; Mrs. David E. Buckwalter of Lititz R3, secretary, and Melvin G. Rohrer, Lititz R3, treasurer.

## George Cogley Wins Swine Carcass Show

The Lancaster County Swine Producers Association's Annual Carcass Show was held Wednesday afternoon at Kunzler & Co., Manor Street, Lancaster, with quality running deep into the 20 head entry list.

George Cogley, Ronks R1, showed the best carcass with a 44.2 percent ham-loin rating. The meat quality in Cogley's Yorkshire entry was rated at 2 and loin eye was 4.4; carcass length 34.4; and back fat 1.0. The pig weighed in at 196 pounds and had a carcass weight of 144 pounds.

The list of entries above 40 percent ham-loin rating is as follows: (1) Cogley, 44.2; (2) Carl Harrison, Johnstown, (Crossbred) 43.7; (3) John Hastings, Kirkwood, (Crossbred) 43.2; (4) Clair A. Hartman, Gratz, (Spot) 43.3; (5) Real Farm, Tipton, (Hampshire) 42.9; (6) Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, (Crossbred) 41.6; (7) Robert Armstrong, Drumore, (Crossbred) 41.3; (8) Howard Martin, Lititz, (Crossbred) 41.3.  
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## County Farmers Meet With Legislators

More than 200 farmers met with their legislators Tuesday to discuss important issues facing agriculture. The farmers were all members of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association (PFA).

Attending from Lancaster County were: Noah Wenger, James Garber, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wivell, Abe Yeiset, Lester Hollinger, Aaron Stauffer, Harold Rohrer, William Dean, James Wood, Roy Greider, Clyde Bucher and Mrs. Lewis Bixler.

## Farm And Home Sets Membership Loan Meeting

A special letter has gone to all the dues paying membership of the Lancaster County Farm and Home Foundation this week, announcing a special total membership meeting for Tuesday, March 26, to be held at the Farm and Home Center. Time for the meeting is 7:00 p.m.

According to an official of the Foundation, the meeting must be called to obtain the mortgage the directors approved at their last board meeting because Pennsylvania law requires non-profit organizations to have the vote of full membership to obtain loans. The Foundation by-laws say quorum is in effect when 21 persons are present. Total membership is about 250 persons.

The farmers talked with their senators and representatives about four legislative proposals: (1) Highway department purchase of land (H.B. 1521); (2) Marketing orders for commodity promotion (S.B. 1273); (3) elimination of the Milk Control Law in its present form (H.B. 2064); and (4) possible increases in farm truck licenses.

"All four of these issues are vital to the future of agriculture in Pennsylvania," according to PFA president, G. A. Biggs. "The first three proposals could set agriculture back many years, and increase the migration from the farm."

Although the farmers represented the PFA, they also represented their individual county units. The PFA has 45 different county units within Pennsylvania, and it is an affiliate of the American Farm Bureau Federation.