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TOP STATE DAIRY 4-H JUDGING TEAM. last Saturday at Penn State. They are (left to right) Carol Groff, Averril Royer, John Kurtz and Joyce Stoltzfus.

Kurtz was second high individual in the state and Miss Royer was third

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4-H Dairy Team Tops In State

Four Lancaster 4-H Youths brought back top honors to the County from Penn State last week by winning first place over all other counties in Dairy Judging at the 42nd Annual Dairy Exposition

John Kurtz, Averril Royer, Carol Groff and Joyce Stoltzfus, put together 1983 points to top Bradford in second place and Dauphin in third.

Kurtz in the individual score (Continued on Page 5)

Committee Plans Princess Pageant July 10

The committee for the Lancaster County Dairy Princess Pageant met Tuesday night at the Manheim Twp branch of the Conestoga National Bank to continue plans for the pageant to be held July 10, at the Host Town Motel

According to Mrs Herbert Royer chairman, two official entries have been received and other interested persons are invited to participate. The contestants will be judged on appearance, speaking ability, poise, personality, intelligence and (Continued on Page 5)

Farm Calendar

Monday, May 13
 1 00 p m -Intermediate Clothing Construction Workshop, Farm & Home Center
 8 00 p m -Ayrshire, Jersey & Brown Swiss 4-H Club meet, William Aaron Farm, Quarryville R1
Tuesday, May 14
 9 30 a m -Advanced Tailoring, Farm & Home Center
 1 00 p m -Advanced Clothing (Continued on Page 5)

Minimum Tillage Planting Of Corn Tried In County

"If I can save one or two trips over the field with the disk — and I'm sure I can — it will be worth it" So says Franklin Myers, Lancaster R6 about his new corn planter designed to sow seed without plowing

Myers is quick to point out he is experimenting with the no till idea on only 10 acres of corn stalks this year but hopes to go from his present 70 acres of corn to 100 acres next year with the use of his new planter

One of the main advantages as Myers sees it is that a planter where you don't need to plow, will help you to hold the soil and conserve the land. "And every time you drive over the field to work it up you dry it out and tramp it down" he said Harry Shepardson, Sales Manager for L. H. Brubaker Farm Equipment, says the machine has been used in other parts of the country in stubbles and even sod. "In tests the ground showed better tilth, more absorption and less run-off of water," he said

Myers is pre-emerge spraying for weeds and hopes to control the weeds without cultivation. He is planting 34 inch rows but likes the adjustability of the planter so that when harvesting equipment becomes more readily available he can go to narrower rows. He is using plant populations of 23,000 for picking corn and 26,000 for silo corn

In Ohio tests, spraying sod, planting corn without plowing or cultivation has shown the highest yields of any combination of tillage practices on silt loam soils during the past 6 years. The tests showed 15 bushels per acre more than

conventional methods. Crop experts credit the higher yields to the way the system retains good soil structure. (Continued on Page 7)



Richard Buckwalter

Buckwalter Is Elected Head Of 4-H Council

The Lancaster 4-H County Council reorganized Thursday evening, at their regular meeting held in the Farm and Home Center

Richard Buckwalter was elected president from the agriculture clubs and Audrey Yunginger was named co-president (Continued on Page 5)



THE DUST WAS FLYING, Tuesday morning, as Franklin Myers, Lancaster R6, sped through the field with his new minimum tillage type corn planter. Myers

is experimenting with 10 acres this year by planting corn without plowing. L. F. Photo