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## Milk Promotion Discussed By Group Of Interested Persons

Almost everyone participated in the discussion at the meeting of the group interested in milk promotion in Lancaster County, held Thursday night at the Manheim Twp. Branch of the Conestoga Bank. And many ideas were expressed.

The leaders of the group had met several weeks ago to discuss the possibility of a county-wide milk promotion parade, but Thursday night it was decided to move in the direction of creating floats to participate in the existing Fall Fair parades. A committee was formed for this purpose.

Other suggestions coming from the meeting were: A radio program; Dairy division in the parade; Leaflets in letters when paying bills; TV program, Write to farm editor; Advertisements in newspapers; Letters to friends in city; Dairy bars at farm fairs; Advertisements on bulk tank trucks, Dairy princess pageant and a Slogan contest.

Several farmers were appointed to go on a local radio station to use the time made available and an attempt is to be made to encourage milk promotion on the tank trucks. The group also decided to expand more effort toward the Dairy Princess Pageant.

Throughout the evening general concern was expressed at the publicity filled milk is getting and a general desire that

proper means be used to get milk in the same favorable limelight.

The milk parade itself was tabled at least for the present largely because of fear that lack of organization and participation might give the impression of a demonstration.

## Pequea Valley Boys Top State Dairy Judging

The Pequea Valley High School FFA Dairy Judging Team took State honors by winning first place in the 43rd Annual Dairy Exposition contest held recently at Penn State. The team consisting of Wavne Yost, Wendel Ranck, Steve Hershey and Arthur Bomberger, was honored last Saturday night at a banquet in the Spring Mills Fire Hall in Spring Mills, for their achievement.

Yost, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Yost, Narvon, was the high individual in the state and high

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## Urner-Barry Listing Revised

A change in the method of quoting egg prices was instituted last week by Urner-Barry Publications.

The new setup separates two classes of eggs and also takes into account changes in trading specifications on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The change was recommended by the exchange's egg advisory committee after it had met with producer elements, particularly from the South, who want

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Dr. Russell Larson

## Farm And Home Open House Set For June 9

Dr. Russell E. Larson, dean of Penn State University, will be the featured speaker for the Open House planned at the new Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road on Sunday, June 9.

According to Snavelly Garber, Foundation President, the open house will last from 1 00 to 4 00 p m and the dean will speak at 2 00 p m. All interested persons are invited to attend.

## Filled Milk Hearing Reconvenes In Memphis

The U S Department of Agriculture will reconvene a national public hearing May 21 in Memphis, Tenn., on amending all Federal milk marketing orders with respect to filled or imitation milk.

USDA's Consumer and Marketing Service officials said the considerations will be the same

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## Rain Holds County Farmer Team From Getting The First Tobacco Plants In The Ground This Week

Spreading hog bristles by hand over two acres of tobacco beds is not easy but it helps hold the moisture needed to sprout the tiny seeds. So, that is what John E. Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1 and his family does.

And because of his extra meticulous care of the plants he had fine, healthy-looking, 7-inch tall plants by Tuesday, May 14. He planned to team up with Joseph Shirk, East Earl R1, on Thursday, to get the Lancaster County Tobacco planting season underway this week. But the rains Thursday set the starting date back to today or the beginning of next week, whenever the ground is fit.

Stoltzfus, a 30-year grower of tobacco plants to sell, has his own methods of producing plants. He says to get good early plants you must get the beds sowed early and keep them healthy.

One idea he thinks is important and is over-looked by many plant growers is to water the beds good and keep them moist until they are sprouted. Then he recommends letting them dry out to force the plant roots to go down deeper and form a more extensive root system. "And when you do water the beds," he says, "water them right. If you don't soak the beds the roots stay near the surface."

John gets a lot of experience each year raising tobacco plants. Located one-half mile North of Intercourse, he has 80 beds for a total of 1500 steam pans. At tobacco bed steaming time he keeps himself busy with his own

Stoltzfus sows his beds under

He has 200 customers who buy plants.

One of these customers is Shirk, a buyer of Stoltzfus' first plants for five or six years.

Why does he buy plants rather than raise them himself? "I get healthy plants because Stoltzfus takes good care of his plants and uses the more costly chemicals to keep them free of disease and growing," he said. Also I can buy them ready pulled and can get enough to plant my five acres all within a week.

"I like to plant early and ahead before Memorial day," Shirk continued. "By doing this I can get help to cut it before everybody else is cutting. It also has a better chance to cure in the shed."

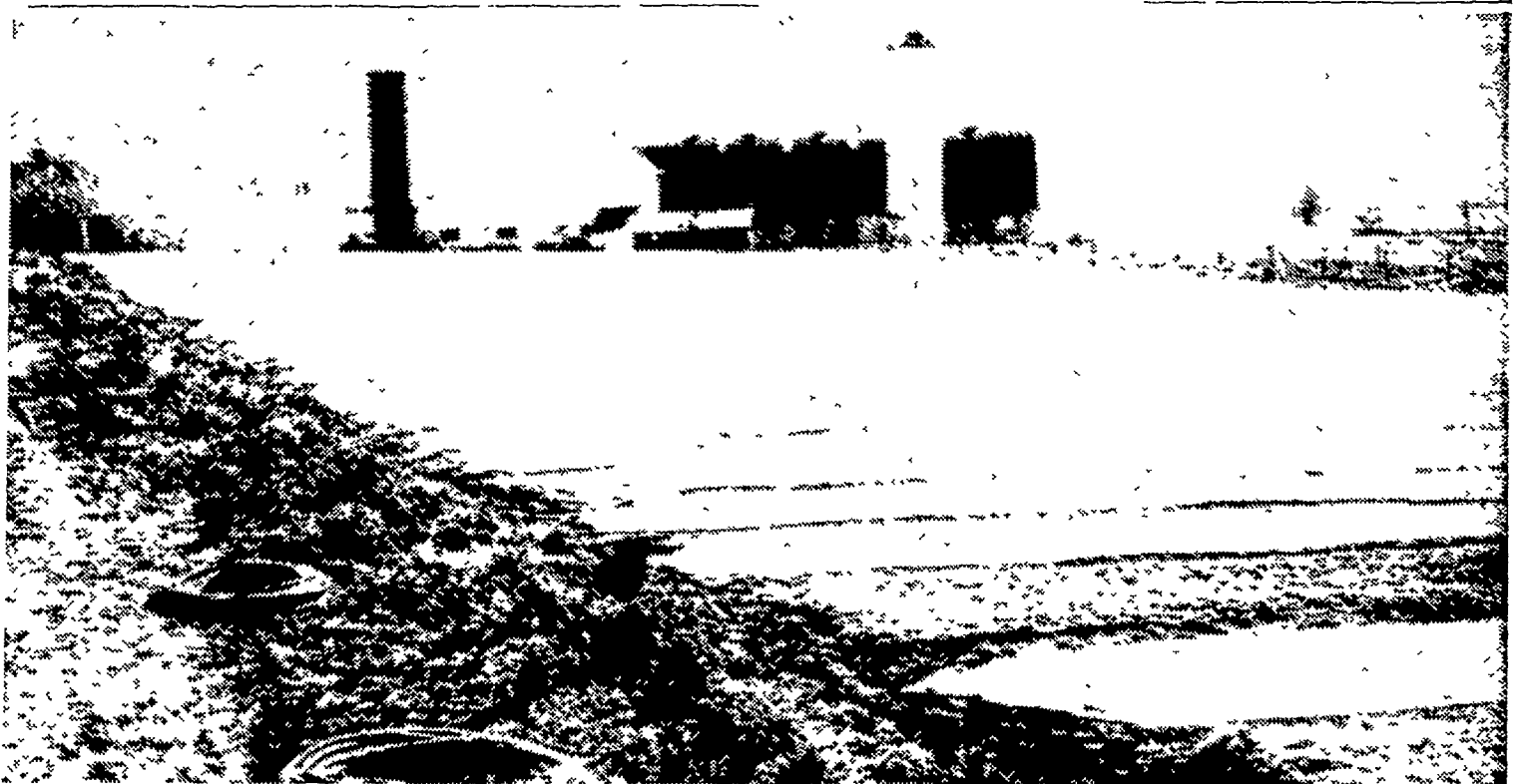
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## Dairy Edition Coming June 1

The June 1 edition of Lancaster Farming will again be the Annual Special Dairy Issue dedicated to the promotion of the dairy industry in Lancaster County. Special dairy stories, advertising, editorials and reports will be part of the foremat.

Of special interest will be the inclusion of reports on local cow families. Here is a chance for you to get your favorite cow family in the news. Send us such information as: The foundation cow and her daughters and granddaughters. Include records, names and a few comments on the Family Tree.

For full information see page 26 of this issue.



TWO ACRES OF TOBACCO PLANTS, are grown on the John E. Stoltzfus Farm, located one-half mile North of Intercourse. Stoltzfus has 80 beds with a total of 1500

steam pans. The first plants were to be pulled Thursday but rain postponed the start until today or the beginning of next week whenever the ground is fit. L. F. Photo

## Farm Calendar

Sunday, May 19

-19-26 Soil Stewardship Week

Monday, May 20

1:00 p m -Intermediate Clothing Construction Workshop, Farm & Home Center

8:00 p m -Manheim Young Farmers meet, (Insurance and You) School Vo-Ag room

8:00 p m -4-H Horse and Pony Club leaders meet, Farm & Home Center.

Tuesday, May 21

7:30 p m -Lincoln 4-H Community Club meet, Mt. Aire Fire Hall.

8:00 p m -Farm & Home Found

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