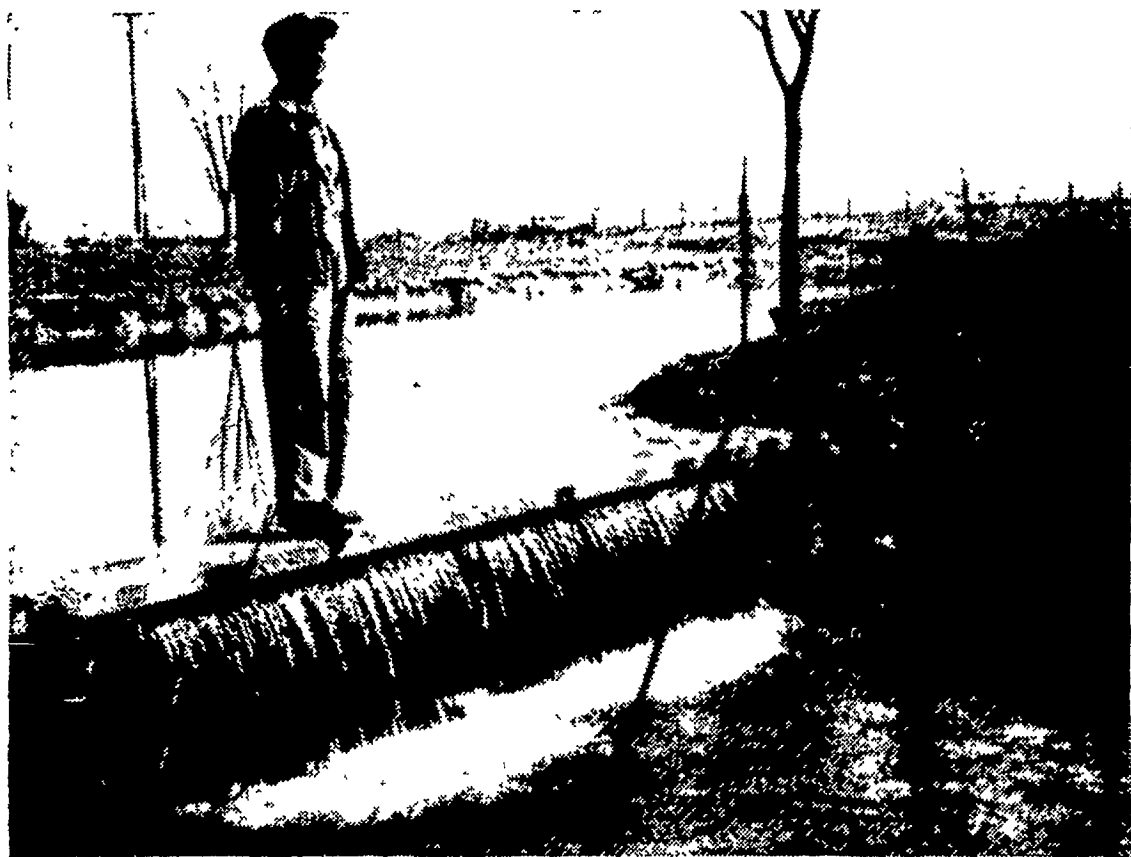


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A BEAUTIFUL WATERFALLS is viewed by Elam Longenecker on his 92 acre dairy farm. Elam, a retired farmer,

has thousands of daffodils planted on a hillside overlooking Big Chickies Creek and this shallow spring-fed farm pond.

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## Thousands Of Yellow Daffodils Brighten Longenecker's Corner

Many things have changed in Elam Longenecker's three score and 13 years, but two beautiful shellbark trees standing below his summer cottage along the Big Chickies Creek flowing through his 92 acre dairy farm still looks the same as when he was a boy.

The meadow, the spring fed shallow pond, the water falls and the spruce and white pine trees that were planted in the early 1930's under the direction of former County Agent Floyd (Dutch) Bucher, all added to a peaceful spring day Tuesday morning. But what you really go to see is the daffodils.

Stopping at Mr. and Mrs. Longenecker's newly built home at the end of the home farm lane gives you the first introduction to these quiet, hospitable people. Mrs. Longenecker greeted Lancaster Farming Editor, Everett Newswanger at the door and introduced him to Mr. Longenecker in the garage working on his signs to be put up this week to direct their many friends who come each year back the farm lane to the thousands of blooms on his hilly stream-side acres.

Walking with Elam through the meadow, he gives you the from-up-on-the-hill view first. Then you walk to the cottage and it happens. The poet William Wordsworth says it best: "When all at once I saw a crowd / A host, of golden daffodils / Beside the lake, beneath the trees / Fluttering and dancing in the breeze."

The Longenecker family  
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## Self-Assessment Hearings Set In Harrisburg

Peach, potato and milk producers have scheduled public hearings at the State Agriculture building to consider self-assessment programs to promote the sale and use of the products.

The peach hearing will be held May 21, the potato hearing May 27 and the milk hearing July 15.

Peach producers will discuss a proposed assessment of three cents a hundredweight on peaches sold for the fresh market and one cent on peaches sold for processing.

A one cent a hundredweight assessment on potatoes sold for human consumption will be considered at the potato hearing while milk producers will discuss the pros and cons of a levy of one half of one percent of their gross milk check.

The assessments for peaches and potatoes will be accepted or rejected when producers vote.  
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## Forest Fire Season Is Here Again; Be Careful

The spring forest fire season is in full swing. The recent rainfall has not eliminated the probability of forest fire occurrence. As the beautiful spring weather lures us to work and recreate outdoors we must consider again that we, the people, are the major cause of forest fires.

Last year Lancaster County ranked second in the number of forest fires reported to Valley Forge District of Pennsylvania Department of Forests & Waters. Valley Forge District includes Lancaster, Berks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, Bucks and Philadelphia Counties as well as parts of Lehigh and Northampton Counties.

Debris and field burning accounted for 39% of the fires in.  
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## Martin Wins 4-H Round-up

A fifteen year old Ephrata R3 youth won the grand championship in the 4-H Conservation Round-up Wednesday night, with his exhibit on conserving soil and water. Leon R. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Z. Martin won over 17 other entries.

Reserve grand championship honors went to Clark Stauffer, and third place to Shirley Stauffer. The Stauffers are son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Stauffer, Ephrata R1.

Karen Hoist, New Holland R1, was fourth.  
Other blue ribbon winners were Louis Hoist, Ephrata R1,  
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## Poultry Association To Use Farm Show Egg Banner For Promotion Locally

The largest and best display of eggs came from Lancaster County at the Harrisburg Fair Show in January but it took until this week for the banner with the proper inscription to reach the local poultry association.

Jay Irwin, Associate Lancaster County Agent, said the banner came through the first time without Lancaster County being identified so it was returned.

Now it is back ready to go to work promoting Lancaster County eggs in stores and public places.

The County Poultry Directors at their regular meeting Thursday night, voted to obtain the services of a specialist from State Secretary Leland Bull's office to help set up a promotional program built around the farm show banner.

### Diagnostic Lab

In other business, at the directors meeting, Homer Bicksler, Pa. Poultry Federation, reported on the situation of the poultry diagnostic lab contemplated for Lancaster County.

"Frankly," Bicksler said, "The situation is in a state of confusion. I talked to the Secretary (Leland Bull) on March 25 and again Wednesday night. At a committee meeting and the secretary just doesn't know what the industry wants. We can have fewer labs and equip them better or we can have more labs and not as well equipped," he said.

Unfortunately for those who think there should be a lab locally, the Secretary has started.

## Conservation Speaking Won By Lee Ressler

Lee Ressler, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Ressler, East Earl R1, won the Conservation Public Speaking Contest sponsored by the Lancaster Soil and Water Conservation District. The contest, the first of its kind, was held at the Farm and Home Center Wednesday night with 9 youths contending. Ressler's speech was entitled "America Destroyed". He is a student at Garden Spot High School.

The second place speech was given by Roger Campbell 15.  
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4-H CONSERVATION ROUND-UP winner is Leon R. Martin, Ephrata R3. Leon's exhibit asked, "Where would you rather live, at the dump?" His answers won him the champion ribbon over 17 other contestants.  
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## Farm Calendar

Monday, April 14

13 16 American Guernsey Cattle Club meeting, Hershey Hotel, Hershey

6 30 p.m.—Lancaster County Fruit Growers and Honey Producers Annual Banquet, Farm and Home Center

7 30 p.m.—Lancaster County 4-H Ayrshire, Jersey and  
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