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## Fairs Start In County Next Week

The 1969 Lancaster County Fair Season opens next week with Solanco Community Fair's 20th Annual Exhibition starting Wednesday Sept 17. The usual full schedule of judging events will highlight the fair with classes for everything from livestock to domestic and fine arts. A full schedule of events at the Quarryville Memorial Park may be found elsewhere in this issue.

Lancaster Farming Newspaper will be running a small Mystery Farm Contest at their booth at Solanco Fair next week as a prelude to a giant Mystery Farm Contest coming in the paper later this fall and winter.

Visitors to the booth at Solanco during the three-day fair will have the opportunity to identify a local farm featured on the backdrop of the display. There will be a drawing among the correct entries and the winner will receive \$25 in cash.

The West Lampeter Community Fair and the Ephrata Fair share the week of Sept. 24 with both events drawing farmers and their city relations to the shows and exhibits.

Lampeter Fair as usual will be the convening place for the scores of FFA youths representing the nine County Vo-Ag departments in livestock judging competition. (Continued on Page 7)



A PASTURE SCENE of the Charolais beef cows and heifers at Stauffer Homestead Farm located south of

Goodville. They also have an extensive cross-bred swine operation and a flock of Suffolk sheep. L. F. Photo

## Stauffer Homestead Farm Rooted In Local History

On a farm that dates back to the year 1732 and is rooted in the advances of local history, you find 152 acres of beautiful farm land and buildings kept in the true Lancaster County traditional style. Charolais Cattle, Cross-bred swine and Suffolk

sheep form the animal enterprises.

Stauffer Homestead, located south of Route 23 at Goodville is owned by Mrs. Edna P. Groff and Mrs. Elizabeth Groff Miller, direct descendants of the original owner Mathias Stauffer who

purchased the land from Thomas and Richard Penn. The farm has been passed down from generation to generation in the Stauffer family since Pennsylvania was a province during the reign of King George III of Great Britain.

A spring house is seen on the farm as you drive in the lane and Mrs. Groff lived with her parents in the stone building until the frame house across the road could be completed and made ready for occupancy.

That was in 1888 Mr. and Mrs. John Stauffer, her grandparents lived in the present farm house and were owners of the farm at the time.

John Stauffer was born in 1830 and died in 1910 on the farm where he was born.

Although a farmer, at the early age of eighteen years he began the livestock business as a side line. In 1848, he followed his first herd of cattle over the mountains across Pennsylvania from Ohio, on foot and on horseback, and found ready sale for them in this area. Later, he made frequent trips to Ohio and Indiana and sent large herds of cattle and sheep to market in the East. When the railroad was built from Downingtown to Honeybrook, John Stauffer was the first to send a carload of cattle to market shipped over the road.

His son Harry Lincoln Stauffer, also a cattle dealer as well as a farmer, continued sending cattle to Philadelphia, gradually developed weekly auctions at the Styer House Stables of New Holland in 1913, and in 1923 built the present concrete sales barn in New Holland, known today as New Holland Sales Stables, Inc.

At the death of John Stauffer, his son John Hayes Stauffer inherited the farm. In 1935 the farm was sold by John H. Stauffer to his brother Harry L. Stauffer who was the father of the present owner, Mrs. Edna Groff. Harry Stauffer died in 1937 leaving the farm to his

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## ASC Election Ballots Mailed

Ballots have been mailed to all farmers for elections of Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Community Members.

To be elected in each community are a chairman, vice-chairman, regular member, and first and second alternates. The person receiving the most votes will be ASC community committee chairman, the second highest will be vice-chairman, third highest will be the regular member, and fourth and fifth highest in votes will be first and second alternates.

First duty of the newly elected chairman, vice-chairman, and member will be to serve as delegates to the county convention at which vacancies on the Lan-

caster County ASC Committee will be filled. The County Convention will be held on Thursday, September 25th, at 8:00 P.M. in the Farm and Home Center.

In general, ASC Community committees assist in carrying out farm program responsibilities assigned by the ASC county committee and in informing farmers of purposes and provisions of programs administered by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. ASC Committees are a vital link between the farmer and the men in Washington who administer the farm programs passed by Congress. Farmers are reminded that two envelopes accompany each ballot. Ballots should be marked and sealed in the plain white envelope. This plain sealed envelope should then be put in the second envelope addressed to the Lancaster County ASC Office. This second envelope must be signed on the back by the voter. Without the certification signature, the ballot will not be counted.

Ballots received in the county office will be placed in a sealed ballot box until Thursday. (Continued on Page 6)



Averil Royer

## Miss Royer Selected State 4-H Winner In Veterinary Science

Averil L. Royer, 19, of 2025 Oregon Pike, Lancaster, who has compiled an outstanding record in 4-H work this week, was named state veterinary science contest winner in the 1969 4-H National Awards Program.

Averil will be eligible to at- (Continued on Page 11)

## Farm Calendar

Tuesday, September 16

10:00 a.m.—Corn Field Day, Jefferson Yoder Farm, Elverston

7:30 p.m.—Lincoln Community 4-H Club meets, Glenn Wissler's Home, Ephrata R1

8:00 p.m.—Lancaster County Farm and Home Direc- (Continued on Page 11)