

# Dairying in a Historic Setting

(Continued from Page 33) dairy business and about four acres of tobacco

Hershey's 12-room stone farm house is about 230 years old and in well-kept condition. The Robert Keener family lives in half of the house. In October 1936 the Lancaster County Historical Society saw fit to place a plaque on the front of the house which reads as follows:

**Count Zinzendorf  
1700-1760**

**Founder of the modern  
Moravian Church  
Its Indian missions  
And the Settlement of Lititz  
Preached in This House  
Then Jacob Hooper's Tavern  
On The Newport Road  
December 1742**

At the time this market was placed on the house the farm belonged to Richard's father, D. Paul Heishey, Warwick Township. It formerly belonged to D. Paul Heishey's grandfather on his mother's side, Nathan Snyder.

This farm has been in the family for five generations. Heisheys have the original deed dated 1738 to Jacob Hooper from John, Thomas and Richard Penn who were sons of William Penn. This deed is framed and hangs in their hallway.

This house has some beautiful old fixtures such as double doors in the hallway, dutch doors, large iron hinges nearly as wide as the doors, other ornamental iron hinges, a beautiful large corner cupboard, pretty wood trim on mantels and doors. Heisheys have restored a couple of the rooms to expose the original long, large wooden girders and oak panelling with boards at least a foot wide.

The story goes that Count Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf preached in Hooper's tavern and converted Mrs. John Klein to his belief and she in turn converted her husband who had

been a Lutheran. This resulted in John George Klein giving 491 acres of land which is now the town of Lititz. The large Moravian church still stands in Lititz.

Mrs. Heishey is secretary of the Lancaster County Holstein-Friesian Association which meets once a month. They will hold the Black and White Show at the Guensey Sales Pavilion July 30 and Field Day in August. They have been sponsoring the Dairy Princess contest. They conduct tours of Holstein farms and other places of interest for their members.

Richard is also secretary of the Sunday School at the Lititz Mennonite Church where they are members.

Mrs. Heishey (Barbara Ann) is the daughter of John G. Hess and the late Anna Mary Herr Hess. When she was at home her parents tended Central Market in Lancaster and she helped. They dressed chickens for market and made angel food cakes, molasses and sugar cookies. Mrs. Hess's sugar cookies were a specialty. Barbara Ann says her mother was really a cook and she did a lot of entertaining.

Mrs. Heishey helps her husband with his secretarial work of the Sunday School and does his

typing as secretary of the Holstein-Friesian Association. She does some sewing for her family and attends the sewing circle meetings of the Mennonite Central Committee. They make garments for foreign relief which is processed at Akron and distributed from their mission stations.

She teaches the intermediate girls' class (junior high school) and will help teach at Bible School this month. She has been very active in the Home Builders Association of their church which she and Mrs. Phyllis Longenecker organized in 1953 and she was the first president. They have two meetings a year and their main object is giving out Christian literature to graduating classes, engaged couples, married couples, families who lose children and unmarried mothers through the nurses in the hospitals.

Mrs. Heishey occasionally tells stories at children's meetings in county Mennonite churches. She likes reading and writing. She has had a few of her church articles published in their church paper, "Gospel Herald."

Heisheys have five children. Shirley was married last summer to Stuart Showalter who is de-

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Holding a 4-H rosette of Barbara Sue's, Mrs. Hershey sits beside the family's display of trophies. From left to right: Barbara Sue's Lancaster County 4-H 1969 reserve champion capon; Henry's third place county FFA public speaking; Barbara Sue's 1966 Lancaster County 4-H champion capon, and cow trophy won by H. Richard for judging at a twilight meeting held at Philhaven Hospital by Southeastern Breeders Coop.

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