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Lancaster County 4-H representatives are shown recently presenting a \$750 check to the National 4-H Center on Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C. Left to right are: Grant Schrum, national 4-H center director, accepting the check; Miss Joan B. Lucas, assistant Lancaster County home economist, presenting the check; Mrs. Susan Doyle, Lancaster County nutrition assistant, and N. Alan Bair, assistant Lancaster County ag agent. Some 27 Pennsylvania counties have

presented an average of \$570 each, while four have raised over \$1,000 for the new Center.

Each state in the U.S. has made a pledge to pay off the 4-H Center debt. Pennsylvania has pledged \$101,000 over a three-year period.

The local contribution was made during the 4-H in-service training conference at the center from February 21 to February 25.

## Organic Holds Open House

Organic Plant Food Company held an open house in its new facilities at 2313 Norman Road near Conestoga Valley High school last Saturday, February 26.

The firm moved to the new location on January 1. Construction began in June 1971. The open house was given to show farmers the new facilities and types of services and programs now available.

Organic was previously located on Grofftown Road, Lancaster,

but the site was taken by the state for the new Route 23.

Bill Brubaker, Organic president, noted that the new building includes rail siding for receiving bulk materials, a service which was previously not available.

Brubaker explained that the bulk rail service will lower costs of some materials. Also, the firm expects to be able to provide better service to farmers because effort which was previously devoted to bringing supplies into the local area can now be spent in getting them out to farmers.

The new plant actually is no larger than the previous facility, but is much better designed and includes greater storage capacity. Included is increased bulk dry materials storage space and new liquid nitrogen service.

The open house program included a slide presentation by Stauffer Chemical Company on "Miracle on the Land" showing the present ecology movement and how it affects the farmer. Other chemical companies having displays and representatives to discuss issues with farmers included Geigy, Shell Chemical and Niagra Chemical.

Organic had its rental equipment and most of its custom equipment on display, including liquid nitrogen applicator, anhydrous ammonia application equipment, and both custom and rental equipment for dry fertilizer materials.

Among those assisting Brubaker in setting up the program were Don Dodson,

organic vice president, and Lloyd Hess, Organic office manager.

While the weather was not favorable, Brubaker reported that farmers came steadily all day and the overall turnout was very good.

## Butterfat Output Should Be Played Down, Speakers Say

Ephrata Young Farmers were advised this week to place their emphasis on milk production rather than butterfat production.

The advice was given to 16 Young Farmers by Dr. Charles Livak, Penn Dairies quality control specialist, and Dr. Sid Barnard, Penn State University Extension specialist, during a tour by the Young Farmers Thursday of the Penn Dairies processing plant, Lancaster.

The two emphasized that consumers have changed their preference from milk with high butterfat content to milk with high protein content.

Low-fat milks and cheeses and products with high solids-not-fat content are increasingly popular with consumers, it was reported.

A new type of milk test with emphasis on protein is expected in the future and this test will put emphasis on nutrition of milk products.

Two key points in Dr. Livak's summary to the Young Farmers were: "Keep it clean and keep it cold." This applies to the processor and consumer, as well

## Poultry Meeting Set

The third of three poultry educational meetings has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9 at the Farm and Home Center.

General subjects will include the public image of the egg and what can be done to improve it and a legislative report. The meeting will include an up to date report on the market order check off and the Fowl Adjustment Act.

"The Egg and Your Heart" will be the topic of Dr. L. A. Wilhelm

of the Poultry and Egg National Board, Chicago.

Richard I. Ammon, NEPPCO executive director, will give a legislative report.

Jay W. Irwin, associate Lancaster County ag agent, who will conduct the poultry meeting, also reminded that a farm partnership meeting covering father-son agreements, corporate structure and regular partnerships will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16 in the Farm and Home Center.

## Approved SMV Sign Firms Listed

Pennsylvania State Police this week released a list of companies which are manufacturing slow moving vehicle (SMV) signs acceptable for use under the new state law which requires them on vehicles, except buggies, which travel at speeds less than 25 miles per hour.

The signs manufactured by some of these companies are available at local farm retail outlets.

The list of companies and their addresses, compiled and authorized by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, is as follows: Ag-Tronic, Inc., Fanny Flag, 1801 W. B Street, Hastings, Neb.; American Decal and Manufacturing Co., 4100 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Bry-Nad Sign Co., P. O. Box 1, Delphos, Ohio; Clark-Smith Enterprises, P. O. Box 5526, Columbus, Ohio; Kunda Sign Co., 1220 Dekalb St., King-of-Prussia, Pa.; 3-M Co., Traffic Control Division, 2501 Hudson Rd., St. Paul, Minn.; Safety Vehicle Co., 7024 Linden, Indianapolis, Ind.; Slow Moving Vehicle Emblem,

University Station, P. O. Box 3122, Columbus, Ohio.

Sgt. Donald Hollywood, Lancaster State Police barracks traffic sergeant, emphasized that the stick-on or non-metal type of signs have not been approved for use.

While the signs are not legally mandatory on buggies, their use is being encouraged, Hollywood said.

## Kauffman Voted DHIA President

Robert L. Kauffman Jr, Peach Bottom RD2, was elected president of the Lancaster County DHIA at a meeting Monday night at the Farm and Home Center.

Nathan Stoltzfus, Gap RD1, was elected vice president and Henry E. Kettering, Lititz RD3, was named secretary.

Reelected for three years terms were: Jacob Houser, treasurer, and Wilbur Houser, head supervisor. Both are from Lampeter.

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"The New Pork" and a new way of promoting it by local hog producers is featured on page 25.

For most of us, plastic means modern gadgets and what-nots. For a Lititz ex-farmer plastic means life itself. "Don't put it off," he advises on page 8.

Elsewhere, see article on hog cholera on page 22, on acid corn storage on page 18 and numerous other farm items throughout.

## Farm Calendar

Monday, March 6

7 p.m. — Red Lion Young Farmer banquet, Airville Fire Hall.

7:30 p.m. — Elm-Penryn 4-H Community club, Penryn Fire Hall.

8 p.m. — Lancaster County Poultry Association board of directors meeting, Farm and Home Center.

Tuesday, March 7

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. — Lancaster County Dairy Day, Farm and Home Center.

12 Noon - 3 p.m. — Pennsylvania

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