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Accepting the Outstanding Senior award at Lampeter-Strasburg High School Thursday night is Donald Breneman, left,

from Richard Thomas, Garden Spot FFA advisor.

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## New VEE Warning Issued

Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz called on horse owners to vaccinate horses now to protect them from Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis (VEE) — a kind of sleeping sickness that invaded the United States last year.

He explained that scientists of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Service (APHS) believe VEE may break out again even though the disease was confined to 25 Texas counties in 1971.

The 1972 Campaign calls for the vaccination of all horses not

vaccinated in 1971, in Texas, the Gulf Coast States and States adjoining Mexico. These States are now designed as "high risk" areas.

As the year progresses and cases are reported, any new risk areas will be identified and the same recommendation in regards to vaccination will apply.

No one can predict where VEE may strike. For this reason, APHS animal health officials urge that States outside high risk areas determine now whether to begin a statewide vaccination

program to prevent a possible epidemic and the loss of individual horses.

USDA will not furnish vaccine nor pay for its administration in the current program. Adequate commercial vaccine is available to veterinarians in most States.

The VEE epidemic, declared a national emergency in 1971, caused the death of hundreds of horses and illness in many humans. The virus is transmitted primarily by mosquitoes and

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## Ephrata Firm's AAA Eggs Are in Redbook Feature

"Redbook" magazine got down to basics in its March issue as it features a photo story on simple fried eggs.

Producing the story, though, was far from a simple matter.

When Helen Mills, "Redbook's" Food Editor, told Poultry and Egg National Board's (PENB) Howard Helmer that she wanted to capture in a single photo an egg leaving the shell enroute to a skillet below, Helmer promised to deliver eggs so special that their super-dense albumen would "stop on the way

down" so she could take her picture.

A call to Earl Hess of Hess Brothers Farms, in Ephrata, produced a half case of what Hess called "Grade AAA eggs" which Helmer delivered to "Redbook's" New York City studios for the photo session. He also carried along a camera of his own to record the unusual event.

At the studio, a specialized "hand model" (only hands show in the photo) cracked the entire half case of eggs, one-by-one, into a skillet below while the photographer took a shot of each egg as it was falling.

Meanwhile, Helen Mills was busy at the stove frying dozens of other eggs, one at a time, in three different types of skillets in order to achieve two fried eggs that she considered photo-perfect.

The results of this day-long endeavor was a fine fried egg feature to be enjoyed by the nearly five million consumers, primarily young marrieds, to whom the magazine circulates.

Few will consider the number of hours, the number of photos, or the nearly 200 "special" eggs used to put the piece together.

## Holstein Show Planned

The Lancaster County Holstein Breeders Association held a special board meeting Friday, March 3 at the Farm and Home Center.

President Elam Bollinger, chairman of the meeting, was asked to clear up details on the County show.

The Lancaster District Holstein Show will be held July 27 at the Guernsey Sales Barn.

The County 4-H dairy shows will be held July 25 and 26 at the same location. Ads for the show catalogs are now being solicited and anyone interested in advertising should contact any director or president Bollinger.

A photographer will be on hand to take pictures of the show cattle.

Melvin Eby, chairman of the junior program, will be notifying all FFA and 4-H clubs in relation to Junior Holstein activities.

A consignment sale for Lancaster County breeders will be held during the week of August 7, although no specific date or place has been announced. Anyone interested in selling cattle at this sale should contact one of the Holstein directors.

The annual tour will be held this year again during the first week of April. The tour will be within Lancaster County with visits to several new and interesting dairy installations, as well as in industry in the area. Further information will be mailed to all members as to the date and meeting place.

## 4-H Calendar

Monday, March 13

7:30 p.m. — Ayrshire, Jersey, Brown Swiss 4-H Club meeting, Farm and Home Center.

Tuesday, March 14

7:30 p.m. — Guernsey 4-H Club meeting, Raymond Witmer farm, Route 222 near Willow Street.

7:30 p.m. — Central 4-H Tractor Club meeting, Landis Brothers, Manheim Pike, Lancaster.

Wednesday, March 15

8 p.m. — 4-H Roller Skating party, Rocky Springs Park.  
District 10 4-H Horse and Pony committee meeting, Chester County Extension office, West Chester; leave Farm and Home Center 8:45 a.m., The Willows 9 a.m.

Thursday, March 16

7:30 p.m. — Elizabethtown-Donegal 4-H Community Club, W. I. Beahm Junior High School Library.

## Farm Calendar

Monday, March 13

Fulton Grange 66 and Junior Grange meeting, Oakryn.

Tuesday, March 14

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. — Fifth annual Maryland-Pennsylvania Roadside Marketing Conference, Farm and Home Center.

7:30 p.m. — Ephrata Young Farmer Farm Management course "Landscaping and Improving the Home Grounds", vo-ag department, Ephrata Area High School.

7:30 p.m. — Penn Manor Young Farmer planning meeting, vo-ag department, Penn Manor High School.

7:30 p.m. — Farm and Home Foundation board of directors meeting, Farm and Home Center.

7:30 p.m. — Sheep Management meeting, Farm and Home Center.

Garden Spot Young Farmer concrete course, vo-ag department, Garden Spot High School.

Thursday, March 16

10 a.m. — Homemaker's Camp planning meeting, for all officers and County chairman, Farm and Home Center.

11:30 a.m. — Agway meeting, Mastersonville Fire Hall, Manheim RD4; Nick Ferrant Jr, speaker.

7 p.m. — TEVOCA FFA Banquet, Brownstown Vo-Tech School.

7:30 p.m. — "Farm Leases and Partnerships" meeting, Farm and Home Center.

Friday, March 17

6:30 p.m. — Swine Association banquet, Blue Ball Fire Hall  
4-H Promotion Week, March 24.