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Rick Hess, president of the Lancaster County Red Rose FFA Chapter, is a student at Lampeter-Strasburg High School.

Public Relations For Agriculture Seen Important

"The art of public relations is to not treat the public like relations," Dr. Norman Reber told the annual meeting of the Lancaster County Agricultural and Home Economics Extension Association Wednesday night at the Farm and Home Center. He cautioned the group not to take the public too much for granted.

Reber is the editor of Pennsylvania Farmer Magazine, and is well-known in agricultural circles throughout the state. Reber talked to the group about the importance of public relations for agriculture. He pointed out that many things are happening on the national, state

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Co. FFA President

Rick Hess Likes Farming, Working, Lancaster County

Rick Hess, president of the Lancaster County Red Rose FFA chapter, is a young man who knows the meaning of work. He also knows that he likes farming and that he doesn't want to be a farmer anyplace but Lancaster County.

Rick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hess, Strasburg R1. Besides helping on the farm and being active in FFA, Rick is a member of the football, baseball and basketball teams at Lampeter-Strasburg.

Sometimes, Rick's activities get him into a lot more work than a lot of people would be willing to tackle. Last summer, for instance, there was football practice in the morning followed by tobacco cutting in the afternoon. Just one of those sessions could wear a fellow out.

Asked about whether he'd rather live on the farm or in town, Rick said he wouldn't want to trade places with the town or city kids. "I like the freedom of living on a farm. I just wouldn't want to live that close to my neighbors. And I think farm kids have fewer restrictions, too."

College is a possibility for Rick after high school, but no matter what he does, he plans to be involved with agriculture. Throughout high school, he has concentrated on both vo-ag and college prep courses.

An FFA member since his junior year, Rick earned the Red Rose degree last December, and currently serves as his chapter's vice-president. Last year, his FFA projects included 12 acres of corn, two registered Holstein

cows, a steer and an acre-and-a-half of tobacco. Rick said he sold his tobacco last week, which makes him one of the few farmers in the county who've sold thus far.

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34 Calves Lost in Young Farm Fire

A large double decker barn with a straw barn and an attached milk house were completely destroyed by fire Monday night on the farm of Young Brothers where the Ray Young family resides. The farm is located in Fulton Township about a mile south of Little Britain Presbyterian Church, on the road to New Texas. The fire marshal estimated the loss of the barn and contents at \$75,000, which is covered by insurance. He theorized that the fire probably started at the end of the barn where the electric service comes in.

Lost in the barn were a cow, 34 calves between the ages of three days and six months, and a dog. Farm machines destroyed were a windrower, disk, cultipacker, ensilage wagon, a tractor with a front-end loader, an elevator and two augers. The barn was half full of hay and straw.

Ray Young estimates there were between 50 and 60 tons of second cutting hay and a large quantity of straw burned. Nothing could be saved because the whole structure was engulfed in flames when first noticed.

The Young family was asleep when the fire was noticed by neighbors. At 11:30 P.M. a neighbor in the tenant house saw no signs of fire but at 11:47 a neigh-

bor at Oakryn put in a call to the Robert Fulton Fire Co.

No one knows when the barn was built but it was well over 100 years old. Youngs have lived on the farm 20 years, having purchased it 11 years ago from the Paxson family. The Young brothers, Earl, Henry and Ray own and operate approximately 520 acres of ground that comprise five farms formerly known as the Autland, Moore, Cockey, Paxson and the Earl Young farms.

Many years ago when the farm was owned by Eli Smedley and later by his son James there was a grove of willow trees on the farm which was used for making baskets. The Smedleys barked the willow branches and dried the strands in this barn before they were sold.

Ray Young says they have no immediate plans for rebuilding. He said "We feel we're more fortunate that we didn't have everything at one place."



Farm Calendar

Saturday, February 17

National FFA Week, February 17-24

9 p.m. - Pomona Grange Youth Bowling Party, Garden Spot Bowling Center, Strasburg

Monday, February 19

1 p.m. - Chester County Extension Service Alfalfa meeting, Honey Brook Grange Hall.

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Busy Agenda Planned for Annual Crops and Soils Day

February 20 is the date for you to set aside to attend the thirteenth annual Lancaster County Crops and Soils Day to be held at the Farm and Home Center. Agribusiness firms and companies will set up exhibits and displays of farm products to help make your day even more profitable.

The featured speakers will present appropriate and timely topics relating to crop production for 1973. The morning program will include:

9:30 a.m. - What's Your Hang-Ups?, some basic practices with Joe McGahen, Penn State Extension agronomist; 10 a.m., Weeds and Weed Control by Willis L. McClellan, Penn State agronomist; 10:45 a.m., Farm Machinery Management, an

illustrated narration presented by assistant Lancaster County Extension agent N. Alan Baur, 11:15 a.m., Corn Production - an update, with Joe McGahen.

Following the noon lunch period and another opportunity to view exhibits and displays, the afternoon session will include:

1:30 p.m. - Soybeans... a crop now riding sky-high, being presented by John Yocum, superintendent of the Southeast Research Center at Landisville and A. G. Lueck, associate Lancaster County Extension agent; 2 p.m. - Forages... management of legumes and grasses, with Dr. John E. Baylor, Penn State Extension agronomist.



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Inter-State Milk Producers Young Cooperators held their annual meeting on Thursday at Lancaster's Treadway Inn. The young cooperators Program was started several years ago to give younger co-op

members a chance to participate in developing Inter-State policy. Two local men in the group are Kenneth Rutt and Nathan Stoltzfus.