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These ten 4-H'ers won the right to compete in the regional 4-H demonstration contest later this month in Chester County. The youths are left to right: (seated)

Donna Bare, Cindy Risser, Mary Hale and Jeff Martin; (standing) Suzanne Groff, June Grube, Susan Martin, Martha Gregory, Lauri McIntyre and Trudy Nissley.

25 Compete in County 4-H Demonstration Day

More than two dozen 4-H'ers competed Thursday for the right to represent the county at the Regional 4-H Demonstration Contest scheduled for July 17 at the Own J. Roberts High School in Chester County.

The youths demonstrated everything from tie-dyeing to cheese balls to hunt seat equitation under the watchful eyes of the judges. Judging the cooking and food demonstrations were Lilli Ann Kopp, a consumer affairs consultant at Pennsylvania Power & Light's Middletown office, and Mrs. Judy Bowlby, Lancaster, a former home economics teacher in the Manheim Township school district. The other demonstrations were judged by Carl Graybill, a vo-ag teacher at Ephrata, and Orval Bass, Lan-

caster County Soil Conservationist. The local demonstration day was organized and conducted by Anne Hinkel, assistant Lancaster County home economist.

In all, there will be ten local youths taking the trip to Owen J. Roberts High School. The regional contest brings together all top winners in each of the counties in the southeastern part of the state. The high individual and team members will then have the opportunity to compete with winners from four other regions at State 4-H Days, August 6-8, at Penn State.

The educational contests are designed to improve skills in 4-H project work, develop individual standards, and increase the members' self-confidence in competing against others.

Calling All 4-H'ers

All Lancaster County 4-H'ers are invited to join with the visiting Michigan 4-H'ers at the County Council meeting-Square Dance beginning at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday evening at the Black and White Holstein Barn. Directions to Black and White Barn, take McGovernville Exit on Route 283.

Local participants July 17 will be: Junior public speaking - Susan Martin, Lancaster R3, and June Grube, Manheim; Senior public speaking - Suzanne Groff, Quarryville R3, and Jeff Martin, New Holland R1.

Junior demonstration - Trudy Nissley, Mt. Joy R1, and Lauri McIntyre, Lancaster (photography); Cindy Risser,

Leola R1 (fruit salad); Martha Gregory, Lititz R1 (cheese).

Senior demonstration - Donna Bare, Witmer, (equitation), and Mary Hale, New Holland (tie-dyeing).

Farm Calendar

Monday, July 9

Fulton Grange meeting, Oakryn. National FHA meeting, Fairmont Hotel, Dallas, Texas

Tuesday, July 10

7:30 p.m. - Farm and Home Association meeting, Farm and Home Center.

Guernsey Summer Picnic, Penn State University.

Wednesday, July 11

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Food Preservation meeting, "Jams and Jellies", Chester County Housing Authority, 222 N. Broad St., West Chester.

Friday, July 13

1973 Keystone Sheep Show and Sale, Farm Show Building, Harrisburg, July 13 - 14.

Pennsylvania Young Farmers 7th Annual Summer Conference and Picnic, Indiana County, July 13 - 14.

Saturday, July 14

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Pennsylvania Ayrshire Club Field Day, Spruce Villa Dairy Farm, Lititz.

Farmers Won't Run Short...

Local Ag Fuel Seen Adequate

A check this week with area farmers and fuel distributors revealed little concern that the "energy crisis" will affect agriculture here. From all indications, there'll be plenty of gasoline and diesel fuel for summer field work and the fall harvest.

With no exceptions, we were told by fuel distributors that supplies will be adequate. Farmers should have no problems keeping their on-farm fuel storage tanks, usually about 300-gallon capacity, filled up. Farmers contacted said they had encountered no hints of a fuel shortage from their suppliers.

Donald Hershey, president of the Lancaster County Farmers Association, reported that the association had discussed the fuel shortage at some recent meetings. The general consensus was that supplies were adequate. Some members said, however, they had been told by their suppliers that fuel accounts had to be kept current if delivery was to be assured.

Nationally, there were some reports of combines running out of fuel as the grain harvest began in the Southwest. Latest indications, though, are that fuel supplies will be adequate as the men and machines follow the harvest north to Saskatchewan. As far as getting the crop in, fuel should not be a factor in next year's feed grain prices. An impact on prices might be felt, though, if supplies for grain driers run short later this year.

A Dam Problem....

Ephrata Farmers Irked By Flooding

Recent floods in the Ephrata area have outdone even Agnes in the amount of water dumped on homes, businesses and farms. A group of farmers near the Green Dragon Farmers Market, however, believe their flooding problems have been aggravated by improper construction of the roadway leading to a new bridge being built across the Cocalico Creek, which runs past the Green Dragon.

The farmers trooped en masse to last Monday night's meeting of

the Lancaster County Conservation district. The farmers contend that the builders of the bridge and the approaches leading to it erred in their planning. As it is now constructed, the bridge acts as a dam after the creek reaches flood stage, resulting in a lake upstream that covers an area 50 acres greater than that covered by Agnes.

The old bridge, a much-photographed, and much painted

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Real Estate Men Opposing Farm Tax Bill

Public hearings on the Pennsylvania Farmland Assessment Act, House Bill 1056, got underway in Harrisburg last week. Strong opposition to the bill was voiced by representatives of the state's realty and home building industries

The bill and the public meetings are under the aegis of Francis Kennedy, chairman of the Pennsylvania House Agriculture Committee. The next public meeting will be held August 1 in the auditorium at Millersville State College. It will

start at 9:30 a.m., and the meeting is open to all who are interested in attending.

There were brief statements, generally in support of the bill, from representatives of the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, Pennsylvania

Federation of Sportsmen, Pennsylvania Forestry Association, the Pennsylvania Council of Farm Organizations and the State Association of County Commissioners.

As expected, the home-building and real estate interests spoke

out strongly against HB 1056. Herbert M. Packer, Jr., executive vice-president of the Pennsylvania Builders Association, attacked the bill by saying it was too broad, it placed too much of the tax burden on

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