

## Homestead Notes

Mrs. J. Richard (Sarah) Jackson, Quarryville R2, Lancaster County, is a busy farmer's wife, mother, a practicing registered nurse and musician.

Dick and Sally are the third generation to own and operate their 144 acre farm on Jackson Road, in Little Britain Township. Dick's grandfather, John Jackson, bought the farm 100 years ago and his family lived in a log house for ten years when he built the present 12 room white frame house. He planted an American elm tree on the lawn that is now 100 years old and is 70 feet high. Dick and his brother John were born in the present house as well as their father Edgar. Edgar owned the farm until his death two years ago and both sons operated it. Now John has bought his other farm near Tayloria which is operated by Elwood Barnes. John has been living with his mother in Quarryville since his father's death.

Richard keeps 10 Yorkshire blood sows and a Landrace-Yorkshire cross boar. He finished all of the offspring which amounts to about 140 hogs a year. He raises Holstein heifers for herd replacement on John's farm which means he has about 30 head all of the time. He finishes about 30 Holstein bulls a year but is thinking of changing to raising steers. He also keeps 500 Rhode Island Red and Golden Buff cross laying hens. He sells the eggs at the farm and at Yost's store at Little Britain and Beckenstrater's store at Chrome. He sells the hens at two years of age. Each year, about March twenty-first, he buys 250 sexed pullet and 50 White Cornish cockerel chicks. They have the cockerels dressed at 8 to 10 weeks of age and put them in the freezer.

He raises 50 acres of corn, 20 of barley, 14 of wheat, 10 of oats and 18 of mixed hay to feed his cattle, hogs and chickens. He also grows 8 acres of tobacco. This Jackson homestead is well kept and a beautiful farm situated away from the noise and confusion of heavy traffic. Richard has been a tobacco buyer for Lancaster Leaf Tobacco Company for 18 years.

Sarah and her sisters, Anna Mae Forbes and Katherine Ambler, own the "Goshen Farm" which contains 244 acres and has been farmed by their uncle, Thomas Bradley, for many years. It has three or four dwellings.

## Country Corner

# Lancaster County Remains Top Milk Producer in the State

By Melissa Piper  
Lancaster Cows Provide a Whole Lot of Milk!

While Lancaster County has always been billed the "Pa. Dutch County" a new title would seem just as appropriate - perhaps it should be denoted as the "milk shake capital of the country" or at least "one of the greatest milk producing counties in the world."

According to the 1974 Crop and Livestock Summary, Lancaster still remains the leader in milk production throughout the state, for the county's 73,500 milk cows produce some 786 million pounds of the commodity to remain in first place. That's a whole lot of milkshakes!

Berks County placed fourth in the official tally with 326 million pounds while Chester and Lebanon Counties received honorable mention for producing over 200 million pounds.

While Lancaster Farming's coverage area dominated the milk production scene, farmers also saw the cost of such production take a 9 percent increase above the 1974 figures. It is estimated that it cost farmers \$8.25 to produce 100 pounds of milk in 1974 with the cost of feed causing the largest increase of individual inputs.

### Wholesale Milk Takes a Leap

According to the stats from Harrisburg, the wholesale milk price increased 14 percent from \$7.86 blend price in 1973 to \$8.93 in 1974. This leap seemed to stem from record high prices during the first eight months of 1974.

### Milk used less

While milk production was high in Pa. there was a 9 percent decrease in the amount of milk used in manufactures dairy products. Even ice-cream took a jump backwards with a substantial decrease over two years previous. Pa. still placed second in ice cream production throughout the United States, however and held unto third in producing low fat cottage cheese and ice milk.

If statistics tend to bore you, think of it in this manner. Milk A substantial amount of milk was produced in Pa. this past year but with higher production costs. And much of the milk was not included in manufactured dairy products such as ice cream and butter.

### Other trends cited

- More vegetables and potatoes were harvested this past year then in 1974 with a 2 percent increase.

- The 1974 peach crop overwhelmed the markets by an increase of 48 percent.

- Small grains harvested were up by 14 percent over the previous year.

- Lancaster County had more farms included in its boundaries then the Northeastern Counties combined and the East Central Counties combined.

- Lancaster County received \$26,917 in cash receipts from the sale of agricultural crops.

So to those individuals who content that farming is no longer a big business - we politely say "bunk!"

## Mrs. Richard Jackson

# Solanco nurse combines farm life with her profession

They had the old stone house completely restored this year. The three sisters are daughters of the late Arthur and Edith Weaver, who owned and operated the farm until Mr. Weaver's death. The farm is for sale now.

Sally was in 4-H canning, sewing, cooking and child care clubs for four years in Fulton Township when she lived with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bradley. She attended Fulton High School and was graduated from Solanco High School. She is a registered nurse, having graduated from the Lancaster General Hospital School of Nursing in 1953. She went back to nursing a year ago, nursing four days a week at the Quarryville Presbyterian Home. She says she enjoys geriatrics.

Dick and Sally are both musically talented. Dick sings

and played the trumpet in the Tri-Township Band (Little Britain, Fulton and Dummery) while he was in high school. Sally took piano lessons for nine years from Leslie Brown. She had the ability to follow someone playing another instrument or singing. While in high school she accompanied the chorus. She accompanied her sister Katherine who played violin and other soloists and choruses. She sings the alto part and has taken part in her church choir and choruses. It is not strange then that their children enjoy music and can sing and each one has selected a musical instrument.

Peggy was enrolled in the business course and was graduated from Solanco High School. She took a correspondence course in Weaver's Airline School of

Kansas City while in her senior year in high school then graduated after being there six weeks. She worked with the C.I.A. a short time in Washington, D.C. and has been employed as a secretary for Mutual of Omaha in Washington for one year. She lives in Silver Spring, Md. and commutes each day. She is also going to a secretarial college there two nights a week. Peggy sang in the Solanco High School chorus. She took piano lessons for six or seven years from Miss Adrian Fite. She was in the Kirkwood 4-H cooking club one year and the Little Britain 4-H sewing club one year.

Janet is a senior at Solanco High School where she is taking the Academic course. She sings in the chorus and plays the piano and harp when there is a part for it in the orchestra. She took piano lessons for five years. Janet liked the story of David and his harp in the Bible and it was probably through this that she wanted to take harp lessons. Everyone realizes that the harp makes beautiful music but is a very expensive instrument to buy. When Janet asked her parents to buy a harp for her they told her they would if she would stick to it. It also meant taking her to Philadelphia to take lessons so it was quite a sacrifice for them. She has taken harp lessons for six years from Miss Marilyn Costello, who is first harpist in the Philadelphia Orchestra and is head of the harp department of Curtis Institute of music. Janet showed a natural talent and exhibited the graceful poise of a real harpist from the start. She has always enjoyed practicing and spends many hours at it. She belongs to the American Harp Society which was founded by Carlos Salzedo forty-four years ago. Janet was one of 60 who spent six weeks this past summer at Maine Harp Colony, Camden, Maine. There are 30 students there at a time. They came from Australia, Canada, South Africa, California, Georgia, Texas and Pennsylvania. While there each one rents a room in a private home and keeps her harp there. Each one walks to Salzedo's home where she takes two lessons a week. Janet took ten lessons and practiced regularly each day. Janet also takes musical theory lessons from Miss Joyce Huber. She plans to pursue her music education after graduating from high school.

Tom is a Junior at Solanco High School. He is taking the Ag course and has had a Charolais-Angus steer for the last two years. His steer was entered at the Southern Lancaster County Community Fair in September and weighed 1200 pounds. He took a third prize in the heavy weight class. Tom received a beautiful plaque from the Lancaster County Conservation District in July of this year for placing first in the land judging contest. He helps with all of the farm work at home. He plays trumpet in the high school band. He took lessons from Donald Reed who is head of the music department and directs the Senior Band. Tom was in Cub Scout three years.

Joan is in eighth grade at Swift Junior High School. She is in the school chorus and plays violin in the orchestra. She takes lessons from Miss Zoe Cummings at the Darnell Music Store in Lancaster. She and Tom plan to go with a



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