

By DIETER KRIEG

There were few occasions at home when Dad gave everyone in the family a little extra incentive to get up early and hurry up with the work. Those times were rare and appreciated so much the more because of it.

There were always chores to be done, and Dad's philosophy has always been that work and responsibilities came before anything else. So it was with great anticipation and excitement that we eagerly got up one morning to get the work done as quickly as we could. We were going to be spending part of the day at the beach! Some folks got to go at least once a year, but for us it was just about the experience of a decade.

In Germany, however, we had lived just two miles from the sandy white beaches of the Baltic Sea, and visits were more frequent.

Everyone tried hard to do his work as efficiently as possible and just hoped nothing would go wrong somewhere to upset the schedule. On a farm that can happen all the time. But Dad had planned the trip around a minimum of events which could possibly delay us. No cows were due

to freshen, none needed special attention, and all the calves were healthy. The second cutting of hay was in the barn and all of the equipment was in operating condition.

The last chores of the morning included washing the milking machines, feeding the calves and cleaning the barn. Once all that was done we gobbled down a quick breakfast and packed into our '56 Chevy hardtop. All the windows were rolled down to catch the breezes between Lancaster County and Atlantic City. It was a hot and gorgeous day -- just right for going to the beach.

Each mile of the long drive represented new things for us to see. It was an adventure. The terrain and soils changed as we traveled eastward. Bright sunlight was reflected from gleaming buildings and white sand. We had arrived!

We enjoyed every minute of that mini-vacation.

if only we could have stayed longer! In our case, missing one milking once a year was a luxury, and any excursions were therefore always appreciated so much the more.

Crowls host Young Farmers



The Ellis Crowl family, Airville, hosted the annual Summer picnic of the Red Lion Area Young Farmers. Helping to plan future activities. including an upcoming August bus trip, were officers of the agriculture learning group. Front, Roy Jackson,

Jr., Felton R2, vice-president; Back, left to right: Lester Holtzinger, Red Lion R2, treasurer; Clarence Godfrey, Glen Rock R2, president; Robert Burchett, Airville R1, secretary; and Ellis Crowl, Airville, Public Relations director.

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production in Pennsylvania during May, 1977 totaled 90.1 million pounds, 17 per cent above a year earlier, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. Cattle slaughter at 81,000 head was up four per cent from May, 1976 and hog slaughter at 241,800 head was up 32 per cent. Calves slaughtered totaled 29,600 head, down one per cent

HARRISBURG - Red meat from last year while sheep slaughter, at 9,500 head, was up nine per cent.

> Nationally, commercial red meat production in May, 1977 totaled slightly over 3.1 billion pounds, up seven per cent from a year earlier. Cattle kill was up two per cent, veal up 14 per cent, hog kill up 15 per cent, and sheep and lamb slaughter ten per cent above May, 1976.



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