

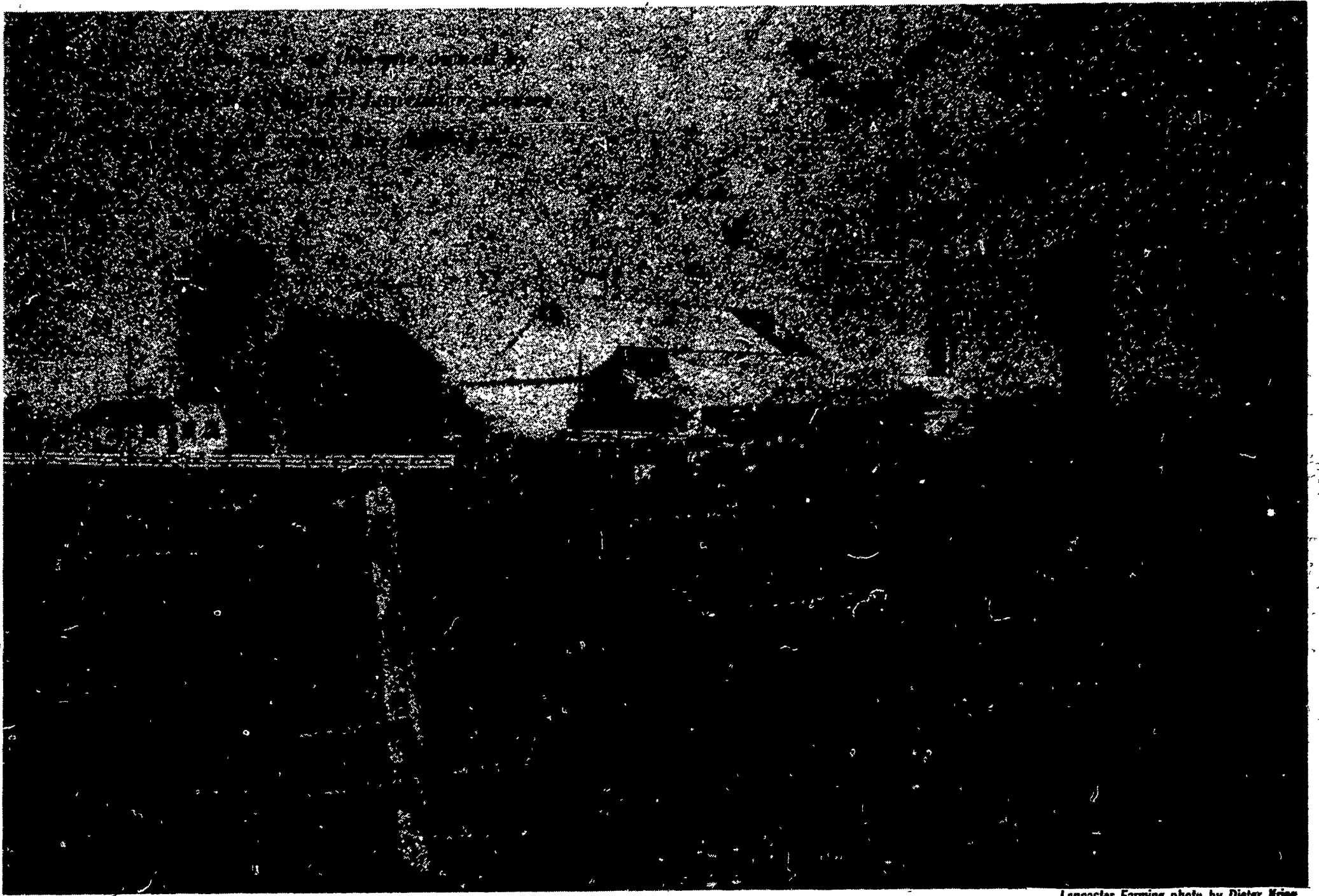
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Lancaster County begins land resource study

By KENDACE BORRY
LANCASTER — Lancaster County can add another first behind its name.

It is the first county in the Commonwealth to have

initiated its own land and water resource research.

Officially entitled, the Lancaster Area Land and Water Resource Study, it was begun at the request of the Lancaster County Conservation District, the

Lancaster Association of Commerce and Industry, and the Lancaster Co. Commissioners.

The study will be made to provide information on the land and water resources in the county. This in-

formation, when collected, will be stored in a computerized information retrieval system, for use by forms of local governments within the county.

Three federal agencies, all under the USDA will be

undertaking the study. These include: Soil Conservation Service, the Bureau of Forestry, and the Economics Statistics and Cooperative Service. Also involved will be the Lan-

caster County Planning Commission.

According to Frank Lucas, soil conservationist dealing with the project, the project's purpose is "to find out how the money flows in

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It all started with an FFA chain gilt . . .

By KENDACE BORRY
ELIZABETHTOWN — It all started for Peggy Mullen, a senior at Elizabethtown Area High School, and a member of the FFA, when her older brother Larry, Jr. became interested in pigs. The family

has never quite been the same.

It seems that Larry became an FFA member and won the gilt in the club's gilt chain. Then he rented a barn to shelter that animal and his other pigs. Then the rest of the family, including,

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Mullen, Sr., and Peggy, became interested in the hog industry.

Finally, about 2½ years ago, Peggy related, her father said, "enough is enough," and they bought the farm outside of Bain-

bridge that the family now lives on.

And so it just seemed natural for the lively, dark-haired girl to follow her brother's footsteps and take up hogs. She joined FFA in the 10th grade, and has

served as newsreporter for her chapter for two years.

Showing that she has learned during her years working with the hogs, she was named chapter farmer in 1978 in her chapter, and also received the swine production award.

At the recent FFA banquet for her chapter, she also won the leadership award, farm production award, was named star agri-farmer, acquired her Red Rose Degree, and took the Lan-

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