

County to receive conservation funds



This is the farm of the Barry Haldeman family, near Penryn, one of the nine Lancaster County agricultural facilities open to visitors this weekend.

Farm-city tours

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third road on the right, Millway Road, south to the second farm on the right.

Roy Mentzer family — Halfway between New Holland and Rt. 340 on New Holland Road. In New Holland turn south on Brimmer Avenue. Dairy operation.

Dale Herr family — Four miles south of Quarryville on Rt. 472, turn east on Bartville Road to the farm on the left. Dairy operation.

Carlton Groff family — From Rt. 472 south of Quarryville, turn west on Pusseyville Road, then south on Street Road to the first farm. Fruit growing operation.

Warren Miller family — Home of the Lancaster County Poultry Queen. From Rt. 23, two miles west of Silver Springs, turn north on Bridge Valley Road to the farm on the left.

Preston Newcomer family — Located on Prospect Road between Rt. 283 and Rt. 23 Exit 283 at Salunga-Landisville. Dairy operation.

The tour program has been arranged by the Lancaster County Farmers' Association of the PFA.

Some 50 4-H club members assisted in the preparation and erection of the many displays at the Haldeman farm, which represent the activities of the more than 4,000 members throughout the county.

The numerous livestock exhibits were arranged by the host area Elm-Penryn Community Club.

Many of the 4-H exhibits and displays will show varied activities not customarily associated with 4-H.

These include entomology and oil painting by the Penn Manor Community Club, biking and crafts by the Ephrata Community Club, backpacking, archery, electricity and leather craft by the Mountville Com-

munity Club, rocketry and cake decorating by the Mastersonville Community Club, and geology by the Manheim Township Community Club.

Purpose of the many exhibits is to illustrate the diversified activities offered in the Lancaster County 4-H program.

Also, there will be a display on the 4-H International Program. In attendance will be the county's two 4-H Queens, Pam Goss, of Conestoga, senior queen; and Renee Haldeman, of Penryn, junior queen.

Visitors to the Haldeman farm will also have an opportunity to view the family rabbitry and even question them about their solar heating experiment in the farmhouse. For about the past year, the Haldeman family has been heating their domestic water with a solar panel system.

And as non-farm visitors travel to the Haldeman farm, they might keep their eyes open for a couple of other "significant exhibits" along the way.

A short distance west of the village of Elm along the south side of Newport Road there are a couple of large orange and black signs. They announce the coming public sale of another agricultural property on Dec. 6.

A bit farther west on the north side of the Newport Road, the small rural hamlet of Penryn even has its typical suburban residential development which has taken a sizable bite out of adjacent cornfields.

Just before turning north off the Newport Road onto Gish Road, there's a large historical marker commemorating the original land grant from the Penn family to German immigrant Matthias Gish back in 1733.

After all, isn't this also a

message worth telling to city and suburban visitors.

They need to be reminded of the extensive agricultural heritage of the land they're visiting, that is all too quickly disappearing in one way or another.

Opryland USA to seek new talent

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The top members of the Opryland U.S.A. entertainment department will conduct talent auditions in Philadelphia on December 8 and in Pittsburgh on December 9 as part of a 25-city audition tour for the 1981 season. The 1981 season will mark the musical entertainment theme park's 10th birthday, and the audition team is seeking 350 singers, dancers, musicians, stage managers and technicians for the spring-through-autumn celebration.

The Philadelphia audition will be Monday, Dec. 8, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mandell Theatre of Drexel University, 32nd and Chestnut Streets. The Pittsburgh audition will be Tuesday, Dec. 9, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pittsburgh Playhouse, 222 Craft Avenue.

Opryland is looking for performers to be in its 14 fully-staged musical productions that feature a wide variety of American musical forms—country, pop, rock 'n' roll, gospel, bluegrass, rock, Broadway,

LANCASTER — The Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service has recently been allocated \$65,000 for cost-sharing under the 1981 Agricultural Conservation Program.

This is only a portion of the expected \$140,000, however the balance will be available at a later date if the Fiscal Appropriations Bill is passed by Congress. This amount represents approximately the same as was appropriated for 1980.

Pennsylvania also has a target of \$472,000 for Long Term Agreements, three to five-year contracts. Part of this amount will be available for Lancaster County farmers who are interested in doing long-term conservation work.

The maximum anyone can receive in one year is \$3500 whether completed under a one-year agreement or under a Long Term Agreement.

All high-priority technical practices will be cost-shared at 75 percent of cost. These practices include terrace systems, sod waterways, diversion terraces, and water control structures.

Lower priority practices will be cost-shared at between 40 and 50 percent of cost. These practices include establishing permanent vegetative cover, strip-cropping systems, cover crop, and animal waste structures.

Approvals will not be

made on a first-come first-serve basis as most people believe. Applications, however, will be approved on each farm according to priorities, depending upon the practice requested and upon the conservation need.

An attempt will be made to solve the most critical problems in order to achieve the program objectives of improving water quality,

conserving the soil, and preventing soil erosion and sedimentation.

Agricultural producers interested in the Agricultural Conservation Program shall file an application at the Lancaster County ASC Office by November 28, 1980. Farmers must complete an application before any work is begun.



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