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Earl and Barbara Stauffer, left, with Sunny-Craft Net Mandy and Tim and Teresa Kissling.

Livestock writer

Sylvia Cooper joins staff

LANCASTER — This week, Lancaster Farming welcomes Sylvia Cooper as a new staff writer. Ms. Cooper will be primarily responsible for reporting livestock news events.

Ms. Cooper, from a dairy farm in Slippery Rock, knows the ins and outs of dairying today. As a youngster she participated in many 4H events which ultimately led to her keen interest in registered Holsteins. She has shown cattle in many local, district and state shows and was chosen as a Distinguished Junior Holstein Member finalist in 1974.

A 1982 graduate of Penn State, where she majored in dairy production, Ms. Cooper was an active participant in the Dairy



Sylvia Cooper

Science Club. In 1982, Ms. Cooper was the Holstein Breed Manager of the Penn State Dairy Exposition and was later selected as Most Helpful Individual.

"About 100 head were shown on Expo day," Ms. Cooper said, "and a good number of them were exhibited in the amateur division. It took a lot of courage for the students who had never seen a live cow to come out to the barns and learn to prepare an animal for a show. Believe me, it took plenty of work to help clip all those cows before the show."

Ms. Cooper has also helped clip cattle for the Pennsylvania on Parade State Calf Sale held annually at Harrisburg and the Ag

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At dispersal

Stauffer's Mandy brings \$10,300

BY TRISH WILLIAMS

LANCASTER — Earl and Barbara Stauffer's hopes for a spring promise of better economic times were on the line Thursday as they watched the dispersal of their Sunny-Craft herd of 40 outstanding Holsteins.

The Sunny-Craft dispersal was held in conjunction with the Spring Promise Sale and the 325th Garden Spot Sale at the Guernsey Sales Barn.

Among the nation's leading cow families, the Mattie's were featured in the Sunny-Craft dispersal. Top-selling cow of all three sales was Sunny-Craft Net Mandy (2E-91) 5-2 365 28,994M 3.9 1122F. Mandy completes three generations of excellent cows. She sold with a Bell son, two top sisters, and two yet-to-be-born ET sisters or brothers.

Mandy brought \$10,300 from her buyers, Carl Brown of Douglassville, and Tim and Teresa Kissling, Hidden View Farm, Robesonia. Auctioneer Horace Backus announced prior to Mandy's sale that she had a displaced abomasum this past lactation, and was still able to make this high record. Stauffer asked the auctioneers to announce the conditions of each of the animals. He expressed concern that buyers were well informed about the cattle and that each was going into good herds.

Many good breeders were on hand Thursday for the sale of 104 head from the three sales. The Sunny-Craft dispersal brought a sale total of \$89,900, with a sale

average of \$1747 for the 40 head sold.

A sale total of \$62,200 was generated by the Spring Promise Sale, with 15 head selling for a sale average of \$4147. The top-selling cow, Claretta Astronaut Emy, sold for \$10,200.

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Grange plans

D.C. milk trip

HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania State Grange will observe Ag Day on Monday in the Nation's Capital by lobbying area congressmen to gain support for repeal of the milk tax and support for the National Milk Producers Federation plan.

This marks the second state ag group to travel to Washington in as many weeks to carry their milk message to Congress. Last week, PFA was there.

"The milk tax is not going to solve the dairy surplus problem," Charles Wismer, State Grange Master and a dairy farmer, said.

"In fact, figures have shown that milk production has actually climbed in anticipation of the tax."

The Grange favors a dairy plan that provides incentives for producers to reduce production and penalties for those who increase production.

The National Milk Producers proposal includes:

—A mandatory 15-cent deduction (Turn to Page A38)

Ag Day and 4-H Week 'spring' forth together

Look for special Ag Week events

BY DEBBIE KOONTZ

LANCASTER — Agriculture Day 1983, a nationwide program to promote greater awareness of the contributions and needs of the American farmer and his occupation, will be celebrated this Monday — appropriately, the first day of spring.

This year, Ag Day celebrates its tenth anniversary, but only its third year of official recognition by the entire nation.

Under a joint resolution approved by Congress last September and signed on Oct. 14 by President Reagan, a proclamation declared Ag Day a national occurrence for the third consecutive year.

Activities in Washington D.C. on Monday will include appearances by Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block, the observance's honorary chairman, at the National Press Club and on ABC television's daily "Good Morning

America" program. Sec. Block also has taped a series of radio messages to be broadcast throughout the week.

President Reagan will participate in Ag Day by addressing the U.S. Department of Agriculture employees at their office in the capital.

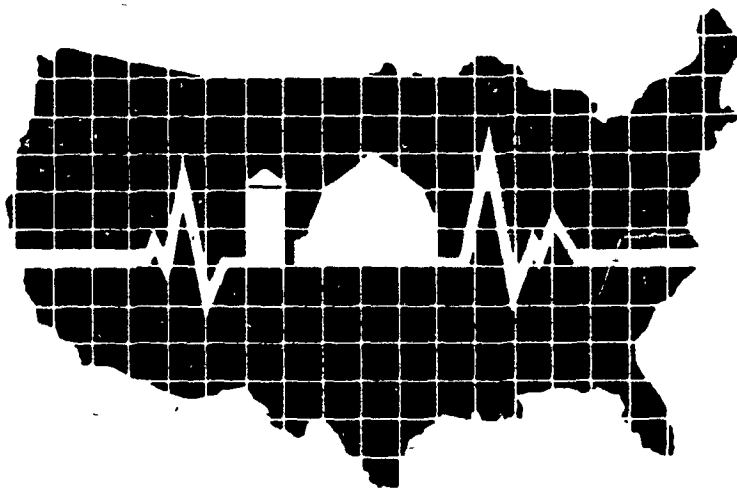
In the air and on the ground, Ag Day will be recognized as three Goodyear nightsign blimps will carry the Ag Day message in the skies of California, Texas and Florida.

These blimps will feature an animated neon display of the symbol of Ag Day: schematic farm buildings superimposed on an electrocardiogram and enclosed in an outline map of the continental U.S. — the same symbol featured with this story.

In Pennsylvania, Governor Thornburgh, riding atop an Allis-Chalmers tractor, will visit the Pa.

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4-H - 92,000 strong

LANCASTER — With almost 92,000 youths enrolled in its diverse projects, the Pennsylvania 4-H program will be celebrating its first honorary week, March 20 - 26, as proclaimed by Governor Dick Thornburgh, recently.

No other youth-oriented volunteer program in the Commonwealth offers as much to boys and girls, both urban and rural, as the 4-H program does; and 4-H is able to boast of its impressive volunteer statistics: more than 12,000 adults and 3,000 teens participated in the program in 1982.

Emphasizing head, heart, hands and health, the program supports the teaching method of "learn by doing," and urges its members to "make the best better." This year their week-long theme will be "A place to belong."

The projects of animal, poultry, plant science and crops affect (Turn to Page A36)