



## Merry and Happy join herd

Darvin Rodgers of Marietta R.D. 1 got two new additions to his dairy herd over the holidays. Heifer calves were born on both Christmas and New Year's Day. Photo above shows Darwin Rodgers, Jr. holding Merry Christmas (right) and Happy New Year (left). Both Merry Christmas and Happy New Year are registered Holsteins.



Holding school bags in photo above, from left to right, are: Gary Troop, Dwight Miller, Debbie Witmer, and Elvin Shenk. School supplies in front of group will be sent to each African student.

## "Tools for Schools" go to Africa

by Zelda Heisey

Instead of exchanging names and buying each other gifts, students at Kraybill Mennonite School decided to give rather than receive this Christmas past.

The students didn't know just what to do, so they contacted the Mennonite Central Committee and asked for directions.

The MCC sent several ideas to Kraybill, and from those ideas a "Tools for Schools" project was begun.

Guided by their teachers and administrator Leon Good, all students participated.

"Tools for Schools" kits (144 of them) were assembled for shipment to African schools where Mennonite teachers are serving.

The kits include four 8 1/2 X 11 inch spiral notebooks, four unsharpened pencils, one plastic metric ruler, and one box of crayons or colored pencils.

The Economy Shoe Store, Elizabethtown, provided plastic drawstring bags for the kits.

Some mothers decided to help by making bags from different materials and decorating them.

## Storied mansion now an educational center

In post-Civil War times, the Cameron mansion near Donegal Springs Road was a favorite meeting place of America's most powerful politicians.

Simon Cameron, the pauper's son from Maytown who founded an industrial empire and served as Lincoln's secretary of war, maintained the mansion as a "summer residence."

National heroes like General U.S. Grant were entertained at the mansion. So were Donegal farmers and Maytown blacksmiths.

Simon Cameron was never more pretentious than he had to be. At one elegant party in the mansion, he wore a Prince Albert coat with a white hyacinth in the lapel—but he neglected to clean the mud off his farmer's boots.

Since the mansion didn't have to be very fancy to serve Simon's purposes, he didn't try to improve the place too much.

However, when Simon's son Donald inherited the mansion, he added an outkitchen, a smokehouse,



The Cameron mansion

underground refrigeration vats, huge gates and a carriage house. Still unsatisfied, Donald installed an unheard of luxury—indoor plumbing. The plumbing system was fed from an elevated water tank that was unique in its time.

According to legend, the mansion also became haunted around this time.

The owner, some say, drowned a pregnant tenant farmer's daughter in the springs behind the house.

Jim Helm, who manages the Cameron estates today, has never seen any sign of the ghost.

The estates are owned by Elizabethtown College. Mary Hale, who inherited the estate from Donald's

daughter Mary, sold the mansion and grounds to the college in 1961. Mrs. Hale also gave the college \$60,000 to turn the mansion into a conference center.

The rooms where the rich and powerful once danced and bargained far into the night, are now used for college seminars and church group meetings.

## Stephen Bailey heads 3-county citizens band radio social group

by Hazel Baker

Stephen M. Bailey, West Market Street, Marietta,

was elected president of the Tri-County Citizens Band Social, Inc., for the '76 term. Tri-county is a non-profit organization dedicated to

furthering the use of citizen band radios.

All members must have applied for a F.C.C. radio license and must own their own equipment. Activities are planned with the family in mind. In the past the group sponsored dances, hay rides, picnics, Christmas Carol sings and other events.

A record hop, a fund raising event for two orphaned children from Quarryville and a C.B. jamboree are planned. Meetings are held the third Saturday of the month at 8 p.m., in the Centerville headquarters.

Qualified citizens are invited to join the group and may receive directions by monitoring channel 4 or 15 on the third Saturday of the month.

Larry Herman, Wrightsville, was elected vice-president, Linda Murphy, Columbia, secretary, Nancy Herneisen, Manheim, treasurer, Elwood Stark, Columbia, Norm Bergmark, Mount Joy, Irvin E. Ney, R.D.#2 Columbia, Gerald Kirsh, York and Bruce Herneisen, Manheim are the trustees.

