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## To Milk Cows, PA Children Start Early

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SAXONBURG, Pa. (AP) — If you ask kindergartners at South Butler Primary School in Saxonburg where milk comes from, they likely won't say the store.

In the school district about 25 miles northeast of Pittsburgh, some children live on farms and many ride school buses past farms. Susan Sande's kindergarten classroom recently spent several weeks taking a look at farm life from all directions.

They sang farm songs — well beyond the standard "Old MacDonald" — and talked about food raised on farms, explored a "virtual tour" of a farm on the Internet and learned the names of animal babies.

They decorated a hallway wall with illustrations of a large farm, including cows, pigs, chickens and other animals. Beneath the animals, they put in order a 19-step process of making milk, beginning with the birth of a calf and ending with the production of cheese, ice cream and yogurt.

So it was only fitting that on "Dairy Day," the children got a chance to "milk" a cow. Mrs. Sande made a paper black-and-white cow, with an udder made of a latex-free glove filled with white tempera paint, an idea Sande found on the Internet.

The cow — a Holstein, the most popular dairy cow — wasn't quite as tall as the kindergartners, but sitting on a stool, the children were at just the right height for milking. Tiny holes pricked in each fingertip allowed the paint to escape when the glove's fingers were squeezed, and Sande held a large sheet of black construction paper underneath so that each child could make a splatter painting. And, unlike the real thing, there was no risk this cow would kick.

Some children considered the squeezing easy, and others called it hard.

Brayden Hageter, who has milked a real cow, pronounced the fake one easier to milk.

For the milking, Sande divided the 20 students into four groups which rotated from learning center to learning center.

While some donned ponchos so they could milk the cow, another group sampled dairy products — cheddar and Monterey jack cheese, milk, and strawberry and cherry yogurt. Most drew smiley faces showing their reviews. A third group read animal books while a fourth drew pictures of farms and farm products.

Other lesson plans included choosing a favorite farm animal and graphing which ones are the most popular among the class, as well as making ice cream.

While this activity involved both Sande's morning and afternoon half-day kindergarten classes, the school district has a variety of activities at various grade levels to help make children aware of farms, animals and plants.

South Butler High School has an agriculture science class, and some of its students occasionally read to the primary school students. It also has a chapter of the FFA, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America.

Three teachers from the primary school, which serves grades K-3, have attended agriculture conferences at Pennsylvania State University. Children also plant a flower garden behind the school, sometimes with help from the high school students.

Primary school classes incorporate materials produced by the state Department of Agriculture, including the "Milk Can Project," which circulates milk cans filled with lesson plans focusing on the dairy industry.

Primary school principal Greg Hajek noted farms are located in every town of the school district, and Butler County as a whole has 1,116 farms, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Dairy Day's cow got high reviews from kindergartner Gabe Webb.

After milking the cow, he said, "It was awesome."

## 20 Years Ago

From The Files Of June 1, 1989

'89 Cmdr. William Hine delivered the memorial address during ceremonies held at Union Cemetery on May 29. Veterans' graves were decorated at Union Cemetery as well as at McConnellsburg cemeteries as part of homage paid to those who have served our country.

Mike Newman of Forbes Road won the first state track and field medal in the school's history when he placed sixth in the Class AA 1600-meter race at the state track and field meet held last Saturday at Shippensburg University. Newman, a senior, placed sixth in the event with a time of four minutes, 31.38 seconds, allowing him to edge the seventh-place runner by less than a second. What makes Newman's performance so special is that Forbes does not even have field a track and field team. Newman trains himself and runs in McConnellsburg meets in order to qualify for district and state competitions.

JLG Industries has reported the most quarterly and nine months sales and net income of its history. Income for the third fiscal quarter was \$2 million. This compares to income of \$1.8 million for the 1988 reporting year.

One of the largest employers in the county happens to be a large motel-truck plaza complex located off the Town Hill exit of Interstate 70 in Brush Creek Township. The site of the former Town Hill Motel operated by John and Violet Nebel was purchased by the Ashbridge Oil Co. of Johnstown and Bedford in 1987. Since that time, the company has constructed a Texaco service station-truck plaza and the Days Inn Motel to go along with the Four Seasons Restaurant already there.

Births at the Medical Center: a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Crouse of McConnellsburg on May 18; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beam of Chambersburg on May 20; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Ward of Warfordsburg on May 21.

Morris and Charlotte Crouse of Hustontown are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela Jurlene, to Edward John Karczewski of McConnellsburg.

Deaths: Lucinda Covert, Orbisonia; Victor Mort, Six Mile Run; Beulah Truax, Burnt Cabins; Hazel Clingan, Boonsboro; Opal Seavolt, Hancock.

Marriage licenses: Jeffrey Shearer, McConnellsburg, and Julia Richards, McConnellsburg; Jeffrey Warren, Orbisonia, and Deborah Winegardner, Orbisonia; Theodore Brant, McConnellsburg, and Tona Feight, Waterfall; Roy Souders, Wells Tannery, and Terry Shumate, Hustontown; Michael DeShong, Harrisonville, and Sheila Shives, Needmore; Marvin Weicht, Warfordsburg, and Rhonda Everitt, Hancock; Mark Mowry, Virginia Beach, Va., and Tamara Kerr, Springfield, Va.

## 30 Years Ago

From The Files Of May 31, 1979

'79 A fire that began sometime Friday destroyed a two-story log house owned by Fred Waite, McConnellsburg. Five units of the McConnellsburg Fire Co. responded to the blaze, but were unable to save the structure located on Peach Orchard Road about four miles north of McConnellsburg. The house, valued at \$17,000, was unoccupied at the time of the fire. Pennsylvania State Police investigated the fire as a possible arson. However, a report filed by the police listed the cause of the fire as a short in the electrical system and noted that there had been several electrical storms in the area during the time the fire is suspected to have started.

Two men robbed Mellott's Grocery in Webster Mills last Thursday after knocking 87-year-old owner Rankin Mellott to the floor and made off with about \$305 in bills from the cash register. According to police, two males, both in their late teens, entered the store and purchased some articles. When Mellott opened the register to make change, one of the men struck him in the left side with an elbow and knocked him to the floor. The men then took approximately \$305 out of the register, leaving the change and some one-dollar bills and fled north on Route 522.

An Illinois man was killed Thursday when he apparently fell asleep and drove his car into the rear of a tractor-trailer parked along I-70 near the Pennsylvania-Maryland state line. Police reported that the Mustang driven by William J. Foertsch, Champaign, Ill., was east-bound on I-70 when it drifted onto the south berm and collided with the parked truck. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Coroner Russell C. McLucas. This was the third fatal accident to occur on Interstate 70 since May 12 and marks the fourth highway fatality of the year in Fulton County.

Specials at the IGA; macaroni and cheese, 5 for \$1; turkey drumsticks, 49 cents lb.; longhorn cheese, \$1.49 lb.; Crisco shortening, \$1.00, 3-lb.

Births at the Medical Center: a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Corbett of Chambersburg on May 20; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Noble Peck of Needmore on May 21; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Saylor of McConnellsburg on May 19; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gordon of Mercersburg on May 19; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Edsel Eaton of Fannettsburg on May 22; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Appel of Hancock on May 25.

Three students from Fulton County received degrees from Bob Jones University of Greenville, S.C., on May 30. They are Victoria Kendall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Kendall; Daniel Leese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Leese of Needmore; and Ruth Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ray Anderson of Three Springs.

Deaths: Harry S. Knepper, Three Springs; Mrs. Maude Hess, McConnellsburg; Joseph Gates, Cave-town; Henry S. Davis, Baltimore; Omer L. Sullivan Sr., Little Orleans, Md.; John Norris, Shady Grove; Miriam J. Greenland, Three Springs.

## 40 Years Ago

From The Files Of June 12, 1969

'69 Two little girls were struck by motor vehicles in separate accidents in Fulton County last Wednesday evening. The first mishap occurred at 6:30 p.m. when 3-year-old Valerie Lee Zittle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clem House of Hustontown, was struck by a pickup truck in the driveway of her home, driven by her 17-year-old step-brother. The child was taken to the Medical Center by her parents and then transferred to the Hagerstown hospital, suffering from a severe head injury. Her condition is listed as "fair." Prior to the accident, three of the Houses' small children had been in the back of the pickup truck and had been lifted out by the 17-year-old boy and told to

# FROM DAYS GONE BY

## MEMORY JOGGER



This week's Memory Jogger, submitted by sisters Judy Knepper Appleby of Waterfall and Harriet Knepper Peak of Carlisle, pictures the Wells-Taylor Elementary School, Waterfall, during its first year of operation in 1955. Pictured, left to right, back row: Donald Horne, Roger Winters, David Cook, Marie McQuait, ?, ?, Carl Barnett, ?, ?; Front: ?, Carl Snyder, Brenda Snyder, Linda Bishop Truax, ?, Rodney Wible, Ronald Horne, Faye Witter Butts, Bob Johnson, ? Martz, Bonnie Walker Santana, ? Wright

go into the house. The 3-year-old was hit on the head by the rear bumper of the truck as the youth was backing the vehicle out of the driveway. On Wednesday evening at 8:45 p.m. Beatrice Lucille Tyler, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mills of Warfordsburg, was hit by a car after alighting from a bus at Palmer's Store in Warfordsburg. The bus was being used to transport children home after attending Bible School at the Bethel Mennonite Church and was stopped with its red lights flashing. The child suffered brush burns and bruises and was taken to Berkeley Springs Hospital, where she was treated and released.

A two-day bear season and an approximate 25 percent reduction in the number of antlerless deer licenses are among the most significant changes in the official 1969-70 hunting season established last Tuesday by the PA Game Commission.

The second annual Tuscarora Mountain Hillclimb will be held June 21 and 22 at McConnellsburg.

Max Stackhouse, Dick Cover and Tom Howells returned Wednesday from a five-day camping and fishing trip.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ingram of McConnellsburg observed their 30th wedding anniversary on Wednesday of this week.

Marriage licenses: Gary Truax of Hancock and M. Wildena Williams of Crystal Spring; Roy Knepper of Hustontown and Sandra Kling of Burnt Cabins; Robert Fagley of Harrisonville and Alice Betts of Warfordsburg; Clarence Cooper of Chambersburg and Sandra Knepper of Waterfall.

Men in Service: Airman William H. Woodal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold R. Woodal of Needmore, has graduated from a U.S. Air Force Technical School at Chanute Air Force Base in Illinois. Airman John E. Plessinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Plessinger of Warfordsburg, has completed his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas. U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Barry Souders, son of Charles Souders of McConnellsburg, has received the Air Medal at Seymour Johnson Air Force, North Carolina, for air action in Southeast Asia.

Engagement: Mr. and Mrs. Elden Grissinger of Dublin Mills wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Lynn, to Dennis Lee Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Long of New Grenada.

Births at the Medical Center: a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Seiders of McConnellsburg on May 30; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Weller of Hancock on May 30; a son to Mr. and Mrs. William Clippinger of Waterfall on May 31; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shipley of Everett on June 2.

Miss Ann Margraet Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Walker of Harrisonville, became the bride of Grady Howard Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Howard Sr. of York in a ceremony performed at two o'clock Saturday afternoon, May 10, at Center United Methodist Church.

Deaths: Mrs. Olive Mellott, McConnellsburg; S. Raymond Cromer, Lewisville.

## 50 Years Ago

From The Files Of June 11, 1959

'59 Mr. and Mrs. Jack Grafton of Hidden Valley Ranch, Arock, Ore., visited Col. and Mrs. Chester A. Davis following their attendance at graduation exercises at Annapolis. Charles Davis, son of Col. and Mrs. Dave, has been employed on this ranch in Arock for the past three years.

Don Henry Chubb, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Chubb, who graduated from Stevens Trade School in Lancaster on May 21, has accepted a position with a Lancaster building contractor.

Hon. M.H. Garlock became suddenly ill in Harrisburg on Monday while attending the Assembly sessions. A doctor was called to render aid and, after resting at his hotel, Mr. Garlock returned to his home here on Wednesday.

Nancy Naugle received her degree from Fairfax Hall in Waynesboro, Va., last week.

Those from here who attended the spring 4-Council meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary at the Upper Path Valley Presbyterian Church on Thursday morning were Mrs. Fred Lamberson, Mrs. Bess Guyer, Mrs. Valie Lowe, Mrs. Mary Morton and Mrs. Lou Hockensmith. Shirley Ott and Nancy Horton have secured employment at the Howard Johnson restaurant at Breezewood for the summer months.

Larry Cisney, who was visiting his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Cisney, in Pittsburgh, underwent an emergency appendectomy at the Pittsburgh Hospital on Monday.

A letter from Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lininger in Pittsburgh to his mother, Mrs. Ida Lininger, informed her that thieves broke into their apartment, stealing about \$300 worth of jewelry, money and clothes.

Mrs. William Ingram of Hancock celebrated her 80th birthday on May 30 at the home of her brother, A.R. Williams of Big Cove Tannery.

Letters will go out all over the county this week to doctors, ministers, business leaders and organization

heads to learn their interest in the continuance of the Red Cross' various programs in Fulton County, most of which have failed to spark any degree of cooperation from the community.

James F. Sloan of Zullinger, a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Sloan of town, received his B.S. degree in mechanical engineering from Penn State last week. The same day, he was sworn in as a second lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve, having completed the program of the Reserve Officers Training Corps. He is also a graduate of the Valley Forge Military Academy.

Marriage licenses were issued this week to these couples: Elton Marshall Bequeath Jr. of Everett and Helen Keebaugh of McConnellsburg; Blaine Thomas Gordon of Needmore and Donna Jane Bard of Harrisonville and Kenneth L. Glazier and Sharon A. Mellott, both of McConnellsburg.

The Federal Aviation Agency has installed a Vortac station on a large cleared area on top of Tuscarora Mountain which will send out radio signals to aircraft flying on automatic pilot which will direct them to the next Vortac station. The station, which is completely enclosed by a heavy wire fence, has aroused such curiosity among Fulton countians, it was explained on a guided tour last week by District Forester Fred W. Shearer to Mrs. Greathead, editor of the News and a reporter from the Waynesboro Record Herald.

Eliza M. Corbin, home economist, has returned to the states for a vacation after two years in far-off Saigon as a home economics extension advisor with the International Cooperative Administration's Mission to Vietnam.

Herman Carbaugh of McConnellsburg and Carolyn Benedict of Mercersburg were married on June 6.

Harry J. Okeson, son of Mrs. Anna Okeson of Burnt Cabins, was recently awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from Indiana Technol College at Fort Wayne. More than 250 young men received degrees.

A dinner was served on the lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Ward on Sunday, celebrating the birthday of Mrs. Marcus Layton on May 31 and Gene Ward on June 1.

Births at the Medical Center: a son to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Melius of McConnellsburg on June 2; a son to Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of Cashtown on June 3; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kylor of Shade Gap on June 3; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson of McConnellsburg on June 3; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John Powell of Warfordsburg on June 3; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Branche of McConnellsburg on June 4; a daughter to Rev. and Mrs. W. Sherwood Thomas on June 4; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Chalmer Hann of Harrisonville on June 3.

The total number of unemployment checks issued this week was 220,694, with a monetary value of \$5,983,008.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Cherry Auarelia Cooper to William Frostcher Jr.

Deaths: Cletus R. Deneen of Warfordsburg and Samuel Logan Wible of McConnellsburg.

## 60 Years Ago

From The Files Of June 16, 1949

'49 "God's Challenge To The Rural Church" was the title of an address which won a gold medal for Earl Gordon of McConnellsburg at Future Farmers Week at State College.

Almost \$3,400 was spent by the Borough Council last week to resurface the streets of McConnellsburg.

Births: a son to Mr. and Mrs. Mayford Brady of McConnellsburg on June 9; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mellott of Needmore on June 13; a son to Mr. and Mrs. George Lequear of McConnellsburg on June 10.

Harvey H. Clevenger, former representative, was unanimously elected Republican County chairman at a meeting of township committeemen in the courthouse on Saturday night.

Lamont Oakman of the U.S. Marine Corps at Indianhead, Md., was injured by an accidental shot from a revolver. No other details are given except that he is recovering in the Naval Hospital at Bethesda.

Howard Arthur Walker and Martha Alice Johnston were married on June 7.

Deaths: Joseph C. Fisher of Big Cove Tannery; Amos Stephens of Waterfall; Cheryl Elaine Stonge of Port Matilda and Mary Alice (Funk) Mellott.

## 70 Years Ago

From The Files Of June 15, 1939

'39 Construction of the South Penn super highway across Pennsylvania is nearing peak level. Last week, the Turnpike Commission awarded the contracts for the excavation of the Rays Hill tunnel to Mason and Hanger Inc. of York at their bid of \$1,540,718.50.

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