

### Solanco Fall Vegetables



Down in Southern Lancaster County, they grow 'em big. Here is a line-up of fall vegetables — each almost a meal in itself — produced in alfalfa on Rhoads Acres. One of the purple-topped turnips weighed in at six pounds and six ounces, followed closely by a five-pound-plus round variety. In the white winter radish department, one of those pictured above scaled five and one-half pounds, another five pounds even. "Worst of it is," the farm manager apologized, "is that they were all washed before weighing!" A teacup in the center gives some basis for comparison — (Lancaster Farming Photo).

#### Sunday Milk Deliveries in Lancaster to Stop

Come January 1, there will be no milk on the back doorstep Sunday mornings in Lancaster City and County, the Lancaster County Dairymen's Association ruled this week.

This move follows the pattern set in other communities throughout the nation, and gives drivers and salesmen a chance to attend church with their families.

U S plans to offer one million bales of cotton abroad

#### Handwriting on Wall Dates Back to 1893

Remodeling a former rural school into a home, the Richard Kulp family recently uncovered an old plaster slate that carried pronunciation lessons dating back to 1893.

The old North Prospect schoolhouse on Route 896 north of Strasburg had hidden this lesson under more modern blackboards some 62 years or more. Pupils' names included Maude Dietz, who still lives in the Strasburg area.

## Antlered White-Tailed Deer Now on Top for Pennsylvania's Hunting

As the small game and bear seasons near completion hundreds of thousands of hunters prepare to invade Pennsylvania's woodlands in pursuit of the antlered white-tail deer, the state's most popular large game animal. Sportsmen are hoping for a light blanket of snow against which bucks will show up clearly, and on which, kills can be skidded to camp or car without damage to the hide. Many of the best trophies will be taken in farm areas, outside the true deer range.

Field surveys indicate the Pennsylvania herd has increased over that of 1954, now numbers about one-half million animals. According to summer and fall reports of buck deer seen many large racks will fall to gun and bow in Pennsylvania in the coming season.

#### Avoid Spoilage of Venison

Hunters who bag an antlered deer are cautioned to use care in handling their kill to avoid spoilage of a valuable product of the chase — tasty venison. Hits scored in the neck, head and heart destroy the least good meat. The animal's entrails should be carefully removed as soon as the deer dies, and the body cavity should be wiped dry of blood with a clean cloth. The cavity should then be propped open to allow complete cooling. Later, venison will age and tenderize best if allowed to hang, jacket removed, in 35-40 degree temperature for a week or 10 days. Meat does not age when frozen. A deer carcass should be transported so that air may circulate around it and into the spread open body cavity. The hide has many uses and should not be wasted. It may be sold by the original owner within 90 days after the close of season. If a trophy head is to be mounted the throat should not be slit. The cape should be removed, attached to the head and neck portion, well back over the front shoulders. Some taxidermists prefer to skin out and prepare the head of a freshly-killed specimen to be mounted.

#### Check of Deer Jaws

Seeking accurate information on which to base improved herd management. Commission biologists will again check deer jaws at roadside stations, camps, taxidermists' headquarters and elsewhere. The larger the number inspected the better the conclusions drawn. Sportsmen are asked to cooperate by sending one side of the lower jaw to the deer project leader, Stanley E. Forbes, 432 Lookout Avenue, Ridgway, with full information about their deer. Or the hunter can give the jaw and data to any game protector.

Hunters are cautioned many brown-clad persons will be in the brush during deer season. Point your gun safely at all times, and carry it on safe until ready to shoot. Identify your target as a legal buck before you fire. Deer are not color conscious, therefore you will not spoil an opportunity to score if you wear bright clothing that marks you as a human.

Game officials recommend the following to deer hunters. In strange territory learn the lay of the land and make sure you have dry matches or a well-filled lighter and food with you before setting out. If going alone leave word where you will travel. Each year a few hunters get lost and are compelled to spend the night, or part of it, in the brush. At worst such an experience should result only in discomfort for a matter of hours. Before darkness falls gather dry wood and build a fire — if possible on a high point where it can be seen a long distance in darkness. Remember, three shots fired in close succession, mean distress.

Secretary of Agriculture Benson, conceding falling farm prices would be a major 1956 campaign issue, promised incentives to farmers "to put more land into grass."

Above all, keep calm; you may be sure assistance will arrive in due time.

#### Legal Requirements

Legal requirements of the hunt follow.

The two-week antlered deer season opened on Monday, Nov. 28, and closes Saturday, Dec. 10. Shooting hours every day of season are 7 a. m. to 5 p. m., E. S. T. Sunday hunting is unlawful.

As last year a legal buck will be one with two or more points to one antler or a buck having an antler three or more inches long without points. Elk are protected.

There is no camp limit on male deer taken in the coming season but, whether hunting alone or with a group, no hunter may lawfully kill more than one deer as prescribed by season in 1955. Ownership of a current Pennsylvania hunting license entitles an archer who did not take a buck in the special October bow and arrow season to use either bow or gun to bag an antlered deer in the coming season.

#### Big Game Roster Required

When five or more persons hunt together, or in any way cooperate in hunting deer, the usual big game roster is required.

All automatic or semi-automatic firearms are forbidden in the taking of deer in the Commonwealth. Pump shotguns and the single and double barrel varieties, firing slugs, are allowed. Pump shotguns as well as rifles may be loaded to capacity for deer hunting. It is unlawful to use 22 or 25 caliber rimfire cartridges for the taking of big game in this state.

Successful hunters must tag their trophy immediately after the entrails are removed, or in any event within one hour after killing and before the carcass is transported in any manner from the place where the animal was killed.

#### Wisconsin Wins Meat Judging at Baltimore

The University of Wisconsin team won the intercollegiate meat judging contest at the Eastern National Live Stock Show in Timonium Nov. 15. By so doing, they took permanent possession of the National Live Stock and Meat Board's challenge trophy which must be won three times before a school can claim it for keeps.

The University of Wisconsin thus became the first school to retire a trophy at the Baltimore meat judging contest since the event was inaugurated there by the Meat Board in 1950.

The winning team, coached by Professor Donald Kropf, was composed of Thomas Zwettler, Richard Meyer and Darold Drew. Zwettler and Meyer tied for second-top individual honors in the contest and Drew was fifth high man. Top individual in the entire contest was Larry Hilgendorf of Pennsylvania State University.

In the classes, North Carolina State College led in beef judging; Pennsylvania State University, pork judging; University of Tennessee, lamb judging; Cornell University, beef grading; and University of Wisconsin, lamb grading.

Russian's Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a gift of \$25,000 to the American Red Cross for relief in the Northeast flood area.

## County Fire Loss \$340,000 During Month, Just Over

Forty-one fires in Lancaster County during the month of November caused destruction of property worth an estimated \$340,268. Meeting at Mountville Civic Center, 33 companies reported on their year's activities.

Melvin Mentzer was host in welcoming the guests, with response by Earl LeFevre, Walter Baer, Fire Police Association secretary, reported that the next meeting will be Jan. 16 at the Wheatland Fire Co. headquarters.

#### LANCASTER COUNTY

### Sales Dates

#### December

3 — Community Public Sale, Intercourse. Household goods, antiques, 11 a. m. Farm implements, chicken equipment, wagons, lumber, locust posts 1 p. m.

3 — Lizzie Cosner Estate, 2307 Old Phila. Pk. (5 mi. east of Lancaster) real estate, personal property, 1 p. m.

3 — Annie S. Witmer Estate, 152 N. Hanover St., Elizabethtown, real estate (2-story brick dwelling), personal property, 12:30 p. m.

3 — J. Norman and Mary Rohrer, Naumanstown (1 1/2 mi. west of Manheim), 2 1/2-story dwelling, frame barn (with 2-car dwelling, and workshop), 20' x 80' poultry house, two 90-ft front lots on Naumanstown Rd.

3 — Heirs of Mary A. Musselman, 22 E. Main St., Strasburg, 2 1/2-story brick dwelling, garage, barn, household goods, 12:30 p. m.

8 — Alfred H. Sharpless, Pa. Guernsey Breeders Assoc. sales pavilion, Rt. 30 (6 mi. east of Lancaster), dispersal of Guernsey herd of 49 head, and dairy equipment, 12:30 p. m.

10 — Vincent Hoover, 1/4 south of New Providence, Holstein cattle, farming implements, 12 noon.

10 — School district of Caernarvon Twp., approx. 1/2 acres land with remains of Oak Glen School House, on road from Rt. 23 to Twin County Restaurant, 2 p. m.

10 — J. S. Lagenecker, Farmersville, real estate, personal property, 1 p. m.

10 — Marja Horning, 1/4 mile north of Philco Radio Store, Smoketown (E. Lampeter Twp.), 8-room house, household goods.

#### REGISTERED AYRSHIRE

Amos L. King, Ronks, has purchased a registered Ayrshire Dairy cow, the Ayrshire Breeders association reports.

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