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Southern End Gets Showers, Fruit Thinned

Thunderstorms Tuesday night and light showers Wednesday afternoon swept the southern end of Lancaster County, but left the Elizabethtown area still in need of a good rain, a rain that would settle the dust.

Apparently following the Susquehanna River, swinging into the County, and back down the Susquehanna again, Tuesday's night's storm was accompanied by wind. Sharp cracks of lightning accompanied the early evening storm, and both power and telephone service were disrupted in many areas.

Harry Altland in the Hensel-Peach Bottom area, reports three Hereford steers were killed when lightning struck a tree nearby.

It was in this area that the storm seemed heaviest. At Christiana rains were torrential.

Hay crops in Lancaster County are progressing well. County Agricultural Agent Max M. Smith reports there was a heavy loss in tomatoes during last Thursday morning's freeze, possibly 20 to 25 per cent, but through replanting producers are expected to lose only a week or ten days.

Corn planting is in full tilt, with probably 60 to 70 per cent now complete in the county. Some heavy fruit losses have been reported elsewhere in the Commonwealth, but Associate County Agent Harry Sloat believes the loss here added up to a pretty good job of thinning.

Strawberries that were in full blossom last Thursday morning were undoubtedly killed, the County Agent added.

Greider Tops Egg Laying Contest

Leading the list of 78 pens at the end of the seventh month of the Pennsylvania Official Egg Laying Test, is a pen of 13 White Leghorns entered by Greider Leghorn Farm, Mount Joy.

This is the third straight month Greider entries have held the lead. Another Greider entry is in tenth place.

New Farm Measure Goes to Senate

A compromise version of the second round farm bill this week was accepted by the United States Senate. After approval by voice vote, the measure was sent on to the House.

As it now stands, the measure closely fits that requested by President Eisenhower, including the \$12 billion soil bank program to encourage farmers to cut down crop production.

Comparing Notes



Pennsylvania Governor George M. Leader and his State Secretary of Agriculture Dr. William L. Henning here compare notes on progress of the Brandywine Angus Association sale at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion in Lancaster Saturday.

Gov. Leader and Dr. Henning were both buyers in the auction, and Dr. Henning was also a consignor. Complete details of the show and sale are found in this issue of Lancaster Farming. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo)

Dal'Bairn Farms Owner Judges at Brandywine

By ERNEST J. NEILL

Coming from the famed Dutchess County cattle country of New York State Dale Fletcher, owner of Dal'Bairn Farms at Pine Plains, finds the southeast-



DALE FLETCHER

ern section of Pennsylvania too can produce good Angus.

This was his conclusion following judging of the Brandy-

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District Dairy Show Approved

The Pennsylvania House has approved 196-0 a measure appropriating \$10,000 for establishment of six district dairy shows and an annual state dairy show.

This figure is a reduction from the original \$30,000 grant which met House approval. Final Senate approval is needed.

Brandywine Cow Top Hits \$3,100 Sells to Dal'Bairn

By LF Staff Reporter

Fifty lots totaled \$19,465 to average \$389 in the ninth annual Spring Sale of the Brandywine Angus Association at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion in Lancaster Saturday.

Three bulls totaled \$1,065 to average \$355 and 47 females totaled \$18,500, figuring \$393. A top of \$3,100 was scored early in the sale when the grand champion cow, lot 26, Runnymede Buxom Maid 243rd, consigned by Echo Falls Farm, Inc., New Hope, Pa., sold to Dal'Bairn Farms, owned by Dale Fletcher, at Pine Plains, N. Y. From the popular Buxom Maid Miss Burgess family, she was a two-year-old daughter of the International grand champion bull, Ankoman 3216th, and sold safe in calf to Shadow Isle Prince Eric 92d, whose get just recently has been exported to Cuba where they were received with great enthusiasm.

Reserve Cow at \$1,450

Choosing champions systematically, another buyer, Cross-Way Farms, J. Andrew Harris

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German Student Wins Contest And Graduates

By ERNEST J. NEILL

Eike Franz-Georg Grevel, 17, a German International Exchange student who last night received his first of two high school diplomas, topped the



Eike Franz-Georg Grevel

field in the Southern Lancaster County 4-H Tractor Club Round-up at a banquet a week ago tonight in the Strasburg Fire Hall.

Eike, who just turned 17, scored first over a field of four third-year members and ten first-year members with his books and compositions prepared following demonstrations, discussions of parts, questionnaires and essays. He also has placed second in the County on his electric club work.

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More Showers Due in Week, Fruit Damaged

HARRISBURG — Warmer weather but continuing threat of scattered thundershowers are in sight for Pennsylvania farmers for the remainder of this week, the State Department of Agriculture said today.

During the week that ended Monday a Federal-State survey report showed that low temperatures and frost in mid-week resulted in damage to some fruits in many commercial producing areas.

"Peaches have apparently escaped with little loss," the report declared. "Damage to sour cherries in Adams County was severe. The apple crop in commercial areas was somewhat damaged, but the extent cannot be determined until after the June drop occurs. Strawberries were generally in full bloom and freezing of first buds was heavy. Loss of tomatoes was heavy. Most fields will require replanting."

Temperatures the past week averaged five degrees below normal. The lowest temperature was 22 degrees at Emporium on the 17th. Rainfall was about half of normal for the state as a whole. Snow flurries were reported in many places on the 16th.

In the northern third of the state and in western counties cold and wet ground continued to hamper field operations of farmers the Department said. In these areas spring seeding has been greatly delayed. Vegetative growth was retarded. Growth of grains was slow in most areas. Barely is heading with rather short straw. Wheat generally looks good. Planting of corn made progress in the south and east.

Some Marketing Begins

Potato planting in the northwestern area was delayed by cold, wet ground. Planting in other areas continues but many early fields were nipped by frost.

Asparagus and some early lettuce is moving to market. Planting of sweet corn, cabbage, tomatoes and other vegetables is underway.

In the weather bureau forecast through Saturday eastern Pennsylvania temperatures will average normal to five degrees above cooler Friday, warmer Saturday and Sunday. Scattered thundershowers again Friday and Sunday. Rainfall total, one-half to one inch. In the western half of the state temperatures are expected to average from two to six degrees above normal, cooler Thursday and Friday, warmer Saturday and Sunday. Rainfall is expected to range from two-tenths to six-tenths inch.

\$50,000 Fire Hits Millersville Farm

Fire last Saturday afternoon caused \$50,000 loss on the farm of Aldus Myer, R1 Millersville. Two barns were destroyed in a high wind. Lost in the fire were a barn 50x100 feet, a corn barn 40x60, a \$6,000 silo and several tons of hay and straw.

It is believed burning fertilizer bags may have started the fire. Firemen from Millersville responded.