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Farm Museum Will Expand, Face Route 222

Expansion of the famed Pennsylvania Farm Museum at Landis Valley is nearer reality with purchase of two and one-quarter acres of land to permit the museum to face Highway 222.

Officials of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission came to Lancaster County from Harrisburg this week and surveyed prospects for expansion both at Landis Valley and the Ephrata Cloisters.

Elmer Landis has agreed to sell the land at \$7,000. It lies to the east and south of the present buildings.

Veto Farm Village

At the same time, the commission vetoed the idea of a farm village, emphasizing that the individual character of the farm museum would be lost. However, much inventory work must be done in the present collection, overflowing into barns and warehouses, to sift and sort out that most applicable to agriculture.

When plans are completed, the grounds of the museum will be turned about face, and will face the Lancaster-Reading highway instead of the old Landis Valley turnoff road as at present.

Here to make the survey were Dr. S. K. Stevens, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Earle W. Newton, recently named chief of the Bureau of Museums, Historic Sites and Properties of the Commonwealth; Wallace Boyer, state museum; William Richardson of the Commission staff; Earl Mowrer and Dr. John Witthoft, state area archaeologist.

May Refurnish Home

It is hoped the farmhouse once occupied by the Landis Brothers and now serving as office and museum, will be furnished in a style typical of the era in which it was built.

The theme of the museum will be the development of rural life in Pennsylvania, exhibiting tools, farm equipment, implements, handicrafts and relics. It was pointed out some of the material on hand at the moment is irrelevant to the theme, and constant sifting is being conducted to keep the farm museum in its proper theme.

Wallace Boyer of the State Museum at Harrisburg spends two days each week at Landis Valley, screening and storing the fabulous collection, but still a mountainous task remains ahead.

Possibilities that the Farm Museum might be linked in a tour line which would include the Cornwall Iron Furnaces and the Ephrata Cloisters are also under consideration.

Lancaster County Tobacco



Row on row, leaves large and firm — here is Lancaster County tobacco, fresh, green, lively looking as ideal weather conditions give all crops a boost. This picture was taken near New Holland. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

Livestock Key To Agriculture; Research Cited

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Livestock as the keystone to agriculture, and the importance of research given by state colleges, provided the theme for an address Saturday by Ervin L. Peterson, assistant U. S. secretary of Agriculture, before the Pennsylvania Aberdeen-Angus Breeders Association on the University of Pennsylvania campus here.

NEW PRESIDENT

Charles J. Dannemann, Towanda, last weekend was elected president of the Pennsylvania Aberdeen-Angus Breeders Association, moving up from the vice-presidency. Others elected were: John K. Wood, Allentown, vice president; Dr. Robert R. Stoner, Lewisberry, secretary-treasurer; and named directors for three-year terms were Miles Rumbaugh, Armstrong, and Allen F. Schmoll, Towanda.

One of the foremost problems of agriculture in our time, he told, is the problem of living with abundance. "It is important to realize this abundance didn't just happen. . . . The reason is research — and the land-grant college system.

Other Highlights From Talk

"Research is meaningful to farmers only if they know about it. . . . The land-grant college is a two-way bridge, to bring farmers' problems to research workers, and to carry the findings of research back to the farmers," he continued.

Other highlights from Mr. Peterson's talk included these quotations:

"Agricultural production in this country increased by 42 per cent in less than 20 years. Most of the increase has come during World War II and after, as farmers really began to put research results into general use. During this period, acre yields increased 27.5 per cent, production per animal unit 25 per cent, and output per hour of labor 104 per cent for crops and 54 per cent for livestock. At the same time, the number of farm workers has dropped by almost 35 per cent.

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Moderate Rainfall In 30-Day Forecast

The Weather Bureau's 30-day outlook for mid-July to mid-August calls for temperatures to average below seasonal normals in the northeastern quarter of the United States.

Precipitation is expected to exceed normal in the Great Lakes region and midwest. Sub-normal amounts are indicated in the West Gulf States, the Far West and Northern Rocky Mountain States. Elsewhere near normal precipitation is expected. Moderate precipitation is forecast for the Lancaster County area, temperatures to be below normal.

Pennsylvania Farm Crops Surpass 1955

HARRISBURG — All Pennsylvania farm field crops, except oats, during June recovered from adverse spring weather to the point that greater yields per acre and bigger total harvests will be garnered this year than last, the State Department of Agriculture declared today.

Federal-State initial 1956 acreage and production surveys, made as of July 1, revealed that wheat, now being harvested, should equal the record of 28 bushels per acre in 1954.

Wheat — All-Time Low

Required acreage reductions brought the total wheat acreage down to a state all-time low of 589,000 acres compared with the 1945-54 average of 872,000. The 1956 production forecast is for a total crop of 16,492,000 bushels, half a million more than last year, but three million bushels under average.

The state corn crop is estimated a 62,087,000 bushels, 723,000 more than last year and about one-half million bushels above average. Yield is estimated to average 47 bushels per acre, one bushel over 1955 and one bushel better than the 10-year average. The crop will be harvested from 1,321,000 acres, slightly under last year which

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Octoraro Farmers Club to Observe 100th Birthday Rains Hinder Field Work in Pennsylvania

What is perhaps one of the oldest farm organizations in the nation, the Octoraro Farmers Club will celebrate its 100th anniversary Aug. 18 in a dinner at Middle Octoraro Presbyterian Church.

Founded by 11 farmers for their mutual agricultural, domestic and cultural benefit, the club's history will be reviewed in a sketch by Howard Walton, whose family has been members more than 50 consecutive years.

Chairman of the event is Madison McElwain, and key speaker will be Prof. Jerome K. Pasto, a member of the Pennsylvania State University agricultural department. Ammon Huber, present president, will help Mr. McElwain, Howard Walton and William Fredd.

Friday Deadline to Enroll in Soil Bank

Friday — today — is the deadline for Lancaster County farmers to enroll in the Acreage Reserve of the Soil Bank program, the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee advises.

At the same time, the USDA reports nearly two million acres of cropland in the United States had been signed up by farmers by the end of the first week in July.

Friday's deadline applies only to corn. Wheat's deadline was earlier, and today is the wheat marketing quota referendum.

Only about 18 Lancaster County farmers have signed to participate in the Soil Bank program.

LOCAL REPORTS

Lancaster County crops are growing at a terrific pace, spurred on by ideal growing weather and more than adequate moisture. Rain during July thus far here has totaled about 75 per cent of the normal for the entire month.

"I don't know when I've seen corn, tomatoes and tobacco grow as fast as they have this month," County Agent Max M. Smith reported. Weeds, however, are causing some concern.

considerable hay is still standing. Some cultivation of row crops and spraying for weeds was accomplished but many fields are still weedy. Cool weather slowed growth of corn but other crops developed rapidly. Soil moisture ranged from adequate to excessive.

Corn Excellent, Dark Green
"Most corn has excellent dark green color. Much in the southeast is waist high and some is tasseling. In central and south-

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