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Frost Strikes; Corn Ripening, Some Picking

Autumn has taken full sway over Lancaster County, with ripening grain and fall-shaded leaves. A killing frost last weekend — which sent temperatures to the coldest on record locally this early in the season — has hastened ripening of crops and harvest.

Some corn picking is already underway in the Garden Spot. A small percentage of the County tobacco crop — possibly ten per cent of the 28,000 acres — was hit by frost as growers sought to develop every pound they could, and will be reduced in value as pull off. With the tomato harvest past its peak, loss here was negligible.

Winter oats and winter barley are being seeded. Silo filling is in full tilt since some corn that was a bit late and sorghums were hit by frost, causing more work than was anticipated.

The Weather Bureau in Lancaster reports scattered frost all over the County. Corn has lost its reën. Potato digging is in full progress around Ephrata.

On Friday last week, Lancaster reported 40 degrees as low, the Water Works 31, coldest on record this early in the season. Holtwood had an unofficial 33, Safe Harbor 42. Last weekend found a warming trend during the day, with cooler nights. Rainfall Saturday and Sunday totalled .7 of an inch, making the total for September this far 2.7 inches, just a little below normal.

The outlook is for temperatures to be slightly below normal with a warmer movement Friday and Saturday, cooler Sunday and Monday with scattered showers possible Saturday.

C. Richard Hastings Takes Honors In Lampeter Fair Swine Division

By ERNEST J. NEILL

C. Richard Hastings, RD Kirkwood, Wednesday scored a repeat in 1956 Lancaster County community fair winnings when his Chester White Boar topped the field, his Chester White sow scored the purples in the largest swine show on record at the West Lampeter Community Fair.

Only a week before, Richard placed first at Quarryville in the Southern Lancaster County Community Fair. A graduate of Solanco High School, class of 1956, he placed first among entries that totalled 62 head.

In reserve position was Bob Book, R7 Lancaster, a Lampe-

ter-Strasburg student, with a Hampshire sow, while his brother, Ronald, placed reserve with a Hampshire boar entry.

Here are other winnings: pen of two: Donald Welk, R1 Strasburg; pen of four: Robert McCullough, R1 Strasburg; sow and litter, FFA, champion, Bob Book, reserve Ronald Book.

In addition to the 62 head of swine, Wayne Rentschler, secretary, reports 23 baby beeves were entered, plus almost 100 head of dairy cattle. In general, there were more exhibitor entries than ever, "the biggest agricultural exhibit we've had, one of excellent quality."

Lancaster Farming — 92 Years



One of the most elderly of active Lancaster County farmers is George M. Aukamp who Sunday celebrated his 92nd birthday — which occurred Aug. 30. Fam-

ily members and friends were on hand for picnic dinner at the old homestead. (See accompanying story) (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

FFA and 4H Angus Heifer Show at Unionville Saturday

Unionville, Pa. — Young Angus breeders from 17 counties in central and southeastern Pennsylvania will gather here Saturday for the 4-H and F.F.A. Angus Heifer Show, it is announced by Orville F. Haas, president of the Brandywine Angus Breeders Association.

The all-day event will be at

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George M. Aukamp, Peach Picker At 92, Still Farms Every Day

By ERNEST J. NEILL

Work hard in the open air — keep your faith in God.

Such is the advice to the younger generation from a Lancaster County farmer who passed his 92nd birthday August 30, not taking time to pause his Lancaster farming which began about the time of the Civil War.

He's George M. Aukamp, R1 New Providence, born in Lancaster, who came to the wooded hills near Truce when but six weeks old. That was in 1864.

Sunday scores of relatives gathered for a picnic on the old farm down in a hollow-west of the settlement, a farm surrounded today by peach orchards. Sunday's a day for Mr. Aukamp to pause, for "I've been working every day, picking

peaches, or if not picking peaches, spudding tobacco."

Guests included scores from his 12 living children, 43 grandchildren, 43 great grandchil-

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Steer Shown by Joyce Nolt Champion At Ephrata; Leona Augsburger 2nd

By LF Staff Reporter

Miss Joyce Nolt, 13, who has shown Herefords — always Herefords — for three years Wednesday morning scored grand championship of the baby beef division of the 38th annual Ephrata Fair.

Miss Nolt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos M. Nolt, R1 Reinhold, is a freshman at Calico Union High School. This was the first time a Hereford has won the Ephrata steer show. Coming from the Eagan Cattle Co., Ashby, Neb., the steer weighed 485 pounds on arrival, and probably tipped the scales at 1000 pounds Thursday.

Judge of the show was Tom King of the Pennsylvania State University livestock division.

Reserve went to Miss Leona Augsburger, R1, Reinholds; third to Darwin Boyd, R1 Ephrata, and fourth to Miss Gloria Brubaker, R1 Ephrata.

Mr. Boyd, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Boyd, is in the tenth grade at Ephrata, and his showing experience of five

Soil Bank Must Be "Voluntary," Benson Asserts

By ERNEST J. NEILL
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READING, Pa. — "Some farmers are pulling out of the Soil Bank plan in the Corn Belt, but from the beginning of study of the Soil Bank, it was considered the program must be voluntary — the farmer should make his own decisions on his own farm."

Thus United States Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson explained to a Pennsylvania news conference why in recent weeks penalties were waived for a few farmers who found it necessary to violate their Soil Bank contract. There was great delay in passing the measure; some crops in the South were already planted, the program began too late to become fully effective, the Secretary explained, here to address the Pennsylvania Millers' and Feed Dealers Association.

Mr. Benson answered charges issued by the Democratic presidential candidate, Adlai Stevenson, who said the administration was neglecting the little man:

"There are no little men," he answered a question presented by Lancaster Farming, "there is no common man in the United States. This is a land of real opportunity. We do have some small farms. I myself was a small farmer, with 80 acres of irrigated land in southern Idaho. This administration has done more to encourage small business, to encourage the small farmer than any in Washington.

Since he was speaking just an hour or so before President Eisenhower was presenting his pledge in Peoria, Ill., "to give farmers a full share in our country's good times," Secretary Benson offered no specific outline as

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Cattle Feeders Tour October 16 From Lancaster

Studying the producing, feeding and packing end of the beef cattle business will be the purpose of a Lancaster County Cattle Feeders Tour scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 16, according to an announcement today by Max M. Smith, Lancaster County agricultural agent.

The all-day tour will be made by bus and private automobile, with assembly at 7:30 a.m. at the Conestoga

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years came to the fore when he topped the Showmanship contest, as well as winning first in Angus.

Other winners included: Angus: 2, John Zimmerman, and 3, David Zimmerman, both of Reinholds; Hereford: 1, Joyce Nolt, 2, Leona Augsburger, and 3, Gloria Brubaker. Showmanship: 2, Leona Augsburger; 3, Carl Bollinger, R1 Lititz; 4, Lovis Lapp, R1 Bareville, and 5, Janice Showalter, R1 Reinholds.

Fitting contest winners were: 1, Carl Bollinger, R1 Lititz; 2, Leona Augsburger; 3, Janice Showalter; 4, Darwin Boyd; 5, Joyce Nolt, and 6, John Zimmerman.

The Ephrata Fair continues today with a Republican rally at 7 p.m., and a concert by the famous Pottstown Band and Glee Club. Saturday — final day — will see a baby parade at 2 p.m. (rain date, Monday, Oct. 1, 7 p.m.), and a 7 p.m. Democratic rally followed by a band concert with the Ringgold Band of Reading.