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Corn Picking In Full Swing Over County

Corn picking is in full swing over Lancaster County at the moment, with favorable weather spurring activity in this line. Most crops are past the danger spot where cold weather is concerned, with very little damage reported from Tuesday night's lows.

A word of warning is passed along by County Agent Max M. Smith who points out first the need for safety — and already several corn picker casualties have reported in the area — and corn in cribs must be watched carefully to prevent mold.

Moisture content is high in corn at present due to wet weather. Watch surplus piles for mold. Any delay in corn picking will be to the individual's advantage, he adds.

There will be a bumper crop of corn, and crib space will be short. Mr. Smith advises plans are available at his office for both single and double cribs.

While The Garden Spot has had an excellent year, other parts of the county are dry. Joe Lyon, owner of Lyon Angus Farm at Olive Branch, Miss., ten miles south of Memphis, Tenn., reports he must reduce his herd — "Our pasture is shot — we are dry!" Mrs. Vern Wilmarth of Corning, Iowa writes, "We are having very dry weather here again. Corn picking will be really dangerous this year, dry as the fields are."

Soil moisture continues in short supply in nearly all areas of Indiana, the Eastern Indiana Farmer advises. Rainfall in the four weeks to Oct. 9 averaged about one-half inch, against a normal three or more.

Temperatures here have been averaging a little below normal, only one day in the week to Wednesday with temperatures over 70. That was Oct. 3 Wednesday this week temperatures went down to 41 degrees in Lancaster, and 31 degrees at the Waterworks. Rain Oct. 4, 6 and 7 totaled six-tenths of an inch.

Temperatures are expected to average about five to six degrees below normal in the extended forecast through this weekend. Somewhat warmer temperatures may come today, cooler over the weekend, warmer Monday with possible rain Saturday and late Monday or Tuesday, according to Bernard S. White of the Lancaster Weather Bureau office.

Lewis G. Stoltzfus Top "Reddy Kilowatt"

Lewis G. Stoltzfus, R1 Elverston, will be honored Oct. 25 as a Reddy Kilowatt Farm by the Pennsylvania Power & Light Co. This will be the fifth such award made in Lancaster County.

A luncheon at the ElMor Motel in Morgantown will be the scene of the presentation.

Built in Months — Burned in Minutes



Fire Wednesday evening destroyed a large frame bank barn on the farm of John W. Kimble, near Oak Hill in southern Lancaster County. Built by Mr. Kimble's great grandfather in 1906, it contained 42 metal stanchions. A registered

Guernsey bull that originated at Montaret Farm was burned. A combine, elevator, drill and two wagons were destroyed. Fire companies from Oxford, Rising Sun, Md., and Quarryville responded. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

Loss \$45,000 in Two Barn Fires; Probe Launched

Loss in two Lancaster County barn fires during the past week was estimated at a total \$45,000.

On the farm of Frank M. Herr, Wabank Road, just east of Millersville, high wind and exploding gasoline barrels spurred a fire that destroyed a 30 by 100 foot barn at a loss of \$35,000.

Lost were 1300 chickens, 10 tons of straw, a harvesting combine and baler. The barn, built in 1911, had a brick foundation and frame top.

Firemen from West Lancaster, Bausman, New Danville and Millersville responded to the alarm. The Millersville company was recalled Saturday night when sparks from the ruins set a large maple tree ablaze, threatening other buildings.

A report of accidental was returned in investigation of a \$10,000 fire that destroyed a barn, two-story chicken house and implement shed on the Raymond H. Moyer farm, four miles north of Manheim on Route 72 Monday.

The structure was about 40 by 60 feet. Firemen from Manheim and Penryn responded. The Lititz Fire Co. stood by at the Manheim Fire Hall in case of a call.

Holstein Association Banquet on Nov. 20

Plans are being arranged for the annual banquet of the Lancaster County Holstein-Friesian Association Banquet, according to Elvin Hess, Jr., R1 Strasburg, association president.

Although program plans are incomplete at this time, the event will be the evening of Tuesday, Nov. 20, at the War Memorial Building in Leola.

Farm North of Goodville Sells; \$1025 Per Acre

Bringing \$1025 per acre in public auction, the 34-acre Martin M. Zimmerman farm north of Goodville Monday sold to Mr. Zimmerman's son-in-law, George Witmer, R1 East Earl for a total of \$34,882.

Although the purchase price is high in recent records, it still falls below the \$1832 per acre paid in 1950 for a Weaverland Valley farm.

Included in the 34 acres and five perches were a large bank barn with attached tobacco shed and stripping room, a chicken house and garage.

Auctioneer was Paul Z. Martin, Blue Ball.

BABY PARADE SATURDAY

Manheim has scheduled its Baby Parade Saturday at 5 p.m. The event was postponed last weekend as the Farm Show ended with rainy weather.

Cattle Feeders' Tour Will Visit At King Ranch

King Ranch — which has 10,000 acres of improved pastures — will be one of the highlights of a Lancaster County Cattle Feeders Tour next Tuesday.

The all-day tour, open to the general public, is sponsored by the Agricultural Extension Service. County Agricultural Agent Max M. Smith says educational stops will include the Medford Packing Co., Chester, Pa., to observe slaughtering operations, making of meat byproducts and inspection of various grades of cattle and hogs, both on live and dressed carcasses. "A better understanding of the desired market grades of livestock at this time is important to more efficient production," Mr. Smith explains.

Second stop will be a trip through the assembly plant of the Ford Motor Co. at Chester. From here the group will move to West Grove to the Medford Company livestock farm to enjoy picnic lunch (bring your own) and study the feeding operations of cattle.

Final stop will be at King Ranch, R4 Coatesville, to inspect the pastures and 5200 head of Santa Gertrudis Cattle. This is one of the outstanding cattle ranches in the East where rough-

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James A. Hess to Receive Degree as American Farmer

For the third time in the same family, the Future Farmers of America next week in Kansas City will confer upon James A. Hess the degree of American Farmer.

James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin W. Hess, R1 Strasburg, a family well known in 4H, FFA and adult agricultural associations. In 1950 his brother Robert received the American Farmer degree, in 1953 it was brother Richard receiving the citation at the National FFA convention.

Degrees will be conferred Tuesday afternoon as part of the 29th annual convention in Kansas City Oct. 15-18. There are 11 Pennsylvanians among the 365 FFA boys receiving the American Farmer degree, based on the FF's record in farming, leadership, scholarship.

James, who was graduated from the Strasburg - Lampeter High School in June 1953, was 20 years old October 2. His family operates three farms in the neighborhood just southwest of Strasburg. He holds a 25 per cent interest in the family farm, and is engaged in dairy, poultry and tobacco farming.

On the home place are 117 acres. His brother, Elvin Jr. operates 92 acres on an adjoining place, and J. Robert Hess 53 acres. His brother, Elvin Jr. was elected president of the Lancaster County Holstein-Friesian Association.

All members of the family have herds of Holsteins, and, in addition farm hay, corn, tobacco, wheat barley and oats.

Six of the 11 Pennsylvania youths honored are 20 years old, four are 21, and the oldest 22.

Others from the Commonwealth receiving the degree will be: Victor Cappuci, Jr., 20, RD 2, Mehoopany, graduate of Tunkhannock Joint High School, 1955 State Star.

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AMERICAN FARMER — The third member of his family to be so designated is James A. Hess, R1 Strasburg, who next week will receive the degree of American Farmer at the National FFA convention in Kansas City.