

# Lancaster Farming

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## Scholarship

### Fund Will Honor Arthur Young

A scholarship will be established by the Pennsylvania Farm Equipment Dealers Association for a student to study farm equipment retailing at Pennsylvania State University.

The scholarship will be in memory of the late Arthur S. Young. Farm equipment dealers throughout the state will contribute. The group will also donate \$200 to Young's church at Leacock.

Young, 66 pioneer Lancaster County farm equipment dealer from Kinzers, was president and organizer of the Rough and Tumble Engineers' Historical Association.

Young, highly respected throughout the country and nationally known for his outstanding collection of steam traction engines, died Dec. 27, 1955.

Starting in the farm implement business in 1916, he established the Arthur S. Young Co. in 1921. He was secretary-treasurer of the Pennsylvania Farm Equipment Dealers 16 years, and was treasurer of the County association at the time of his death.

For 33 years he was an elder of the Leacock Presbyterian Church. He taught the Fellowship Men's Bible Class there and was Sunday school superintendent many years.

The association held their 43rd annual state convention Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Penn Harris Hotel in Harrisburg with about 350 dealers attending. The convention theme was "Let's Get Going."

Dr. Eric Walker, new president of the Pennsylvania State University, spoke on "Let's Get Going for the Future." His talk concerned the rate at which our national resources are presently being used. Also on the program was Matt Triggs, of Washington, D. C., assistant legislative director of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Panel discussions were held on management. Ralph Eby, Lancaster attorney, headed the panel on legal matters, and Jeff Coates, Akron, was management consultant.

Charlie Passmore, assistant secretary of the state association, of Lancaster, was present.

## Ayrshire Breeders

### Set Annual Banquet

The Lancaster County Ayrshire Breeders Association will hold their annual banquet Friday at 7:30 p. m. at Witmer Fire Hall.

Guest speaker will be Ivan Parkin, dairy specialist with the Extension service of Pennsylvania State University, who will give an illustrated talk on his recent trip to South America.

## The Undetermined Season



PUMPKINS AND SHOCKS of fodder, trees whose leaves have fallen to the first blasts of winter's coming; it's the undetermined season in Lancaster farming, between expressions of satisfaction at the Thanksgiving table, and the bright cheer that comes with the Christmas season. It's between holidays, when Earth is at rest.

## Merle Groff

### One of Five in State Contest

Merle Groff, a student at Lampeter-Strasburg High School, will be one of five Future Farmers of America who will compete in the Safe Tractor Driving Contest at the 1957 State Farm Show.

Groff's eligibility was announced this week by H. C. Fetteroff, state FFA adviser in the state department of public instruction.

Groff a son of Mr and Mrs. J. Elvin Groff, Strasburg R1, place fifth in the statewide run-off contest at Penn State in June, thereby qualifying for the state FFA finals.

Until he discontinued his education this year at Lampeter-Strasburg High School, Groff was interested in tractor driving and maintenance phases of the vocational agriculture course. He had previously placed in tractor contests at fairs at Lampeter, Manheim, Ephrata and Mount Joy.

He now farms with his father, but will represent his home club in the farm show contest.

Other entrants will be: Robert Derrick, East Lycoming Joint High School, Lycoming County; Larry Robinette, Meyersdale Joint High School, Somerset County; Charles Kershner, Greencastle-Antrim High School, Franklin County; Richard Mowrer, Newport Joint High School, Perry County.

Five other boys who are members of 4-H Clubs will compete in a separate division of the contest. In each division the awards will be \$25 for first place, \$15 for second, and \$10 each for third, fourth and fifth places.

The FFA entrants were selected by elimination contests. Boys who demonstrate unusual skill in safe driving practices and won tractor-driving meets in their school, county, and area, were pitted against each other in a State wide contest and the five selected to compete at the State Farm Show scored highest among the 22 boys in the final elimination demonstration.

The tractor driving contest will be held at 5 P. M. of the Thursday of Farm Show week and will take place in the Farm Show Building's large arena.

Although each contestant at the time of making his entry is allowed to indicate his first and second preference for the make and model of tractor he would like to use, the actual driving will be on wheel-type, rubber-tired tractors supplied by the Farm Show Commission, and may or may not be of the type preferred by the contestant.

The order of participation will be determined by drawing lots, and each contestant must demonstrate efficiency in spotting the drawbar, handling the equipment, and belting up. Scoring will be by the points-off system, and the contestant with the low score wins.

## Farm Withdrawn

A 99½ acre limestone farm in West Hempfield Twp., two miles south of Salunga, was withdrawn at \$306 an acre during a public sale held Tuesday by Saloma S. Musser, Mount Joy R1. Edgar F. Funk was the auctioneer.

## Seed Dealers Attend Agronomy Meeting

Lancaster County dealers in seed, lime fertilizer, and herbicides Wednesday attended a district agronomy meeting at the Lancaster County Farm Bureau Co-operative building, Diller-ville Road, Lancaster.

Topic of the all-day meeting was a preview of the extension services recommendations in handling these materials during 1957.

## Red Rose Clubbers Get 58 Angus Calves

58 head of Angus steers calves were distributed to members of the Red Rose 4-H Baby Beef Club Saturday at the New Holland Sales Stables.

The Angus completed the distribution of club steers to be fed for 1957, according to County Agent Max Smith.

Earlier, 55 head of Herfords averaging 409 pounds each and 12 Shorthorns weighing in at 436 pounds a head went to 4-H Club members. All of the Angus are eastern steers, coming from Pennsylvania, Virginia, Connecticut and New York.

## 4-H Council Plans

### Five Skating Parties

Dates for five roller skating parties to be held at Rocky Springs Park over the winter and spring have been announced by the Lancaster County 4-H Council.

The skating parties are planned for Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, March 20 and April 17.

## State Farmers Making Census Of Livestock

Harrisburg — More than 20,000 Pennsylvania farmers will be counting livestock noses on their farms during the coming week.

Reason: They are helping agricultural statisticians reach a State total of all horses, mules, cattle, milk cows, calves, hogs, goats, sheep, chickens and turkeys.

Each of nearly 21,000 farmers, with the wholehearted cooperation of their rural mail carriers, has received a special card upon which to report numbers of livestock and poultry.

The cards were left at random in rural mail boxes throughout Pennsylvania.

When filled out and returned, the reports will help Dewey O. Boster, statistician in charge of the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service, reach a grand total of farm animal population for Pennsylvania as of January 1, 1957.

Every farmer who gets a card is urged to fill it out as accurately as possible and return it promptly," Boster declared recently. "The more reports we get, the more reliable our estimates will be. We are most grateful to rural mail carriers and to participating farmers for their cooperation in making this annual survey."

Last January 1, the Pennsylvania estimate was 2,860,000 head of all livestock, more than 23 million chickens, and 175,000 turkeys.

## Cigar Leaf Tobacco Crop Best in Years

Harrisburg — Pennsylvania's 1956 cigar leaf tobacco crop was described today by the State Department of Agriculture as "the best in years".

Yield per acre is reported to be an all-time record of 1,700 pounds. At this level, production is estimated at better than 50 million pounds from 29,500 acres, the same acreage as last year when production totaled 45.7 million pounds.

Some growers indicate that the 1956 tobacco chop is lighter in weight than expected earlier in the season. Weather conditions were favorable for curing: Little pole burn was evident at the time of the Federal-State survey on November 1. Leaves are thin and have good color. Some early cut tobacco had been stripped by that date, but for most of the crop curing was incomplete.

The early frost struck some plants which have been selling at 12 to 18 cents a pound. The bulk of the crop is high quality. In the Clinton County area a late corn harvest delayed the stripping of tobacco.

## 30 Dairymen Discuss

### Cold Wall Tank

A group of 30 dairy farmers this week heard a discussion of dairying problems at a meeting at the home of Ira H. Herr, two miles south of New Danville on the New Danville-Marticville pike.

Ivan Parkin, dairy specialist for Pennsylvania State University, discussed the cold wall milk tank and mastitis prevention. County Agent M. M. Smith discussed dairy barn ventilation.