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Apple Queen to Be Selected Next Tuesday

Selection of Lancaster County's 1957 Apple Queen will headline activities Tuesday in one of three meetings arranged by Associate Lancaster County Agent Harry S. Sloat and his committee.

Events open at 9:30 a. m. on the farm of Mrs. H. S. Nolt, R1 Columbia, where John Reuf, extension fruit specialist from the Pennsylvania State University, will give a demonstration on pruning apple, peach, cherry, grapes and small fruit. The farm is along the Marietta Pike, a half mile west of Silver Springs.

At 1.30 p. m. Tuesday, the meeting will move to the farm of Jay Brossman, R1 Reinholds, to inspect his orchard between Adamstown and Terre Hill.

Selection of the Queen will be in evening activities that begin at 7:30 p. m. in the Farm Bureau Auditorium along the Dillersville Road between the old Harrisburg and Manheim Pikes.

Qualifications include: Contestants must be single, between the ages of 17 and 21, a resident of Lancaster County; she must be related to a fruit grower or fruit handler, and have a desire to become an active Queen, free to attend the Winchester Apple Blossom Festival next spring. The State Apple Queen will be selected at the state meeting in the Yorktown Hotel, York, Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 29.

Basis of judging will be: general appearance and personality, 400 points; appearance and attractiveness in street attire, 200 points; knowledge of the apple industry, 200 points.

Contestants should notify R. S. Snyder, R1 Ephrata, or Anthony Stee, Millersville Pike, not later than Dec. 10 - Monday. Judges will be well-known Lancaster folks, and prizes will be given each contestant, the grand prize going to the one selected Queen.

There will be a short business session, secretary's and treasurer's report, and election of officers for the coming year.

'Fruit Culture and Fertilization' will be the main topic of discussion by John Reuf, extension fruit specialist. He will also bring some of his observations on newer developments in fruit production, including dwarf fruit trees.

WANTS CASH HE FOUND

WILSON, N. C. — C. Louis Deans, 26-year-old plumber, is seeking to recover \$18,000 he says he found in a hot-water heater in the home of M. C. Godwin near Buckhorn October 5, 1955. Deans found 180 \$100 bills in a cloth bag as he repaired a water heater. He showed the bag to Godwin, who professed no knowledge of it or its contents. Godwin contended in court that the money was hidden by his wife, who died June 18, 1954.

Team Wins Red Award



WINNING A RED award at the 16th National 4-H Livestock Conservation Demonstration Contest during the 1956 International Exposition in Chicago last week

was this Lancaster County team, Donald G. Herr, Quarryville, left and Donald M. Herr, Refton, right.

County Farm Equipment Men Meet Dec. 12th

Lancaster County farm equipment dealers, their wives, employees and their wives are invited to the annual Ladies Night Christmas Party at Eli Hostetters Banquet Hall in Mt. Joy next Wednesday evening, Dec. 12 starting at 6:30.

Dr. Caleb Bucher, principal of Brecht School of Manheim Township will speak. There will be singing, music, flowers and exchange of gifts. Members are to bring small gifts.

Elmer Landis of Landis Bros., Lancaster, will present the Arthur Young Memorial Plaque to Mrs. Arthur S. Young and family.

Mabel Brabson, Peach Bottom, will furnish music. Roy Brubaker, Lititz, secretary, is in charge of arrangements.

Crops and Soils Meeting Set for County Tuesday

Changing from a springtime meeting date the annual Crops and Soils Meeting for Lancaster County will be held Tuesday, Dec. 11, County Agent Max M. Smith announced today.

Starting at 10:30 a. m., the meeting will be in the Meeting Room of the Farm Bureau Cooperative, Dillersville Road, Lancaster, with the opening discussion on "Forage Crop Varieties - Fertilization - Management," by A. E. Cooper,

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Remote St. Croix Produces Relative Link to Lancaster County Natives

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Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands — "Quarryville? We have relatives at Refton!"

Such is the greeting encountered on the West Indian island of St. Croix, one of three of the Virgin Islands visited in a ten-day tour by plane, auto and boat, winding up in Puerto Rico.

Throughout there was surprise: like the Lancaster County affinity in the most eastern point of U.S. property; like the terrific progress Puerto Rico is making under its Operation Bootstrap, of "Fomento," as they call it, fomentation, fuel, building; like the visit of the liner Stockholm with its new bow, on its first Caribbean cruise since its collision with the Andre Doria.

But to Frederick P. Reynolds, Jr., and his wife Barbara of Christiansted, like the Reynolds family of Refton, there's a link to home. Sailors on the guided missile ship, USS Canberra, tourists as well, all were looking for a familiar face, for a common language in a region where a mixture of English, French, Spanish,

Flying Farmers

Farm Show Meets

Two meetings of the Pennsylvania Flying Farmers Association during the Farm Show next January in Harrisburg have been announced.

On Wednesday, Jan. 16, the group will meet at the Harrisburg State Airport, and will convene at 10:30 Thursday morning, Jan. 17 in the Farm Show Building.

perhaps Danish has produced a calypso language, entirely foreign to any other.

In Puerto Rico there was a Spanish ship on a South American good-will tour, the Ciudad de Toledo (City of Toledo) docked to display products manufactured in the old country.

Gone are the days of the Buccaneers and pirates. There's change in the Caribbean today, drastic change. Increased operating expenses, competition from the States and islands to the north have caused agriculture to dwindle. The sugar beet has pushed sugar cane into the background.

There are cattle on St. Croix, developed on Annaly Estates by Mr. Cannady, a leading member of the board of Willys Overland who was at the St. Croix airport just before I departed for San Juan. A good many hundred head of Red Polled, crossed with the Sengalese from Africa, are found on both St. Croix and St. Thomas. Efforts are being doubled to produce a true polled strain that could be dual purpose.

Otherwise, wildlife is at a low ebb, thanks to the mongoose

Charlotte Amalie on St. Thomas, was once a leading world port. What were once warehouses are now stores, the monotonous arched top, wide iron-bound doors differing only in the wide choice of color today's merchant uses.

At one time, when these warehouses were filled with goods of the world, rats were rampant. Someone imported the

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Referendum on Corn Allotment Plans Tuesday

Taking part in the nationwide referendum Tuesday will be Lancaster County producers who will help choose between the corn allotment program or the corn base acreage plan.

A national majority of two-thirds must prefer the new corn base program in the referendum if it is to be adopted. Announcing election sites, Landis G. Becker, county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee chairman, points out farmers may plant as much corn as they wish, regardless of the vote outcome, provided they do not desire to participate in either the price support program or the soil bank plan.

Offered under the old corn allotment program for Lancaster County are 67,139 acres and a national average support price of \$1.36 per bushel, or under the new soil bank corn base acreage plan, 91,826 acres for the county and a national support of \$1.31.

Open Tuesday from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m. will be the following polling places:

1. For Conoy, West Donegal and Mount Joy Twp., at Kaylor Bros implement Co., across from Country Kitchen on Route 230
2. East Donegal and West Hempfield, at Red Rose Dairy, one half mile south of Florin.
3. Rapho, at Mastersonville Fire Hall.
4. Penn, Warwick and Elizabeth, at J. Harry Hershey farm, one mile northwest of Lititz
5. East Cocalico, West Cocalico, Brecknock and Clay, at Stevens Fire Hall
6. Caernarvon, East Earl and Earl, at Liberty Fire Hall, New Holland.
7. Ephrata, West Earl and Upper Leacock, at Bareville Fire Hall
8. Salisbury and Leacock, at White Horse Fire Hall.
9. East Lampeter, West Lampeter and Lancaster, at Dull's Restaurant, one-quarter mile east of Lampeter.
10. Manheim and East Hempfield, at East Petersburg Fire Hall
11. Manor, Conesota and Pequea, at Herr & Brenneman Garage, 237 Manor Ave., Millersville
12. Eden, Bart and Sadsbury, at Bart Fire Hall.
13. Strasburg and Paradise, at voting place, one mile south of Strasburg.
14. Martic and Providence, at Rawlinsville Fire Hall
15. Drumore and East Drumore, at Marron's Service Station, Route 72.
16. Fulton, Little Britain and Colerain, at Roy Anderson's Store, Elm

Services Held for Past PFFA President

Funeral services for Gerald Tyler, of New Milford, Susquehanna County, were Thursday a week ago. Mr. Tyler was a past president of the Pennsylvania Flying Farmers Association.

Mr. Tyler was found dead while sawing lumber for a church addition.