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## Swine Producers Make Plans For Events

### Field Day in July First Event Proposed

Four major events, a field day, an inter-breed bred gilt sale, a spring market barrow show and the annual meeting, have been tentatively planned by the newly formed Lancaster County Swine Producers Assn.

According to C. Warren Leininger, R2 Denver, president, a county-wide field day featuring judging contests, type demonstrations and other educational activities is planned for the latter part of July. The meat-type hog will be the high-light of the program.

Next February is slated to be the time for the gilt sale. The sale is to be sponsored jointly by all the breed associations and by the Swine Producers Assn.

A Market Barrow Show and Sale is planned for March, and the annual meeting will be held on the last Thursday night of March.

Committees will be appointed for each of the four events and dates and places will be announced well in advance of the event.

Leininger noted that membership is still open in the organization and urged directors to contact producers in their area.

According to County Agent Max Smith, the county swine population ranks with that of most counties in the state and deserves the support of all persons interested in the swine industry.



AT EVERY BOX SOCIAL there is bound to be one lad that thinks one girl and one supper is not enough. At the 4-H Spring Party Saturday Herbert Frey, R1 Marietta, was one of the guilty ones. Offering him tidbits from their boxes are Elaine Benner,

Akron, (left) and Linda Stehman, 2817 Marietta Ave., Lancaster. Approximately 300 boys and girls attended the party held at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion in Lancaster. (LF Photo)

## Rains Benefit Crop Growth In Most of State

### Cool Temperatures Expected This Week

HARRISBURG—Rains benefited the development of crops during the weeks ended Monday and replenished some of the soil moisture that had dropped to low levels on Pennsylvania farms during the dry spell of the past few weeks, the State Department of Agriculture said today following Federal-State surveys.

Good progress was reported for all crops. The increased moisture enabled farmers to prepare land for corn and potatoes in northern counties and was beneficial to the formation of heads on wheat in the southern and central areas of the State.

First cuttings of alfalfa hay are being made but stands are shorter than normal due to the three weeks of dry weather. Pastures improved with the coming of rain.

Setting of tobacco plants is underway in the Lancaster area as planting of potatoes makes progress in northern areas. Corn is sprouting in central districts and oats planting is almost completed in northern sections of the State.

Picking of strawberries started during the week in southern parts of the State and red tart cherries are beginning to color in the southeast. Apples and peaches are sizing satisfactorily.

The first part of the week was cool but warmer days the latter part brought increased cuttings of asparagus.

## Change in Director Election System Made by Red Rose DHIA Directors

The Board of Directors of the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Assn. established a change in director election procedures at a meeting held Monday night at the Lancaster Post Office.

A nominating committee composed of Rohrer Witmer, R2 Willow Street, president; Donald S. Eby, R1 Gordonville, vice president; Henry Hackman, R2 Manheim, secretary; M. M. Smith, county agent; and Victor Plastow, assistant county agent will nominate three candidates from each district.

The tester in the district will carry ballots with him during the July test month and will deliver the sealed ballot to Robert Kauffman, Robert Mast and Donald Eby to be counted.

Results of the election will be announced at the county meeting Sept. 23.

A new testing association in the Manheim area was established by the directors. Clarence Lyons and his son will be tester and sampler for the group. Assistant County Agent Victor Plastow said that there were some 20 to 25 herd owners waiting to be admitted to the testing association.

Carl Hollinger of Penn State, who was present at the meeting to answer any question arising for the change over to machine

kept records, said that reports on the new herds probably would be late the first month due to the necessity for filing new herd numbers.

Hollinger urged the directors, saying the University "strongly recommends" to put the owner-sampler test program under the machine record keeping system. He said that greater volume of records kept will bring down the price of the system.

The directors, however, remained firm in their decision made last month to have machine kept records on only those owner-sampler herds that desire feed records kept.

Hollinger said that the addition of new machines and the hiring of extra clerical help will enable the University to have test results out in six to 10 days instead of the 12 to 20 days that it has taken.

In other business, the association voted to charge a three dollar membership fee for all owner-sampler herds tested. This fee is to defray cost of equipment and materials used in testing.

This fee may be applied toward the \$5 membership fee to join the association in a DHIA status.

The treasurer's salary was raised \$10 to \$40 a month. The dir-

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## Farm-City Week In November Being Planned

HARRISBURG — Preparations for observance of Farm-City Week at local and county levels in Pennsylvania next Nov. 22-28 were reported underway following a meeting of a statewide organization committee.

According to Harry Poorbaugh, University Park, who is serving as state chairman for the third annual Farm-City Week, committees have been set up at the State level well in advance of the fall date.

First step in the movement designed to bring farm and city people together for better understanding of their problems has been taken by Poorbaugh. He has approached the county farm agent in each Pennsylvania county requesting the organization of a local county Farm-City Week committee.

County committees will draw their membership from agricultural, industrial, business, church, school, labor, service club, Chambers of Commerce and various other groups interested in the improvement of relations between farm people and those in cities and towns.

Preliminary plans for local activities for the week of Nov. 22-28 include tours by farm people to city industries and visits to farms by city people.

## Now Is the Time

By MAX SMITH, County Agricultural Agent

### To Cut Forage Crops

In order to harvest the maximum amount of feed nutrients, all forage crops should be cut at the proper stage of maturity. They should be cut to suit the particular crop rather than to suit the farmer. All grasses are at their peak of feed value just at heading time and before blossom. Alfalfa at budding time to 10 per cent in blossom; red clover when 33 per cent in bloom, and all other clovers in full bloom. Valuable feed nutrients are lost when the crop is permitted to mature. This is true for both hay and grass silage.

### To Spray for Second Cutting of Alfalfa

The trend is toward an insecticide spray for each cutting of alfalfa. In case of heavy infestation of alfalfa weevil at the time the first crop was removed, no doubt the new growth will be devoured unless sprayed with one pint per acre of hept-chlor. The usual spray recommendation for second cutting of alfalfa for the control of leaf hoppers is three pints an acre of 25 per cent Methoxychlor an acre three to six days after the first crops removed.

### To Spray Corn for Weed Control

The use of 2,4-D as a chemical weed control for corn is recommended to aid in the control of weeds but not to replace clean cultivation. The pre-emergence spraying of the field with two pints of the amine form of 2,4-D (before the corn is up, or just in the spike stage) is recommended to control grasses and weeds in the row. The post-emergence spraying of the field is best when the corn is four to ten inches tall using one pint of the amine form of 2,4-D per acre. Spraying when the corn is over 12 inches tall should be done by spot spraying or with drop-nozzles. All growers are cautioned against the use of the ester form of 2,4-D at this time of the season.

### To Refrain from Pasturing Young Calves

Research work has shown that it is not desirable to turn young heifer calves out to pasture until they are 10 months old. This is done too often with young calves and their growth is stunted; they do not have the capacity to consume enough grass to provide the needed nutrients. It is recommended that this young stock be kept in the barn and fed high quality roughages and a little grain; an outside exercise lot is strongly recommended for daily use. A good big cow is always better than a good small cow.