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## Violent Storm Dumps Heavy Rain in County

A violent thunderstorm slashed through north and central Lancaster County Monday evening leaving in its wake flattened corn and wheat, washed out tobacco and varying degrees of destruction to cultivated fields.

Rainfall from storm was estimated at from an inch and a half at Lancaster to four and a half inches north of Manheim.

Lightning struck several residences and barns, but damage was reported as relatively light. The most costly bolt was one which hit the main power supply to the Lambert-Hudnut plant at Lutz, causing the plant to be shut down all day Monday so that damage could be repaired. More than 400 people are employed at the plant.

Persons interviewed expressed the opinion that this was the most violent storm in the past 15 years. According to two witnesses who live near Manheim, the storm seemed to double back after it had once passed over.

In Lancaster, storm clouds were seen in the northwest together with considerable thunder and lightning at about 6 p. m. But the storm and rain did not strike the city until about 8 p. m. There was little damage in Lancaster.

Corn through out the area is bent and leaning. Wheat is down and there is fear that the ripe barley might be threshed out by the wind and rain.

Small creeks went out of their banks in almost flash floods. A party of motorists were caught in the high waters near New Danville, but were aided to safety with no injuries.

There were no reports of injuries to anyone by the storm.

## Chester-Delaware Poultry Barbeque Reported Success

The Chester-Delaware County Poultry Assn., barbeque held last Tuesday at New Bolton Center near Kennett Square was a success. Harry Adams and L. L. Logan, co-chairmen of the event, were well pleased with the public's support. Approximately 600 persons were served.

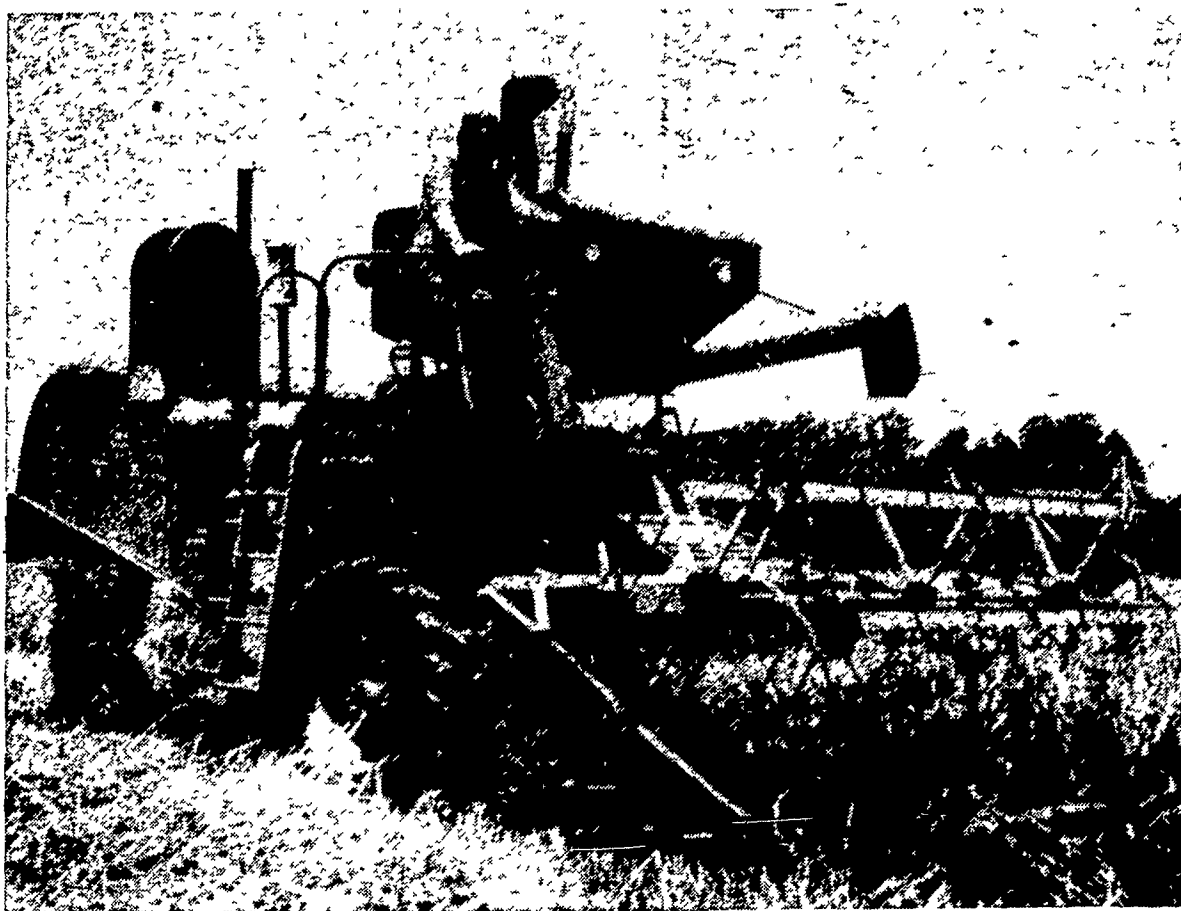
In spite of the hot, humid weather the grounds at the Center made an ideal spot for the event. The tables were placed in the shaded area. The chicken was prepared by County Agent, Bob Powers, and assistant Joe Way.

There was much interest in the demonstration barbeque pit; many wished literature and menus for serving friends in their own back yard.

The group enjoyed the visit to Longwood Gardens where the evening was ideal for the beautiful colored fountain display.

Several persons from a distance attended including Mr. and Mrs. Russell Pisor, past president of the Pennsylvania Flying Farmers; and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Myers, Portersville. They flew from Butler, Pa. to Logan field near the Center.

Lock Norton, assistant Regional Director of the National Flying Farmers' Association, Elba, New York; Homer Maxon, president of New York Flying Farmers, and son, Clyde, of Holly, New York; also flew in to Logan field.



BARLEY HARVEST was nearing completion last week end, until the heavy rains hit the county bringing combining to a stop. Yields are good, with reports of 80 to 85 bushels an acre being reported throughout

the Garden Spot. Grain quality is generally good. This 12 foot combine was in operation at the Masonic Homes farm at Elizabethtown. (LF Photo)

## Record Funds Being Offered For Farm Show

An all-time record \$61,400 will be offered in premiums at the 1958 Pennsylvania Farm Show, State Agriculture Secretary William L. Henning, chairman of the Farm Show Commission, announced Monday.

The total exceeds the previous high set for the 1957 Farm Show by more than \$2,200, Henning said. The amount represents payments proposed by the Farm Show Commission on awards to place winners in the 27 departments of the show, including farm products, special exhibits, contests and the usual demonstrations by school groups.

In addition to approving changes to modernize parts of the premium list, the commission

1. Approved progress reports on the first annual Rural Folk Dance Festival to be staged in the large arena on Tuesday evening of Farm Show Week, and

2. Started wheels moving for a 4-H pony and light horse exhibition as one of the arena attractions in connection with the usual livestock parade on Thursday evening of Farm Show Week.

The folk dance festival, according to present plans, will have county championship teams competing for prizes totaling \$750. Local eliminations will be held during the fall months in counties where necessary. The new feature calls for 60 square-dance sets of eight people each, in costume.

The 1958 Farm Show opens January 13 and continues through the afternoon of the 16th, five days and four nights.

## Angus Herd Classification Project In Detail Planning Stage Now

The Angus herd classification program passed another milestone at the board of director's meeting of the American Angus Assn. in St. Joseph, Mo., June 15, when official approval was given to working out the details of the program.

The board is continuing the study of various aspects of the program which would apply to registered Aberdeen-Angus cattle. It was emphasized herd classification would be a voluntary program available to association members. It is contemplated that animals will not be classified until they are at least 15 months of age.

Before the service is offered, the board will adopt an official score card of points to be used by the classifiers as a standard. This score card and the mechanics of handling records will be thoroughly tested before adoption for official use.

A classification committee, made up of prominent breeders and college experts, drew up recommendations for the program recently at Cornell University. The committee includes the following: Prof. J. I. Miller, Cornell University; Dean Emeritus H. H. Kildee, Iowa State College; Prof. R. H. Nelson, Michigan State University; Prof. T. J. Marlowe, Virginia Polytechnic Institute; J. B. Hollinger, Chapman, Ka.; Frank Gwerder, Walnut Grove, Calif.; Albert Seiling, Ontario, Canada; Robert Williams, Rochester, Mich.; Dale Fletcher, Pine Plains, N. Y.; John Lathrop, Blanford, Mass.; and Dr. Paul Keesee, Po-teau, Okla.

Herd classification, which previously has not been tried on a national basis by a major beef breed, has been used on Angus in New York State. Dairy breeds have classified herds for many years.

It is the feeling of Angus offi-

cialists that the development of the program will in no way change the type or the superior beef-making qualities of the breed. But this program will assist breeders in obtaining valuable records which can become sound guides to the selection of foundation herds and herd replacements. Such a program should prove useful by giving each breeding animal in a herd a uniform, unbiased rating on type. As a herd develops, these records should provide a graphic check on its progress.

The association directors emphasized that classification of Aberdeen-Angus on a voluntary basis will not be used to disqualify any animal from registration. This forward step is one further service planned by the association to give profitable assistance to the individual breeder.

## PFFA Host To New York Flying Farmers

Pennsylvania Flying Farmers will be host to New York Flying Farmers for a joint meeting on July 6 at Jacob Miller's, Milton, Pa.

Fly in time is from 9 a. m. to 11 a. m. The airport, a private field, is located south of Milton and north of the Milton Commercial Airport. The north-south runway is parallel to the river and highway. The runway is 50 by 1,200 feet.

A picnic lunch, to be provided individually, will be held at noon.

A discussion on final plans for the 1958 convention bid, the regional tour in Mid-October, the 1957 convention at Chicago and a clam bake at the Lock Norton's Elba, N. Y., Aug. 3 will be held during the business meeting beginning at 1.30 p. m.

Boating and swimming are available at Millers.

## Fourth Causes Schedule Change

The July 4 holiday is causing two changes of schedules in Lancaster County.

First of all, Lancaster Farming will reach you a day late next week while the printers take the day off.

And the regular Thursday auction of the Lancaster County Poultry Exchange will be held on July 5.

Regular schedules will be resumed the next week.

## Now Is The Time . . .

By M. M. Smith, County Agricultural Agent

### To Cultivate with Caution

The recent extreme weather conditions have been favorable for rapid growth of the corn crop; some early crops have already received their final cultivation. Caution should be exercised to prevent the cutting of corn roots when cultivating. This will stunt the growth and reduce yields. Before the final cultivation you might examine the roots on several stalks to determine how far out into the row they have grown. This will allow you to adjust your cultivator accordingly.

### To Broadcast Domestic Ryegrass

The practice of seeding a winter cover crop in your corn ground is a good one; the roots build organic matter and control erosion. In addition it could be used for fall or spring pasture. Either domestic ryegrass or field brome grass may be used at the rate of 20 pounds per acre. This should be broadcast over the corn field immediately following the last cultivation. After broadcasting on the loose ground, the next rain will cover the seeds properly. If broadcast before the final cultivation, you will cover many of the seeds too deeply.

### To Observe and Evaluate

The new plant growth stimulator, gibberellic acid, seems to be drawing its share of publicity this summer. Reputed to make plants, trees and shrubs grow extremely fast and large, it might be well to allow the research workers at our state and federal stations do the experimenting. It is not to be used on edible crops and we have no recommendations for its use.

### To Shade Outside Gasoline Tanks

With high temperatures of the hot summer sun on your gasoline storage tank, evaporation losses may be as high as 10 per cent. Tractors may be harder to start on the gasoline that is left and may develop sticky valves. Shade trees, lumber or some type of sunshade will pay dividends if your tank is exposed.