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**SCHOOL HAS STARTED** throughout the county. Scenes like this one taken last year at Fairland Elementary School are being repeated daily. And though it may sound repetitious, remember while you are driving that children will be on

the road waiting for the bus in the morning and may be on the road in the evening. Drive carefully, observe stopped busses and do your part to keep our children safe.

## Rains Too Late to Help Corn Crop, Temporary Silo Construction Booms

Last week's one day rain and scattered showers since then have failed to aid stunted corn in Southeastern Pennsylvania and many farmers are chopping damaged crops for silage, the state Department of Agriculture reported Wednesday.

The department also said that the formal request for drouth aid from Berks County has been received in Harrisburg, but that no action can be taken until the state disaster committee meets. A meeting is scheduled for sometime the week of Sept. 16.

A request for aid is also expected to be received from Monroe County, but at a meeting held this week Perry County farmers decided against making such a request.

Temporary silo construction in the dry areas is booming as farmers find this is the best way to make use of the damaged corn crop.

Northern Pennsylvania is also feeling the pinch of lack of rain. The late potato crop there is at a standstill. The early crop is of good quality and of fair size. Low yields of the late tubers is expected.

Quality of tomatoes for fresh market and processing is fair but size and yield are reported small.

Late varieties of peaches are behind schedule in ripening because of dry weather. Rain in the southeast last week helped sizing of late peaches and apples, but additional moisture is needed.

Plowing for fall seeded grains was slowed down in some areas by dry fields. Last week's rain aided farmers in southern counties in preparing fields for winter grains and many farmers in the area report planting during the week.

## Farmers May Receive \$3,000 Per Farm in 1956 Acreage Reserve

The U. S. Department of Agriculture today announced that the \$3,000 limitation on payments under the 1958 Acreage Reserve of the Soil Bank will be applied to each producer with regard to each farm rather than as a ceiling on the amount paid him for all farms in which he has an interest.

This interpretation of an amendment to the Department's Appropriation Act for 1958 has the approval of the Comptroller General of the United States, the Department explained.

The Department of Agriculture and Farm Credit Administration Appropriation Act for 1958 provides, in part, that "no part of this appropriation shall be used to formulate and administer an acreage reserve program which would result in total com-

ensation being paid to any one producer in excess of \$3,000, with respect to the 1958 crops." A decision as to the meaning of the word "producer" as used in this provision and as to the manner in which the provision should be applied was requested of the Comptroller General. The conclusion of the Comptroller General, in a letter dated August 26, 1957, reads:

"You are advised that we concur in the understanding of your Department that the Congress considered the applicability of the \$3,000 limitation to each producer regarding a particular farming unit, rather than as a ceiling on the amount of compensation that can be paid to him for all farms in which he may have an interest."

## Premium Lists For Exposition Now Available

HARRISBURG — Premium lists for the Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition to be held at the Farm Show Building, Nov. 12-16, can now be obtained by Pennsylvania livestock men who desire to profit from national recognition and share in the \$75,000 premium offering.

State Secretary of Agriculture William L. Henning reminds that Oct. 1 is the deadline for filing entries for beef cattle, swine and sheep. He urges Keystone State breeders to write B. L. Coleman, manager, Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition, 1831 North Cameron St., Harrisburg, Pa., for the official premium list. County agricultural agents have received copies.

Space for approximately 3,000 head of purebred beef cattle, swine and sheep will be provided for the first international open livestock show ever held in Pennsylvania. Early entries have been received from various parts of the United States and a number are expected from Canada. The attractive premium offerings will tempt many breeders to show at Harrisburg and then at the Eastern Livestock Show in Timonium, Md., opening Nov. 16, going on to the International in Chicago which opens Nov. 29.

Co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Livestock and Allied Industries Association, Inc., and the State Department of Agriculture, the show presents Pennsylvania livestock men with opportunity to compare their prized animals with those from other states, Henning pointed out. The State Farm Show in January is restricted to Pennsylvania en-

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## Limited Number of Fall Boars To Be Offered at Producers Sale

A limited number of registered fall boars are to be offered at the bred gilt sale to be held Feb. 22 by the newly formed Lancaster County Swine Producers Assn.

The directors of the association at a meeting held Thursday night at the Farm Bureau Co-operative decided that 10 good registered fall boars of various breeds may be offered.

Earl Fisher, sale committee chairman, said that tentative plans call for the sale to be held at the Martin Sale Barn in Blue Ball. He also announced that he has 16 head of gilts consigned thus far.

Not more than 40 gilts will be accepted for the sale.

So far the following breeds are represented: Yorkshire, Berkshire, Landrace, Duroc and Spotted Poland China.

In allowing the boars to be offered, the directors set up cer-

tain stipulations. The limit in numbers to be sold is 10. The boars must have been farrowed from Aug. 1 to Nov. 1; they, as with all swine in the sale, must be certified free of brucellosis; and the sale committee reserves the right to approve each animal offered on the basis of type, health or any other reason.

The gilts to be sold are not necessarily registered or pure bred, but must be of a recognized cross and of high type and must be bred to a registered boar. Deadline date for entries in the sale is Feb. 1.

Any producer desiring to enter either males or females in the sale may write to Harold Rohrer, Room 202, Post Office Building Lancaster, Pa. Animals from out of Lancaster County will be accepted if the consignor is a member of the association. Dues are a dollar.

## Penn State Dean Says Careers In Agriculture Endless in Number

"Careers in agriculture are almost endless in number and variety," says David R. McClay, acting associate dean of the College of Agriculture, the Pennsylvania State University. "Jobs in agriculture may be in engineering, teaching, economics, research, extension, or other fields," he states in the August issue of the Eastern State Cooperator.

"Land-grant colleges and universities expect to graduate 8,500 in agricultural fields in 1957," Dr. McClay explains, "but there are openings for about 15,000, not counting those who will be directly connected with agriculture on farms. A farm background is no longer necessary for high school graduates who wish to continue training in a college of agriculture," he declares.

"Agriculture is big business," he emphasizes. "Of the some 62 million persons employed in the

United States, 25 million or approximately 40 per cent work somewhere in agriculture. Ten million work on farms or ranches, six million provide services for farmers, and nine million process, market, and distribute farm products.

"Our population is growing, yet our farm land is decreasing in area. A better job of farming must be done in the future. Superior varieties of crops will need to be bred, improved fertilizers will need to be made, and more complete control of insects and diseases will be required."

Four-year courses in agriculture are recommended by Dr. McClay, but if time and money are short, a high school graduate may obtain very useful training from a two-year course, he says. Shorter courses, also offered at Penn State, often lead to attractive employment opportunities.

## Now Is The Time . . .

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**TO CONTINUE BUILDING SOIL ORGANIC MATTER** — Soil test still reveal the small amount of organic matter in many Lancaster

County soils. By growing winter cover crops such as rye, domestic rye grass, or field brome grass the soil organic matter should be improved. In addition soil and wind erosion will be reduced. Early September seedings of these crops are recommended.



Max Smith

**TO PRACTICE GOOD HERD MANAGEMENT** — Preventive measures against mastitis in your dairy herd are better than trying to cure the infection with the use of drugs. Many treatments give little or only temporary relief unless proper care and management are exercised. Udder bruises, chilling, drafts, milking machine irritation, and undesirable grain rations may bring on mastitis.

**TO INCREASE BARLEY ACREAGE** — The 1957 drouth has reduced corn yields. Several additional acres of winter barley for next summer harvest will provide grain that can well be used to replace corn in many rations. Wong, Hudson or Kenbar are the recommended varieties.

**TO FOLLOW THE CATTLE MARKET** — Many inquiries are received this time of the year about both feeder cattle and fat cattle. It is nearly impossible for anyone to advise what feeders should do because most markets are unpredictable. However, it is strongly recommended that feeders study the market several times each week and become better acquainted with prices, conditions, and supplies.