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## Harry Landis ASC Committee Head for 1958

The entire County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee was re-elected at the ASC County convention Thursday night with the exception of Harry Brubaker, R4 Lancaster, who was elected as second alternate member of the committee.

The committee for the coming year will consist of President, Landis G. Becker, Lititz, vice chairman, John J. Long, Peach Bottom; regular member, Fred G. Seldomridge, Gap; first alternate, Ira Hartz, Elverson; and Brubaker.

The election of township committees was held up several weeks due to tie votes for several positions. These ties were broken by lot.

The new township committees are

Conoy, West Donegal and Mt. Joy Twps — chairman, Christ N. Miller, R1 Elizabethtown, vice chairman, Hiram Greiner, R3 Manheim, member Willis Hackman, R3 Elizabethtown, alternates, Jerome Bixler, R3 Elizabethtown, and David Eahart, R3 Elizabethtown.

East Donegal and West Hempfield Twps — Chairman, Daniel Forry, R2 Columbia, vice chairman, John J. Herr, R1 Mt. Joy, member, Harold Endslow, R1 Marietta; alternates, Curvin H. Martin, R1 Mt. Joy and Jay W. Brandt, R1 Marietta.

Rapho Township — Chairman, Victor Engle, R1 Mt. Joy, vice chairman, Warren Miller, R1 Mt. Joy, member, Harry S. Gibble, R2 Manheim, alternates, Ammon F. Shelly, Manheim; and Wilbur Stoner, R4 Manheim.

Penn, Warwick and Elizabeth Twps — Chairman, Hiram G. Minnich, R2 Lititz, vice chairman, E. Samuel Kline, R1 Lititz, member, Milton Brubaker, R2 Lititz; alternates, R. Glenn Hershey, R2 Lititz, and Landis Nissley, R4 Manheim.

East Cocalco, West Cocalco, Brecknock and Clay Twps — Chairman, G. Russel Drumm, R2 Denver; vice chairman, Witmer Diefenbach, R1 Reinholds, member, Lester E. Hoffmaster, R2 Denver, alternates, Ernest Shupp, R1 Denver; and John Burkhardt, R1 Reinholds.

Caernarvon, East Earl and Earl Twps — Chairman, Ira Hartz, R2 Elverson; vice chairman, Mervin Weiler, R2 Elverson, member, Melvin Brendle, R1 East Earl; alternates, Charles W. Ster, R1 Narvon; and Ellis K. Mentzer, R2 New Holland.

Ephrata, West Earl and Upper Leacock Twps. — Chairman, Elvin Groff, R1 Bird-in-Hand, vice chairman, Jacob Hershey, R4 Lititz, member, Morton S. Frey, R3 Ephrata; alternates, John B. Lapp, R1 Bareville, and G. H. McCarthy, R5 Lancaster.

Salisbury and Leacock Twps — Chairman, Fred G. Seldomridge, R1 Gap; vice chairman, Robert Mast, R2 Narvon; member, Roy P. Wenger, R2 Honey Brook, alternates, Ernest W. Spotts, R2 Narvon, and Lloyd Skiles, RR2 Narvon.

East Lampeter, West Lampeter and Lancaster Twps. — Chairman, Harry Brubaker, R4 Lancaster.

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THESE ARE THE WINNERS AND CONTRIBUTORS of dairy calves in the annual FFA contest at the West Lampeter Community Fair. They are, left to right, front row John Groff, R1 Ronks, Arthur Breneman, R1 Willow Street, Roy Mentzer. Back row Donald Eby, Holstein Assn

president; George Myers, Vo-ag instructor at Lampeter-Strasburg High School, Melvin Stoltzfus, Guernsey Assn president, Henry Givler, Vo-ag instructor at Pequea Valley High School and John Paes, Ayrshire Assn president (LF Photo)

## Killing Frosts Over Week-end Ends Crop Season

Although killing frosts came a week after the normal Sept 21 frost date for this area, damage in Lancaster County is counted in the millions of dollars.

Most of the damage is in the tobacco crop which was only 80 to 90 per cent harvested. The dollar value of the damaged crop would have been much higher if the crop this year had been of better quality.

Elias E. Frey, agent for the Federal Crop Insurance Corp., said Monday that he had received 60 reports of damaged crops. Under the federal program, producers will receive compensation for crop loss equal to the cost of production.

One of the first words of caution due to the frost came from County Agent Max M. Smith who warns dairymen and others that frost damaged Sudan grass will lead to Prussic Acid poisoning of livestock. The grass may be used for silage if it is allowed to ferment for at least three weeks.

Among crops damaged were some hay that had made rapid growth after recent rains. Some of this hay may still be cut, but the quality will be lowered.

According to Nelson M. Kauffman, state climatologist at the Harrisburg Weather Bureau office, the normal date for 32 degree temperatures in Southeast Pennsylvania is Sept. 21. The normal frost free date is May 25. He said that the cold temperatures last week end were general throughout the state. Some stations near Philadelphia reported a low of 37 degrees, but he believes that frost did form in the lower elevations.

The Federal-State marketing service has declared the growing season over as of the weekend.

## Swine Brucellosis Control Plan Getting Started This Week

A voluntary program as the first step toward the control and eradication of swine brucellosis in Pennsylvania gets started this week, the State Department of Agriculture announced Monday.

Officials said swine affected with brucellosis (Bang's disease) will continue to be a menace to the cattle population of the State from which the disease practically has been eliminated.

Dr. Howard A. Milo, director of the Bureau of Animal Industry, said a survey of the 48 state-inspected abattoirs receiving Pennsylvania hogs will be made in anticipation of a voluntary blood testing program of all swine in native commercial herds.

Proprietors of slaughter houses are being asked to enter into an agreement with the Department of Agriculture to permit the veterinarian inspectors assigned to the 48 plants to draw blood samples and ship them to the bureau's animal laboratory for examination. At least 10,000 samples will be examined.

Dr. Milo said a statewide swine brucellosis program might not necessarily be required. He believes that a survey to determine the infection incidence should prove helpful for the Department in deciding whether a full-scale program should be undertaken in the future.

There has been no organized swine brucellosis control pro-

gram operating in the State, Dr. Milo explained. He said in recent years brucellosis tests have been given swine entered in community and state livestock shows and, of nearly 1,000 head tested, nine were found to be infected with the disease.

The new program will bene-

## 46 Wheat Agreements Signed in County

As of Friday 46 agreements for the placement of wheat acreage in the acreage reserve program of the Soil Bank had been signed, according to Miss Dorothy Neel, office manager for the county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

These agreements include 380.1 acres of land and will have a value of \$12,746.92.

Nationally there are 73,281 agreements signed placing 1,964,705 acres in the reserve.

## Young Farmers Meeting Tuesday at Manor School

There will be a Young Farmers meeting at Manor School at 8 p. m., Tuesday, Oct. 8.

Subjects to be discussed will be "Social Security for Farmers" and "Group Hospitalization."

Representatives of the Lancaster Social Security office and from group hospitalization organizations will be on hand to present the talks and to answer questions.

The public is invited to the meeting.

fit commercial swine growers, Dr. Milo commented. He added that the tests will provide a yardstick whereby the Bureau of Animal Industry may work toward the elimination of swine brucellosis in Pennsylvania.

## Now Is The Time . . .

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County Agricultural Agent



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**TO CHECK STORED GRAIN FOR INSECTS** — Insects such as beetles and moth larvae can do a lot of damage in stored grain during the fall and winter months. Growers are urged to inspect their bins and cribs for these pests. If insects are found, prompt fumigation while temperatures are high is recommended.

**TO CONTINUE CALF-HOOD VACCINATION** — It is strongly recommended that replacement stock be vaccinated against Brucellosis when four to eight months of age. Even though our county is area signed and testing, herd owners should not let down by failing to vaccinate young calves. A vaccinated animal is one of the best assets against an outbreak of the disease.

**TO USE CAUTION IN GRAZING FROSTED LEGUMES** — Many cases of bloat have been traced to animals that have pastured on alfalfa or clover after being frosted. Good herd or flock management is essential to keep down the trouble. Allow the animals to graze on this forage only when it is dry and after they have had a feeding of hay, silage, or other pasture.

**TO DESTROY SUDAN GRASS PASTURE** — After the two killing frosts of last week, it is dangerous to graze sudan grass. In order to keep livestock from getting into these areas by mistake, it is recommended that the crop be disced or destroyed soon. If the growth is of sufficient height, it may be made into silage and after allowing three weeks fermenting period, it will be safe for livestock feeding. Do not feed it fresh.

**TO SEED WINTER WHEAT** — The winter wheat crop may go into the ground from now until Oct 20; after the killing frosts less danger exists from Hessian Fly infestation. Later seedings on corn stalk ground should be made at a heavier rate (seven to eight pecks) than earlier seedings on well-prepared ground.