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More Parking Made Available Near Farm Show

Seven more acres of land acquired by the Commonwealth will be opened for free parking during the 1958 Pennsylvania Farm Show here Jan. 13-17, according to the Farm Show Commission.

The addition boosts Farm Show free parking space to approximately 40 acres, State Agriculture Secretary William L. Henning said today. Including street parking in the vicinity of the building, an estimated 15,000 cars and buses can be accommodated at one time, he added.

Located across the highway from the Farm Show Arena, the new parking lot was obtained through a 1957 Legislative appropriation of \$91,250. In past years the seven-acre lot was operated privately for pay-parking.

As a safety measure, the Commission hopes eventually to have a pedestrian walkway tunnel under Cameron Street, connecting the new lot with the arena, Henning said.

In a move to improve conditions on the main 33-acre parking lot adjacent to the Farm Show Building, the General State Authority plans to construct a network of hard-surface walkways at some future time.

Henning, who is chairman of the State Farm Show Commission, today voiced that body's appreciation to State and Harrisburg City Police in handling Farm Show traffic. Since the opening of a new bridge over the Susquehanna River at Harrisburg several years ago and the re-routing of traffic motorists have far less difficulty in reaching the big agricultural exposition than in previous years. The 42nd free State Farm Show starts Monday morning, Jan. 13 with Gov. George M. Leader formally opening the event that evening in the arena followed by a demonstration by mounted members of the Pennsylvania State Police.

Now Is The Time . . .

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regarding standards for grading and marking eggs.

TO PROTECT FISH IN FARM PONDS — When heavy ice or snow covers a pond all oxygen is cut off, therefore, the fish may die. This often occurs in ponds that are too shallow, too heavily populated, or contain too many weeds. It is recommended that during periods of continued freezing that the snow be removed from the ice covering the pond and that a number of holes be chopped in the ice to allow air to reach the water. The inserting of logs, rails, or brush in the water around the edge of the pond will provide air inlets.

TO RID BASEMENTS AND BUILDING OF SPIDERS — Many basements or masonry buildings are good cover for spiders during the fall and winter months, they spin webs in which to catch smaller insects for food. Sweeping down of these webs offers only temporary relief. The recommendation is to spray the basement and other dark corners with a lindane household-type spray. One application will usually give good control.

TO ORDER CERTIFIED SEEDS — The biggest difference between certified, seed and ordinary seed is that we are more sure of what we are getting with the certified seed. Uncertified seeds may not be true to type and may not have the desirable characteristics we want. Place your order early and make certain you get what you want rather than have to take what is left.

TO MAKE EGG CARTONS — Starting Jan. 16 the marketing of eggs in six-egg or twelve-egg cartons shall be permitted only if the carton is properly marked, this should reveal the consumer grade, the weight class, and the name and address of the producer or distributor. This requirement is because of recent changes in the Pennsylvania law



ALTHOUGH THIS was not the best year for corn production, these two 4-H Corn Club members produced crops of 80 and 100 bushels an acre. Don Trimble, left, who topped the club in overall score at the club

roundup came up with a 100 bushel yield. Glenn Porter had the best exhibit of 10 ears at the roundup. His yield was 80 bushels to the acre. (LF Photo)

Top 4-H Corn Growers Show Yields Of 80 and 100 Bushels at Roundup

The north half and the south half of the county were divided into separate sections when determining corn yield to pick the best 4-H Corn Club project at the club roundup Monday at the Bayuk Cigar warehouse in Lancaster.

The judges gave a score of 100 per cent for a yield of 35 bushels an acre for corn grown in the dry

northern townships but raised the requirements to 60 bushels for southern entries.

But despite the allowances both the top corn exhibit and the best overall score were won by entrants from the southern part of Lancaster County.

Glenn Porter, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Porter, R1 Washington Boro, had the best exhibit of 10 ears and Don Trimble, R1 Quarryville, had the best overall score.

In getting an 80 bushel per acre yield on his acre plot, Porter plowed land that had been in red clover. Ten tons of manure and 400 pounds of 10-10-10 were plowed down and added 100 pounds of 10-10-10 was applied in the row. The corn was sprayed with 2, 4, D after the final cultivation.

The variety used was Funk's G91.

Porter says that he likes to leave plenty of air in the soil for corn. Although the ground is well worked after plowing, it is not made powder fine.

Trimble managed a 100 bushel per acre yield on his half acre plot. On land that had been in tomatoes, he plowed down 16 tons of manure and 400 pounds of 5-10-10. Trimble said that much of the residual effect of 1,800 pounds of fertilizer applied to the tomato crop could be noticed.

He planted Pioneer 302A. Neither used irrigation.

Here in order of the overall scores are the placings of the corn club members.

Donald Trimble, R1 Quarryville; Glenn Porter, R1 Washington Boro; Paul Trimble, R1 Quarryville; David Heisey, R1 Sheridan; David Martin, R1 Mt. Joy; Wilbur Hosler, R3 Manheim; Barry Haldeman, R3 Manheim; Betty

Fatherless Poul At Beltsville Killed by Dogs

Graydon, the Agriculture Department's fatherless turkey being raised at the Beltsville, Md., Agricultural Research Center met an untimely death when two dogs attacked him.

This was the turkey pictured on page one of Lancaster Farming a few weeks ago.

Being raised to maturity by Dr. Marlow Olsen in an effort to check his mating ability, Graydon was always dull-witted and seemed to have trouble seeing.

When the dogs attacked, he didn't utter a cry. He died a few hours after the attack. The poul had lived 39 weeks.

Now Dr. Olsen must start over. It required thousands of unfertilized eggs to produce Graydon. In the past five years the researchers hatched more than 20 parthenogenetic pouls, but most died within a few hours.

An autopsy confirmed the scientists' speculations that the poul was male.

Hess, R3 Elizabethtown, Wendell Martin, R1 Drumore, and Harold Hess, R3 Manheim (tie), Steven Martin, R1 Drumore, Rodney Martin, R1 Drumore, James Groff, R7 Lancaster, Gloria Brubaker, R1 Ephrata; David Zimmerman, R1 Reinholds; and John Zimmerman, R1 Reinholds.

Judge for the show was George Berggren, agronomy specialist from Penn State.

Manheim Youth To Receive Top State FFA Award

The title of "State Star Farmer of Pennsylvania," the highest Future Farmers of America award that can be given at the State level, will be conferred during the 1958 State Farm Show upon Dean Hoffer, 18, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur H. Hoffer, R3 Manheim.

In addition to winning the top State honor, young Hoffer, a 1957 graduate of Manheim Central High School, has been designated as Star Farmer for the 12 county Southeastern Region of Pennsylvania. Names regional Star Farmers were certified to the Farm Show Commission Jan. 1 by George D. Derr, State acting FFA adviser and consultant in agricultural education in the Department of Public Instruction.

Hoffer will receive the high award at the annual meeting of Pennsylvania Future Farmers on Wednesday, Jan. 15. It will be conferred upon him by the FFA State president, Glen W. Fetrow, of Dover.

Young Hoffer was chosen by the FFA Advisory Council because of his achievement in scholarship, agriculture and leadership gave him his highest score among all nominees for the FFA's Keystone Farmer degree. Borrowing money to start farming projects of poultry, sheep and hay when he was a ninth grade student, Dean invested his profits in additional enterprises until he now has a net worth of more than \$14,000.

He has a dairy of 49 purebreds and in 1958 will be in full charge of the home farm, with 150 acres in hay, wheat, oats, corn, barley, and pasture.

He has been president of his FFA chapter and the area organization, and has placed in local, regional, and State FFA public speaking contests. He served two years on the high school student council and has been active in church and community affairs.

Annual Tobacco Co-op Meeting, Show to Be Jan. 10

The annual Lancaster County Tobacco Show and meeting of the Lancaster County Tobacco Growers Cooperative will be held at 1 p. m. Jan. 10 at the Farm Bureau Cooperative, Dillersville Road, Lancaster, officials of the cooperative announced Monday.

The tobacco show will see entries in three classes: filler, wrapper and binder. Two hands of each grade will be shown. General rules for the show will be the same as used at the Farm Show.

At the meeting of the cooperative in addition to the election of officers, Dr. Haggerstadt of the USDA agricultural research center at Beltsville, Md., has been invited to speak on disease control and cultural practices in growing tobacco. Several local tobacco buyers have been invited to give their opinions and needs for handling the 1957 crop.

The coop meeting will be held in the assembly room on the main floor of the Farm Bureau Bldg. The tobacco entered in the show may be taken to the Farm Show.