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SPRING PLOWING OF contour strips makes an interesting design from the air. The photo shows part of the farm of Amos H Funk, R1 Millersville At the controls

when the picture was taken was Flying Farmer J. Homer Graybill, R3 Manheim. (LF Airphoto by Bob Best)

## C of C Task Group Hears Farmers' Views

The task force studying expansion of the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce activities in the field of agriculture heard three things that could be done from a farmers viewpoint Tuesday night at a meeting in Lancaster.

B Snavelly Garber, R1 Willow Street, a dairy farmer, said that there should be more visiting and understanding between farmers and their city and suburban neighbors. Appreciation of the standing of agriculture and an understanding of the problems of the farmer on the part of urban dwellers is needed, he said.

Another sore point among farmers is finding refuse, junk and garbage dumped in their fields and lanes by city dwellers. An education program to stop this practice is sorely needed, Garber said.

Tax equality is the third problem that the farmer and the urbanite have in common.

Garber said that in these three could and should be worked out by the Chamber of Commerce.

He also said that there should be more farmer members of the Chamber. He noted that in the past, many Lancaster County farmers were Chamber of Commerce members, but that in the last 20 years, farmer membership has dropped due to a lack of interest and a lack of a constructive farm program on the part of the Chamber.

Abram Bucher of Lancaster, who has acted as a one-man Chamber of Commerce for the agricultural community, said that the Chamber should be more active in the field of agriculture. (Continued on page twelve)

## Farm Field Work Starts as Warm Sun Makes Appearance; Season Week Late

Farming in Lancaster County began this week as the sun finally shed its winter coat of clouds and shone forth to warm the air and soil.

Although spring has been for some three weeks, according to the calendar, residue of the record breaking snowfall delayed planting for at least one full week. Rains and chilly raw weather kept the soil wet and cold.

Only scattered plowing in the state had been reported as of April 1. Such plowing as had been done before last weekend was in spots and patches that were especially well drained. Some farmers plowed, although they said that conditions were far from ideal and that trouble might develop later.

Snow cover has been the greatest in recent years for winter wheat and pasture grasses and many of these fields reportedly have survived winter conditions successfully. Snow produced considerable protection from freezing and thawing during the winter.

The county is beginning to green up considerably, although pastures still do not show much growth. It is estimated that small grains will not be suitable for pasture for another week.

Some farmers are still buying hay, a necessity brought on by a combination of poor crops last year and the lateness of the pasture season this year.

From the air Monday, when the air photos in this edition were being taken, one sure sign of spring was very much in evidence. On almost every farm in

the center of the county, next to the house or barn, were either one or two, or in some cases, three white stripes, the sign that

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## Poultry Assn. Plans Gripe Session; Set Dates for Two Barbeques

The directors of the Lancaster Poultry Assn plan to stick their necks out for everyone to have a whack at a meeting planned for April 24 at the Poultry Center.

The association is asking for comments, suggestions and questions on "Ways and Means to Improve the Poultry Auction."

The last time such a meeting was held was in April of 1956.

However the directors feel that such a meeting will bring out shortcomings of the auction and will allow members of the association, producers and buyers alike, to vent their wrath on things they feel are wrong and point up some of the better practices that are being followed.

WHILE QUESTIONS will be accepted from the floor, the directors are requesting that comments be dropped off at the Center or mailed in ahead of time. This, they believe, will facilitate getting the discussion started.

The directors at a meeting April 10 made plans for two barbeques. The first of these will be held May 10 at the Poultry Center as a function of Broiler Week. The birds will be on the pits from 2 to 7 p.m.

Other organizations having barbeques the same day may contact the association to make arrangements for pre-cooked birds.

Some 27 winners of the Optimist Club, Lancaster, Bicycle Safety Round-up will be honored guests at the barbeque.

THIS WILL BE a take-out only barbeque. Prices are to be a dollar for half a bird, three halves for \$2.75, and half a dozen halves for \$5.

The annual Poultry Assn barbeque at Litz Springs Park

has been set for June 7. General chairman this year will be Jay Greider, R1 Mt Joy.

Greider, who is also president of the associations, announced the membership of the standing committees of the association for the coming year. They are:

**POULTRY EXCHANGE** Directors—Noah W Kreider, R3 Manheim, Levi H Brubaker, Rohrsers-town, Glenn H Herr, R1 Manheim, C Eugene Cassel, Landisville, Mark Myer, Lampeter, Carl B. Risser, 347 Broad St., Litz; and William C Schultz, Fairfield.

**Youth Awards**—Glenn H Herr, Richard Kreider, R3 Manheim, and Eugene Cassel.

**Tour**—Mark Myer, Arthur Graybill, R1 Stevens, Richard Kreider, and Harry S. Sloat, P.O. Bldg., Lancaster.

**Education**—John H Herr, R7 Lancaster, Noah W Kreider, Harry S Sloat, P O Bldg, Lancaster, Levi Brubaker, and E I Robertson, 937 Fountain Ave., Lancaster.

**PROPERTY AND Grounds**—Roy Erb 118 Kreider Ave., Lancaster, Paul Rowe, R1 Strasburg, and Roy B. Herr, R7 Lancaster.

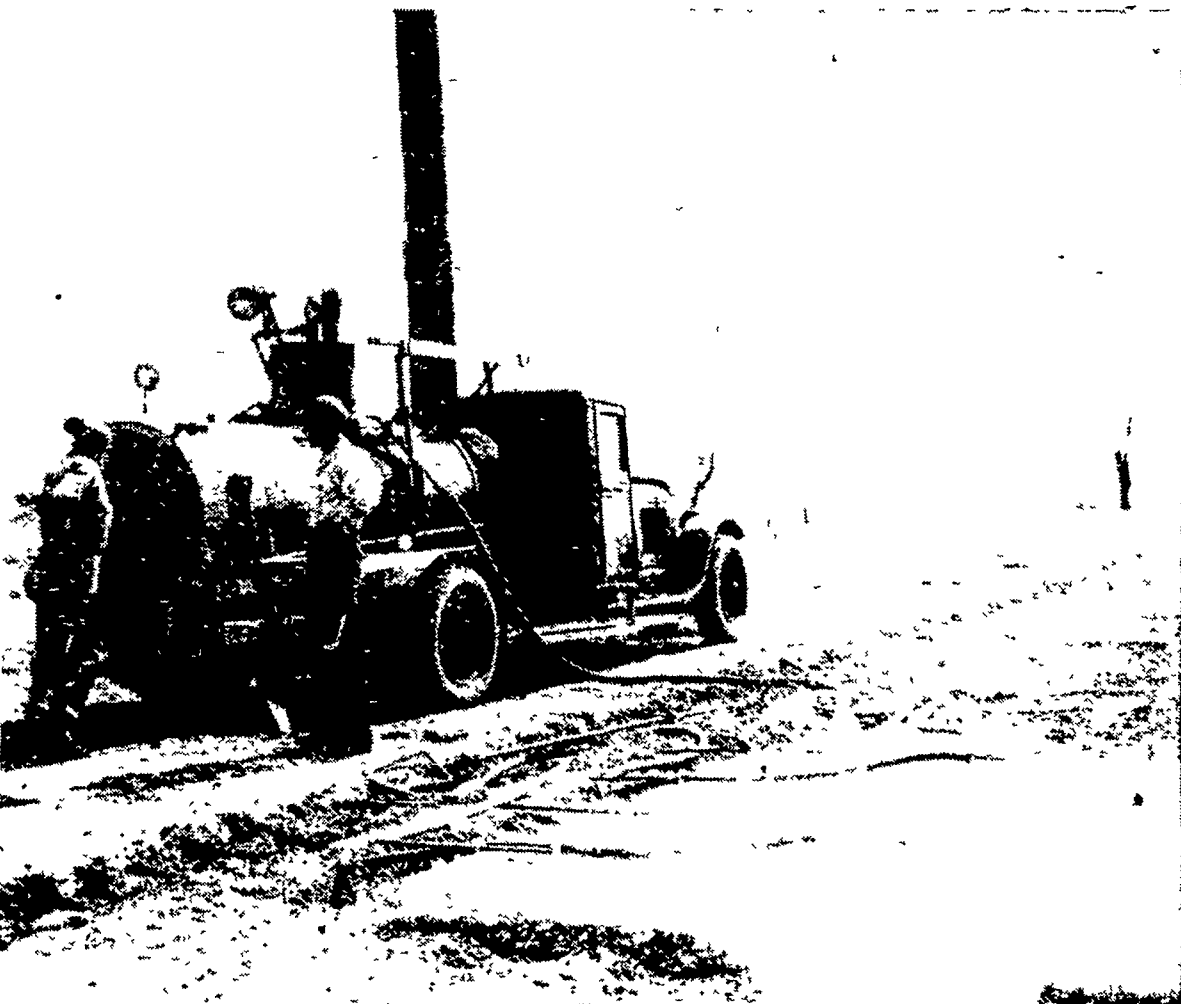
**Membership**—Daniel K Good, R1 Columbia, L. Howard Martin, 2823 Columbia Ave., Lancaster, and Arthur Graybill.

**Publicity**—Lewis Mortensen, East Petersburg, Mrs Clara Kopf, R1 Columbia; and Charles Warfel, R1 Conestoga.

**Banquet**—Donald Wolgemuth, Florin; Martin Miller, Florin; and John Longenecker, 1110 South Market St., Elizabethtown.

**Egg Promotion**—Martin Miller; F. S Fisher, Leacock, and Raymond Souder, R1 Litz.

The egg promotion committee is new this year.



A SPRING CHORE UNIQUE to Lancaster County is the annual practice of steaming tobacco beds. It used to be that steam engines would puff up and down the rural lands, but that has been changed now by

faster moving rigs. Shown here are Harold Shearer, R2 Mt. Joy, left, and J. Robert Ruhl, R3 Manheim, at the farm of Benjamin Bucher, R3 Manheim. (LF Photo)