



A FASHION SHOW, featuring clothing made at home, was a feature of County Homemakers Day Wednesday Shown here are, left to right, Mrs John Hershey, R2 Mt Joy, wearing a gray tailored coat; Mrs. Robert Ulrich, R1 Quarryville, wearing an all wool tailored navy blue coat suit, and Mrs Albert Breneman, R2 Manheim, wearing a drip-dry cotton house dress. (LF Photo)

Corn Borer Infestation Heavy; Plow Down Stalk Fields Soon

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania farmers today face loss of a million dollars or more in their 1958 corn crops due to a heavy winter carry over of live larvae of the European corn borer.

According to spot checks made by the State Department of Agriculture in stubble and stalk still standing in fields on farms in 14 counties, 44 per cent of corn borer larvae are still alive. This compares with 46 per cent a year ago when crop damage was estimated at \$958,000.

Little time is left to reduce the damage from the insect that weakens corn stalks to the breaking point and results in failure of ears to reach maturity, the Bureau of Plant Industry warned

Where old corn stalks or stubble are still standing in fields they should be plowed under by May 15, observers said.

Woodpeckers and crows, seeking food when snow covered the ground, destroyed 27 per cent of the borers in infested stalks. Parasitic flies killed 5 per cent and mechanical corn pickers accounted for the destruction of about 24 per cent of borers, the survey showed. Most survivals were found in counties over the southern half of the State. Very few of the pests were found in northwestern counties.

Pennsylvania corn borer losses two years ago reached a near-record \$4,600,000 for all corn

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Some decrease in the 1958 rye and corn acreage is also indicated by the March 1 reports.

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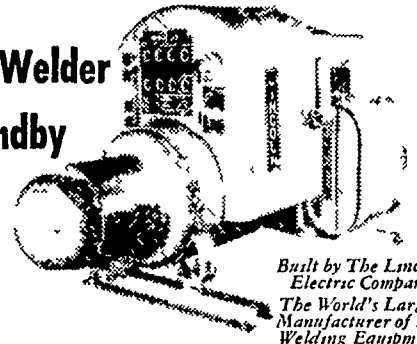
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