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## Farm Activity Going Strong Across State

Farm activity was interrupted in the beginning of this week by rain, but by the end of the week fields had dried out enough in most sections of the state to allow farmers to resume their spring work.

Planting of oats and plowing for corn made good headway in nearly all parts of the state with the exception of the North Central area where wet field conditions caused some delay.

Winter grains are making good growth throughout most of the state. Oats in some areas of the south are starting to show green. Planting of corn has started in a few sections.

**FARMERS IN** most other parts of the state are busily preparing seed beds.

Hays and pastures are growing rapidly as a result of last week's warm weather. Farmers in scattered areas of the southern part of the state have turned their cattle on pasture. Alfalfa spittle bug spraying is also going on in most areas.

**PLANTING OF** early potatoes in some sections is underway and the setting of early cabbage is making good progress. Spinach is starting to move in small volume.

Cherries, peaches and pears are in blossom throughout most of the state. Early apples are starting to bloom in a few sections. The planting of new strawberry plants has started.

**THE COMING** weekend will see the annual tours of the apple orchards in Berks and Adams Counties.

Temperatures ranged up to eight degrees below the previous week, but remained well above normal through most of the period. A cold front moving through the state Tuesday night brought thunderstorms and locally heavy rainfall. The temperature was predicted to drop to near the freezing mark Wednesday night.

Safe Harbor reported 1.37 inches of rainfall during the week ending Wednesday and 1.38 inches since April 15. The average maximum temperature at Safe Harbor was 66 and the average low was 50 degrees.

## Byars & Allen Sale Has Buyers From 9 States

**GETTYSBURG** — Buyers from nine states — Connecticut, Maryland, Colorado, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Oklahoma, California and Texas — bought 47 head of Angus cattle at the Byars & Allen Sale here Saturday.

The 47 head, all females, averaged \$691 for a total of \$32,505.

The President did not attend the sale because of the distracting influence of the press corps which travels with him and because of the security restrictions which would have caused a distraction to the buyers.

The second high individual was another heifer which brought \$2,700.



**IN A UNIQUE** ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday, the work commenced for the World Plowing Matches and Conservation Exposition to be held at Hershey next August.

Shown above are officials of the event as they held a ribbon for a 16-ton bulldozer to cut to mark the beginning of work (LF Photo)

## Ground Broken Wednesday for Plow Matches

Ground was broken Wednesday at the Milton Hershey Estates in preparation for the 16th National Plowing Contest and Conservation Exposition to be held there Aug. 21 and 22.

On hand for the ribbon cutting and hoisting shovels were William L. Henning, secretary of agriculture, James Bobb, vice-president of Hershey Estates, Ivan McKeever, state soil conservationist, and Lee H. Bull, deputy secretary of agriculture and general chairman of the exposition. Representatives from state water, game, wild life and forestry departments were also present. Others from the department of highways, utility companies and heavy equipment dealers witnessed the proceedings.

Two 16-ton bulldozers and other equipment started moving dirt and building a dam for an exposition demonstration on farm pond fish management. Ralph W. Hunter, US Soil Conservation Service and chairman of the conservation exposition division, introduced the dignitaries and directed the work.

The conservation demonstration area covers 2,300 acres.

## Newsman to Discuss World Affairs At Holstein Convention in Boston

A brief glimpse of the past, plus an expert analysis of the present will be prominent features of the 73rd Annual Convention of The Holstein-Friesian Assn. of America at Boston in June.

Before discussing the affairs of the world's largest dairy cattle registry organization, the Convention group of more than 2,000 will tour historic Plymouth harbor in a chartered excursion vessel.

"Problems of a Strong Ameri-

ca," an address by Erwin D. Canham, Editor of The Christian Science Monitor, will highlight the business sessions, June 4-5, at the Sheraton-Plaza Hotel.

Canham, an internationally prominent news analyst, writer and radio commentator, will discuss events which have shaped recent American history.

No stranger to the Holstein industry, he started his career as a Maine 4-H boy under the leadership of Convention Co-Chairman Harold J. Shaw - a former County Agent.

## USDA Suspending Portion of Poultry Products Inspection Regulations

The Department of Agriculture announced Monday that the provisions of the poultry products inspection regulations requiring the removal of kidneys from all classes of young poultry will be suspended until Jan. 1, 1959. The regulations containing this requirement are set to become effective May 1, 1958.

Suspension action on that portion of the regulations requiring the removal of kidneys from classes of young poultry is being taken in order to permit all poultry plants to operate on a comparable basis in this respect for the balance of 1958.

**AS OF JAN. 1, 1959**, all plants shipping poultry in interstate commerce will be required by law to meet the regulations governing the inspection of poultry under the Poultry Products Inspection Act. Until that date Federal inspection is only voluntary on the part of the plant owner.

**PROVIDING SIMILAR** operating requirements with respect to the removal of kidneys will encourage currently approved

plants to continue providing officially inspected poultry during the balance of the year. It is also anticipated that uninspected plants will find it convenient during the balance of the year to apply for the service in order to be approved and operating under the program as of the Jan. 1, 1959, mandatory date.

**THE DEPARTMENT** also indicated that a thorough review of the kidney removal problem would be made prior to Jan. 1, 1959, for the purpose of determining whether modification of the regulations in this respect appears advisable.

Currently some 350 plants are operating under the department's voluntary inspection program. It is expected that practically all these plants will, as soon as approved, shift to the mandatory program being offered as of May 1, in accordance with the Poultry Products Inspection Act. An additional 250 plants not now receiving Federal inspection have applied for plant approval and service.



**FIRST TO LIFT** a shovel full of dirt at ground breaking ceremonies Wednesday was William L. Henning, state secretary of agriculture. The ground breaking was the first event of the exposition which is expected to bring more than 100,000 visitors to the state in August. (LF Photo)