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## Small Grains Mostly Harvested Between Rains

The small grain harvest in this area is generally completed as farmers took advantage of half-days of good dry cutting weather to get in the wheat and oats crops.

Corn is in the tassel and silk stage, some for as much as two weeks now. All indications are that this is to be a good corn year and yields should be excellent.

Hay generally has been reduced in quality by rains over the past month. Many farmers lost cuttings caught on the ground by sudden rains. Most of the quality loss came from the hay being rained on as it lay on the field.

The tonnage is good and it appears that at least four cuttings of alfalfa will be available generally this year.

The state Crop Harvesting Service reports that all vegetables in general are doing good. Snap bean harvest is underway in Potter County. Early tomatoes are moving to market and are of nice size and color. But potatoes in scattered sections are starting to rot in the ground because of too much moisture.

Early peaches in the southern part of the state are moving in small volume. Summer rains have helped the sizing of all fruit beyond expectations.

During the past week the state temperature high was 93 degrees in Philadelphia on July 31. The low in the state was 53 degrees at Wellsboro on Aug. 2.

Reading has reported a total of 1.82 inches of rain during the week ending Aug. 4. Normal is 9.1 inches. At Safe Harbor the total rainfall amounted to only .54 inches.

## 8th Poultry Festival to Be Aug. 21-24

The Pennsylvania Poultry Federation will hold its 8th Annual Poultry Festival at Hershey, Pennsylvania, Aug. 21 through 24, in cooperation with Pennsylvania Dutch Days.

The traditional chicken barbecue put on by the Federation is this year expected to exceed 50,000 halves of chickens, a record for any similar activity in the United States. Preparations are being made to barbecue more than 1,000 halves of chickens each day of the Festival to help feed the crowds attending the

## Kenneth Skiles Wins Berk Gilt At Swine Producers Field Day

A young Berkshire gilt from Kenneth Dombach of Masonic Home farm was the prize won by Kenneth Skiles, R2 Marvon, as top swine judge at the annual Lancaster County Swine Producers Field Day held at Masonic Home Saturday.

Other winners in the adult division were Bruce Boyd, R1 Ephrata, James Martin, R2 New Holland; Paul Ebaugh, R1 East Earl; and Ralph Dietz, Annville.

Darvin Boyd, R1 Ephrata, won the first place in the youth division. Second place was won by Glenn Smoker, R5 Lancaster, third was James Dombach, R2 Lancaster; fourth was Wilbur Hosler, R3 Manheim, and fifth,



LANCASTER COUNTY will be represented in the finals of the "Queen of the Furrow" contest by 18-year-old Rosemary Andrews. Miss Andrews was selected to represent a five-county area in semi-finals held Saturday night at Hershey. (LF Photo)

## Star Farmer Picked; To Be Announced Oct. 14

A panel of judges this week met in Washington to select the 1958 Star Farmer of America. The winner will be announced at the Future Farmers of America Convention in Kansas City on Oct. 14.

National Plowing Contests, a highlight of Pennsylvania Dutch Days included in the Poultry Festival will be exhibits of fancy game birds, water fowl, 12 varieties of turkeys and chickens trained to ring a cash register for their feed. Climaxing the Festival will be contests selecting Miss Pennsylvania Poultry Industry for 1958 and the Pennsylvania Poultry Cooking Champion. The contests will be held Saturday, Aug. 23.

## Guernsey Field Day to Be Held At R. F. Witmer's

The annual Guernsey Breeder's Assn. field day will be held Aug. 13 at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. Witmer, R1 Willow Street.

This modern dairy farm is located about eight miles south of Lancaster on Route 222.

The Witmer herd topped the county in DHIA testing for the Guernsey breed last year. The herd made an average of 578.5 pounds of butterfat.

Speaker at the event will be Frank D. Brown, Jr., Port Deposit, Md. He will speak on the Mt. Ararat Farms operations.

Judging contests will begin at 10 a.m. Roger Emig, field supervisor of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeding Co-operative will be judge. There will be three classes — men, ladies and junior.

Prizes will be awarded to the high scorers in each class.

On the Witmer farm, one of the leading attractions is a forced hot air hay dryer that has been remodeled from an old tobacco shed. Witmer also makes extensive use of his irrigation equipment in his quality roughage program.

Lunch will be served by Farm Women 14 for a dollar a plate. The field day committee is Jason Weaver, Raymond Witmer, and John Graybill.

## Miss Andrews Takes Area 2 Title In "Queen of the Furrow" Contest

Lancaster County will be represented in the finals of state "Queen of the Furrow" contest by Miss Rosemary Andrews, R7 Lancaster. Miss Andrews won the area semi-final contest held at Hershey Saturday night.

The 18-year-old redhead won out over contestants from Dauphin, Schuylkill, Lebanon and York Counties. There were 10 girls in the contest.

She was presented with two bouquets of flowers and a wrist watch. The flowers were presented by Alfred Dugan, agricultural supervisor of the Milton Hershey School and by Christian Musser, chairman of the York County Soil Conservation District. Jim Sedgwick, representing American Steel and Wire, presented the watch.

THIS IS THE second watch that Miss Andrews has received. The first was presented at the county contest at Millersville State Teachers College on June 23. It was awarded by the county Soil Conservation District, sponsor of the local contest.

Others in the area contest were Misses Ruth Ann Carrol, Peach Bottom; Donna Landis and Cynthia Zell, Dauphin County; Cecilia Tree and Charlotte Miller, Schuylkill County; Rachel Sangler and Barbara Roe, Lebanon County; and Margaret McPherson and Bonnie Abel, York County.

Miss McPherson, one of the York County contestants, is the present state poultry queen. She will give up her title to the 1958 "Miss Pennsylvania Poultry Industry" at a contest to be held at Hershey on Aug. 23.

A buffet dinner at Palmyra for the contestants, their parents and officials preceded the contest Saturday.

MISS ANDREWS IS a graduate of Lampeter-Strasburg High School and was May Queen this year. She was runner-up for the Lancaster County Poultry Industry Queen title.

She plans to enter college at Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N. J., this fall.

In the state contest to be held at Hershey Community Theater Aug. 15, Miss Andrews will compete with nine other girls from all parts of the state.

THE LUCKY WINNER, in addition to presiding over the National Plowing Matches and Conservation Exposition, will receive a complete wardrobe, a "dream weekend" with her parents in New York City, and numerous radio and television appearances.

This is the first and probably

only occasion in which a Pennsylvania farm girl will preside as "Queen of the Furrow" over the National Plowing Matches since this event is held in a different state each year.

JUDGES FOR THE area contest were Mrs. Richard Redman, former Powers model now wife of the manager of WHP, Harrisburg; Clarence Funk, of the Farm Bureau Co-op information service; and C. S. Jackson, vocational agriculture supervisor for Chester and Delaware Counties.

Slated to judge the state contest are Jack Brand of the United States Steel Hour; Miss Lenore Brundige, fashion editor of the Pittsburgh Press; Richard Redmond, manager of WHP and WHP-TV Harrisburg; Mrs. L. H. Bull, wife of the deputy secretary of agriculture; and David Unger, Soil Conservation Director, Harrisburg.

Master of ceremonies at the recent contest and to be MC of the finals is Robert Malick, WGAL-TV farm director.

## Barbeque to Be Held Aug. 9 For Lampeter Fair

A chicken barbeque for the benefit of the West Lampeter Community Fair will be held Aug. 9 (tomorrow) at the Lampeter Community Center.

Barbeques will be served in the pavilion from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Carry-out service will also be available at these times.

From 3 to 5 p.m. there will be a calf roping contest by the Lap and Tap Roping Stock.

The price for tickets will be \$1.50 for adults and \$0.75 for children.

Roy B. Herr is general president of the barbeque and Harold Rohrer is fair president. Wayne B. Rentschler is secretary-treasurer for the fair.

Chairmen of the various committees for the barbeque are as follows: Publicity, Wayne B. Rentschler; purchasing, Harold Rohrer; tables and grounds, B. Snively Garber and LeRoy Andrews; barbeque pit, Mark Myer; supervisor and J. Lloyd Rohrer; chairman, parking, Isaac Herr; serving lines, Mrs. LeRoy Andrews; take-out service, Mrs. Frank Leed; table service, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rowe; and play ground supervision, Mrs. Robert Adams.

## Cigar Filler Stocks Down 3.6 Million Pounds on July 1 From Year Ago

The federal government this week announced that dealers and manufacturers held leaf tobacco inventories totaling 4,609 million pounds as of July 1. This is 237 million pounds below the figure of a year earlier.

Cigar filler stocks were down 3.6 million pounds from a year ago. The total of type 41-44 tobacco now in stock is pegged at 137,359 million pounds.

Stocks of flue-cured were down eight per cent from the previous July. The marketing year for flue-cured tobacco is on a July-June basis, and total disappearance (exports plus domestic dis-

appearance) during the year just ended was 1,178 million pounds (1,170 million the year before) based on July 1 stocks.

Domestic consumption of flue-cured which had been declining in recent years turned upward, and this increase more than balanced lower exports.

Significant decreases from the previous July 1 were shown in stocks of flue-cured, down nine per cent, dark air-cured, down 10 per cent, and cigar binder, down 13 per cent. Shade grown cigar wrapper was the only domestic kind with larger stocks this July 1 than a year earlier.