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## Tobacco Harvest Begins In County; Weather Helpful

Tobacco harvest was speeded up considerably this week by the favorable weather early in the week. The temperature continued high, but much of the time the skies were overcast which lessened the danger of sunburn as the tobacco was being harvested.

Reports from many parts of the county indicate that the tobacco is generally of good size and quality. Dry weather during the past weeks has done much to remove some of the excess moisture from the stalks which are of abnormally large size this year.

Mr. Jerry Sellers, who farms tobacco on the farm of Lloyd Harnish, Lancaster R6, says his tobacco is the heaviest he has ever produced. Planted on the 5th of June, the tobacco started well and made good use of the moist, hot weather during June and July.

"Our tobacco is so large this year that we have to spear most of it four stalks to the lath," Sellers said. Asked about his opinion on how the tobacco would cure, Sellers felt that unless the weather should turn extremely damp during the next few days, the tobacco should start to cure well. "It was ripe, and I thought it should be cut," he said.

One of the first to harvest tobacco in the county this year was Richard Haddon, Quarryville R1,



**HOT, MOIST WEATHER** pushed tobacco harvest on some Lancaster county farms this past week. Carl G. Harnish, left and Jerry Sellers are shown with some of their tobacco crop grown on the farm of

J. Lloyd Harnish, Lancaster R6, father of Carl. Mr. Harnish, whose main business is broilers, (6,000 per batch) says that this is one of the heaviest tobacco crops ever grown on the farm. (LF Photo)

whose crop went into the barn on July 29. "That is the earliest date we ever harvested tobacco," Haddon reported. His crop is beginning to cure with no sign of damage from pole burn.

While much of the County's crop is ready or nearing ripeness, there are fields in which the tobacco is not much more than

half grown. Wet weather which delayed planting on some farms, and a short dry spell just after planting on some others accounts for part of the delay. From all appearances, tobacco harvest will continue well into September.

## Donegal 4-H Club Plays Host to Illinois Visitors

The Donegal Community 4-H club played host to a group of 4H club members and their leaders from Kendall County, Illinois at a meeting last Friday evening.

The theme of the meeting was, "A Pennsylvania Dutch Party". As the guests arrived they were given a miniature Hex sign with a space on the back for autographs.

In following the theme, Judy Ginder, Florin, and Fred Bernhard Mt. Joy, presented an Amish skit, entitled "How To Make Ice Cream".

Talks by M. M. Smith, Lancaster County Agent and Mr. Jacobs, Adult leader of the visiting group concerning community club work in the two states were given during the refreshment period. Traditionally Pa. Dutch refreshments consisted of home made ice cream, pretzles, and iced tea.

The meeting was closed by a candle light service, and group singing.

A combination swimming party and slumber party to be held at Mt. Gretna on Aug. 18 is the next activity planned by the club.

## Fertilizer Helps Even Rich Soil

It isn't always wasteful to fertilize land that will yield more than 100 bushels of corn per acre without fertilizer, according to research by A. C. Caldwell, soils scientist, and John Thompson, agronomist, of the University of Minnesota.

Tests showed applying fertilizer on land that produced 138 bushels could still boost yields by 21 bushels, to 159 per acre.

## Judging Teams Bring Ribbons To Lancaster Co.

Lancaster County 4-H teams turned in wins again this week at the annual summer convention at Penn State. Bringing home first prize for individual high score in Livestock judging was Wayne Miller, Mt. Joy, who garnered a total of 429 points.

Wilbur Hosler, Manheim R3, helped the team effort along with a second place in individual scoring. The other member of the team, which placed second in team competition with 1,227 points was Darwin Boyd, Ephrata, R1. York County took first honors with 1,236 points.

York County beat out the local competitors again in Swine judging by a score of 1,036 to 997. In the individual scoring, Donald Herr, Refton, was fourth while Donald Wiggins, Millersville placed fifth in statewide competition.

Kenneth Porter, Washington Boro, who placed third in individual scoring, and Paul Schantz, Ephrata, who was fifth, were helped by Janice Showalter, Reinholds, to score a total of 1,411 points. That score, however, came in only a close second to Bradford County's 1,415 points.

The dairy demonstration team took third place behind teams from Blair and Crawford counties.

Flower judges from Northampton, Montgomery, and Butler counties edged the local flower judging team into fourth place.

The Vegetable judging team was in eighth place. Winner was Clearfield county.

The Lancaster County delegation is slated to return to the county on Thursday.

## Keep Spraying For Late Blight; Potato Growers are Cautioned

Keep a close watch for late blight in Tomato and Potato fields, was the warning of Dr. C. F. Taylor, Extension Plant Pathologist at the Pennsylvania State University, to the more than 100 potato growers and their families who made up the joint York, Lancaster County Potato tour on Tuesday.

"Late blight has been seen in some fields in Lancaster County," Taylor said. "It is not serious at present, but keep spraying with the recommended materials." He was very emphatic in stressing the use of recommended materials and thorough application.

Taylor also recommended the use of Chemical vine killers 10 days to two weeks before harvest. "This," he said, "will help to destroy blight spores before the tubers become infected in storage."

Harry Sloat, Associate County Agent, who was in charge of the tour introduced Dr. John O. Pepper, Extension Entomologist at the Pennsylvania State University.

Dr. Pepper was of the opinion that most early potatoes have made sufficient growth that insecticides applied at this time would not be economically warranted. However, on late potatoes he cautioned the growers to keep a watch for aphids, flea beetles, and leaf hoppers. "One of the phosphate materials, such as Parathion, will control all of these, and if aphids are not present, DDT will control the other two," he said.

"Get your soil sample tested now," was the advice of Elmer Peifer, Extension Agronomist at

the University. During the Fall, the soil testing laboratory has a slack season and returns can be had much quicker. A soil test now will give the farmer time to order his fertilizer early to take advantage of price reductions. Soil test kits are available from the County Agent.

Peifer also stressed the use of vine killers. "They can be used," he said "to control tuber size." A tuber of about two and one-half to three inches is considered most desirable for table use.

Peifer also recommended the use of chemicals to control sprouting of the tubers in storage. The most commonly used preparation is Maleic Hydrazide (MH 30). This compound should be available in Lancaster County since it is also recommended for use in preventing the growth of tobacco suckers. The growers were cautioned, however, not to use MH 30 on any potatoes they planned to use for seed.

York County Agent, John Smith and about 35 visitors from York County were part of the group which toured the farms of the following growers in the morning: Robert Herr, Lancaster R2; Clyde K. Eshleman, Washington Boro; Jay Stauffer and Guy Eshleman, Lancaster R2; Levi H. and Aaron Brubaker, Rohrerstown.

After a picnic lunch at Long's Park, the group continued to the farms of John Cope, Manheim R1; David Nissley, Manheim R1; Stanley Carpenter, Manheim R1; Noah Kreider and Sons, Manheim R3; Clarence Keener and Sons, Manheim R3, and The Masonic Homes Farms, Elizabethtown.

## Natl. Guernsey Show Set For Sales Pavilion

The 9th annual Guernsey show to be held at the Guernsey Sale Pavilion, Lincoln Highway East, will attract the top guernseys in the nation, reports Pennsylvania Golden Guernsey News.

K. C. Sly, manager of McDonald Farms, Cortland will do the judging.

Numerous trophies which have to be won three times for permanent possession will be up for competition.

The show will start promptly at 9 a.m. Aug. 26.

## District Black and White Show Draws 117 Head of Holstein Cattle

Holstein dairymen showed a total of 117 head of fine cattle at the annual Southeastern Pennsylvania District Black and

White Show at the Southeastern Artificial Breeding Cooperative barns on August 8. The coveted grand champion rosette was captured by Wightwick Glenafton Rachel, top cow in the herd of Mowery Frey, Lancaster R 7. The champion earlier in the day had been named senior champion of the show. The best she could do in competition at the 7th annual Southeastern Artificial Breeding Cooperative Show the previous day was to place second in her class, being beaten by Caernarvon Bess Ruby, owned and showed by John M. Umble, Atglen R1.

Junior champion of the show was Penn Springs Regal Dandy, a senior heifer owned by Robert H. Kauffman, Landisville.

The event which was held in conjunction with the Lancaster County 4-H dairy show drew a crowd of about 500.

Chairman of the show committee was Clarence E. Lyons, Lancaster. State Director of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association The judge was John Morris, College Park, Maryland.

Winners at the show were Junior Heifer Calf—1. George A. Rutt Jr., Stevens, 2. Robert H. Kauffman, Landisville, 3. Glenn Miller, York County Senior Heifer Calf—1. Kauffman (Junior

champion); 2. Donald L. Hershey, Manheim; 3. David D. Zimmerman, Manheim.

Junior Yearling Heifer — 1. Mowery Frey Jr., Lancaster R7; 2. Rutt; 3. Richard K. Geyer, Willow Street R2. Senior Yearling Mistress—1. J. Glenn Hess, Washington Boro; 2. John D. Zimmerman, Manheim; 3. Richard Hess, Strasburg.

Two-Year-Old Heifer — (Milking)—1. Kauffman; 2. John M. Umble, Atglen R1; 3. Donald Welk, Strasburg; (Dry) 1. Glenn Miller, Thomasville, York County; 2. Umble; 3. Umble. Three-Year-Old Cow—1. Hill Girt Farm, Chadds Ford; 2. Herbert and Rhelda Royer, Lancaster R5; 3. Kauffman Four-Year-Old Cow — 1. Joyce McAvoy, Phoenixville; 2. Umble, 3. Mary B. Stoltzfus, Morgantown.

Aged Cow—1. Frey (Senior and Grand Champion) 2. Umble; 3. Stoltzfus. Junior Yearling Bull — 1. Miller (Champion); 2. Robert E. Gitt, Littletown, Adams County Junior Bull Calf—1. Jack Sunday, Carlisle, Best Yearling—1. Stoltzfus; 2. Frey, 3. McAvoy.

Junior Get of Sire—1. Kauffman, Rutt and Hershey, 2. David S. Miller Senior Get of Sire—1. Stoltzfus, 2. Hill Girt, Hess and Kauffman, 3. Umble Produce of Dam—1. Miller, 2. Kauffman; 3. Rutt Best Three Female—1. Stoltzfus, 2. Kauffman, 3. Umble Dairy Herd—1. Stoltzfus, 2. Umble, 3. Hess.