

Farm Calendar

May 17—2 p.m. Rural Life Sunday Services, Chestnut Level Presbyterian church
 May 18—7 30 p.m., Lincoln Community 4-H Club, Ward Bottle Gas
 May 19—7 30 p.m., Drumore
 May 20—8 p.m., 4-H Officers Training School, John Neff School, Neffsville.
 4-H Community Club, Chestnut Level Church
 May 21—7 30 p.m., County 4-H Tractor Demonstration, Landis Bros, Mannheim Pike.
 May 21—7:30 p.m., Garden Spot 4-H club, Glen Books home, Lampeter.
 June 22-26—4-H Leadership School, Penn State.
 June 10—Annual meeting of stockholders, Pennsylvania Potato Industries, Inc, at Potato City Hotel near Coudersport.

Wheel-Track Planting Is Explained

HARRISBURG, — Wheel track corn planting, a new idea in corn culture, can be a valuable tool in preventing erosion losses, according to William L. Henning, chairman of the State Soil Conservation Commission.

With this method, corn is planted on freshly plowed ground in a seedbed prepared by the tractor wheels. The rough, loose soil between rows reduces run-off by absorbing moisture.

Erosion may also be reduced on old hay and pasture land because it is not plowed until ready for corn planting.

An added benefit, Henning says, is that wheel track planting can save about 40 per cent of tillage costs.

According to studies at Penn State, this amounts to about \$5 an acre over the usual method of planting corn. It can be used on almost any soil type in Penna.

Planting corn in the tractor wheel track will improve corn germination, especially in dry years. The depth of kernel placement is uniform and the freshly plowed furrow usually contains enough moisture to germinate the seed rapidly.

Pre-emergence treatment with a chemical weed killer at planting time, or spraying five to seven days after planting, will delay the first cultivation for a period of two weeks or longer.

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Live Hog Cholera Virus Banned in Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania's Governor David L. Lawrence has signed into law an act which outlaws the sale or use of virulent live virus for the prevention of or control of hog cholera in the State.

The new regulation becomes effective immediately. Pennsylvania thus becomes the twentieth State in which "hot virus" is banned. At least 16 other states are now considering similar legislation.

Hog farmers now will use

the safer "modified live virus" vaccines or the "inactivated" kinds. These set up immunity—but do not spread the "hot" infection as with virulent vaccines.

Live virus, when used in innoculating hogs, in many cases causes the hogs to become diseased and has, in some instances, caused hog cholera epidemics.

There were 508,000 hogs on Pennsylvania farms on January 1, the greatest total of any northeastern state. Swine farmers throughout the

United States are attempting to bring about complete eradication of hog cholera in an effort to make United States pork acceptable in world trade.

Presently, several countries will not accept U.S. exported pork products because of a fear that hog cholera will be

introduced.

The bill was introduced first to be introduced in the House and was met with little opposition. The backing of the State Department of Agriculture, Pennsylvania State University and various livestock groups

Migration To Suburbs Poses Problems Of Water Contamination

Lancaster, Pa. — "The migration to suburbs by thousands of families continues to create new problems in the nature of water supply and waste disposal," according to Cliff Lehman, Water Conditioning Consultant for Century Appliance Co., 15 West Chestnut St. Many suburban and fringe area dwellers live beyond the municipality protected water sources and must rely on their own private water and sewage systems.

With the wide adoption of chlorine-treated water, the civil population have enjoyed a freedom from typhoid and other water-borne diseases. At the rapid shift of population to rural areas has brought back the fearful spectre of typhoid.

U. S. Public health statistics show the typhoid death rate in 1950 had moved up sharply after some 50 years of relatively few deaths and even now continues to rise. In the past year alone, 17 states show a 50% increase in typhoid cases.

Contamination of water supplies happens in many ways. Most common of these include nearby contaminated wells, excavations, tree roots, faulty and rusted well casings, polluted streams, septic tanks and abandoned wells. It is possible the contamination may be coming from miles away thru under-

ground water channels. Even a negative test of water purity tests can be from conclusive. Such a report only proves that particular sample of submitted was fit to use. The fact that haemolysis can be detected only by laboratory techniques never by smell, taste or makes it possible for a "tested" or an aged well can be considered safe.

The amount of chlorine component of animal human excretion, found in well water has increased in dangerous proportions in many places.

The secret of having sparkling and safe water around the clock is chlorination followed by dechlorination which completely moves the chlorine taste basic unit includes automatic chlorinator for the ter pump and a dechlorinator with fine filtration in kitchen sink.

Only the proper chlorination and dechlorination devices available on the market today to home farm owners, according to Cliff Lehman, can provide constant and continuous protection against the danger of water-borne disease.

For the answer to water problems, contact Cliff Lehman, at Century Appliance Co., 15 West Chestnut St., Lancaster, Pa., Phone EX 4-9365.

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