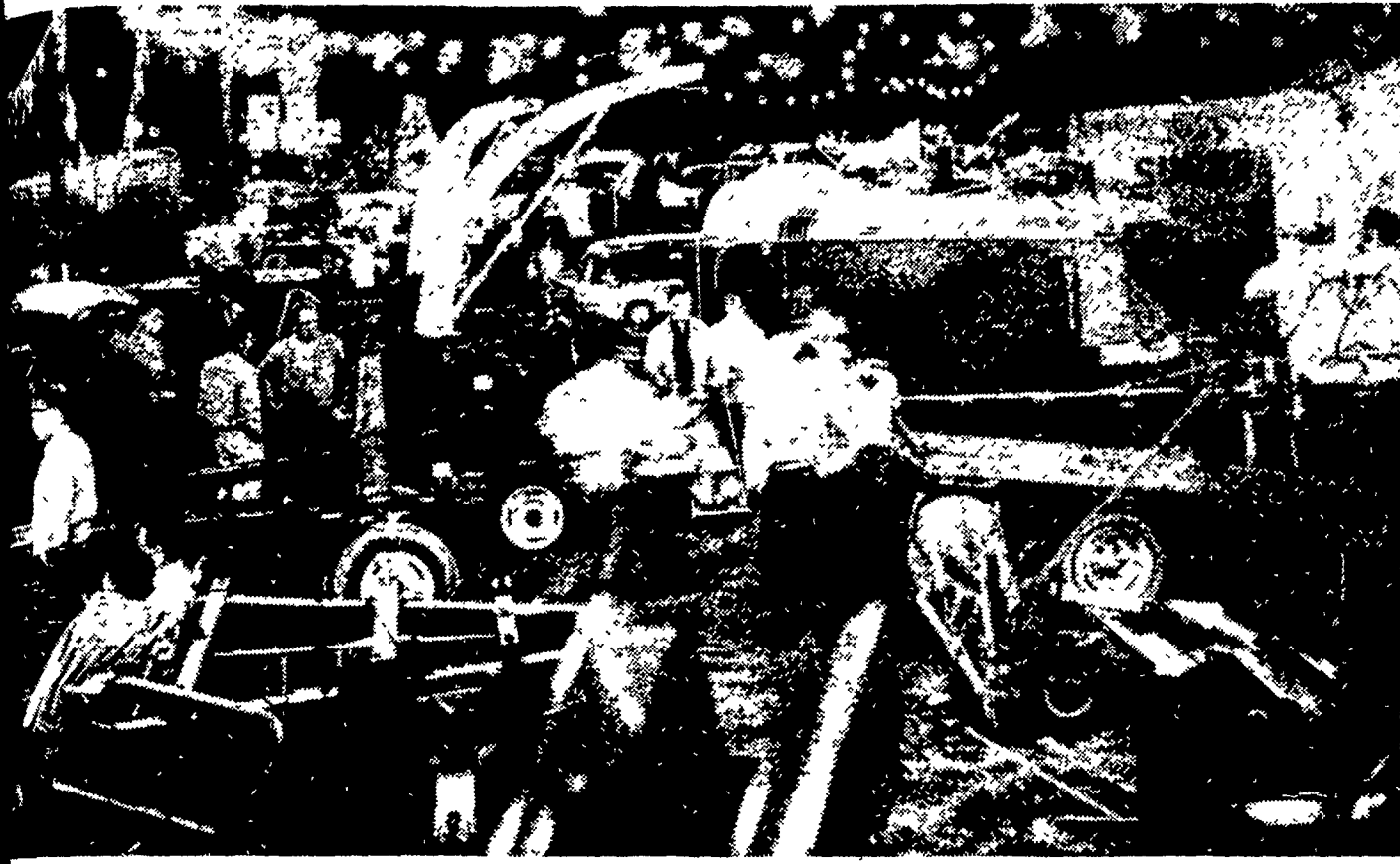


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SEPTEMBER IN LANCASTER COUNTY is a very special time of year. Time when farmwives spend extra time with the youngsters, the youngsters spend hour upon hour grooming club animals and "Dad" carefully inspects potential exports from the field, pasture and flock. Almost one year ago, when this photo was taken at the Southern Lancaster County Community Fair, 1958 competition at Quarryville was all over but the clean-up job. Tired folks were slowly loading to cars and buggies. Commercial exhibitors were casually removing less prominent features of their shows, brushes and brushes had gone into tack boxes. Trucks were being moved into loading places. Tired mothers, wearily leaning on the beams of farm equipment, shielded infants from light and noise. But that was last year and after all we have to make rounds of fairs and shows in the county to see what 1959 has produced for Lancaster County. —LF PHOTO

Jack Owen Made New Editor Of Lancaster Farming

Jackson H Owen, former Vocational Agriculture instructor at Solanco High School, Quarryville has been appointed editor of Lancaster Farming.

Owen succeeds to the post occupied by Dan McGrew, who assumes editorial duties on the initial issue of the first full-size offset process pictorial weekly in the state of California, on September 20.

Owens brings with him to Lancaster Farming a background of practical agriculture and nine years of professional agriculture experience. Reared on a southern Lancaster County farm, he attended Quarryville High School where he graduated with honors in Vocational Agriculture in 1943.

After two years with the Navy in the Pacific during World War II, Owens attended the Pennsylvania State University where he majored in Agriculture Education.

Graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1950,

HOG PRODUCER:

Think Twice About '60 Plans

Following article is break means two things. First, it signals the beginning of a period when prices of hogs will be lower than during most of the 1950's. We won't see \$20 hogs again for quite a while.

prices are down and outlook for the next year not bright. It certainly does not favor overall expansion in the hog industry.

the outlook favors individual producer always, depend on operation—his facilities, supply, and what it takes to produce hogs.

thing is sure—all the should be made with prospect of receiving prices for hogs in '60 in the last three years.

What's Wrong? The rising production of hogs, as well as cattle, and chickens, is large response to big feed prices and lower feed prices.

trouble is that production moves up in sudden leaps not smoothly. What is happening in production now. Last year crop—spring and combined — increased 10 per cent from 1957. This year crop is up 10 per cent for a big increase in hogs.

fast increases have a effect on prices. Rise in prices of hogs on the part of barrows in the Midwest to 100 lbs. this past year. There were \$25 in price of 1958. Hog price in July, normal high price month, a overcorrection. Prices somewhat in August. the July

The abundance of feed at lower support prices will almost certainly result in a big production that will hold all meat animal prices below recent favorable levels.

Summer Peak

The second thing that \$14 hog prices in July means is that the very high summer price peak, long a feature of trading in hogs, is probably gone forever.

Hog producers have broken away from their old habit of concentrating farrowings in a few months. Now they redistributing them more evenly throughout the year. As a result, both the old summer scarcity and the fall glut in market supplies have disappeared.

To be sure, seasonal differences in supplies and prices remain, but they are less extreme than before.

For instance, note how farrowings were distributed in 1948 and in 1958

	1948	1958
	Percent	Percent
Dec-Feb	10.5	20.6
Mar-May	50.2	35
June-Aug	17.7	23.6
Sept.-Nov.	21.6	20.8

In 1948 half of all farrowings were in March, April & May. Now only a third are in those months. December, January and February were low in 1948. Since then the period's share has doubled.

In one sense, smoother season. (Turn to page 6)

County Agri-Aviators Elected to Three Flying Farmer Posts

Beautiful flying weather resulted in a nice turnout Saturday for the picnic lunch and business meeting of the Pennsylvania Flying Farmers at DuBois Airport. The Harry Klines were host to the group.

The following officers were elected: William Richey, of Petersburg, Ohio (lives in Pa.) President; Raymond Beiler, Honey Brook, Pa., Vice-President; David Huber, of Peach Bottom, Pa., Secretary and John Gehman, Barto, Pa Treasurer Amos Shenk, Lititz was elected to the board of directors.

H. Gail Kimmel, Etna Valley, retiring president, and Harry Kline, DuBois, whose terms do not expire continue on the board

Harry Kline was also elected to serve as representative to promote the group life and group aircraft insurance program within the Pennsylvania Chapter.

L. M. Barnum, Burdett, N. Y. director of the New York Chapter was a visitor. Russell Pisor, Portersville, will represent the Flying Farmers September 23rd at a special meeting called by the Federal Aviation Agency in Washington to discuss problems in air communications in the Washington Air Traffic Control Center area

L. L. Logan, Kennett Square, Regional Director, will fly to Front Royal, Va., to complete plans for the air tour to the Skyline Caverns October 17th and 18. Interested fliers are invited to contact Mr. Logan.

A special guest at the meeting was Jean Dispaux, Ro-

tary exchange student from Belgium.

Mr. Dispaux is a glider pilot in Belgium and since arriving in Pennsylvania decided to secure his pilot's license and has already soloed.

Flying Farmers from New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland will rendezvous at Danbury, Connecticut, Airport, September 18th when they begin a 5-day weekend coastal flight and program that will end with a special lobster dinner at Rockland, Maine.

The tour will include a visit to Omega Aircraft factory New Bedford, Mass., and also a visit to the Whaling Museum.

The flight will be over Martha's Vineyard and the Cape Cod area. The Mayflower will be viewed from the air on a low level flight over Plymouth A stop also will be made at Portland, Maine.

FIVE - DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday

Temperatures will average about four degrees below Lancaster County's normal range of 57-77 degrees.

Cooler over the weekend, some warmer Monday and Tuesday. Cooler on Wednesday.

Mostly dry and sunny, offering prospects of good drying weather.

Week's rainfall—just a trace.



JACKSON H OWEN

Owen established the department of Vocational Agriculture at Spring Grove, York County, teaching there for two years before returning to Quarryville.

He has been in the Solanco school system for the past seven years and has served for the past four years as head of the department of Vocational Agriculture.

During the time Owen has been at Solanco, the department has grown from two to three teachers and the enrollment has increased from about 70 to over 90 students.

In addition to the increase in the in-school enrollment, a class for young farmers has been organized.

He has helped coach 33 Solanco students to Keystone Farmer degrees and two of his students have received American Farmer honors, highest degree in FFA.

In addition to his duties as teacher of Vocational Agriculture, Owen has served as president of the Solanco Community Fair Association for the past four years, and along with his wife, is active in the work of the Quarryville. (Turn to page 11)