

Lancaster Farming

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\$2 Per Year

Harvest Well Along Farmers Say

Yield estimates from the county with over the crop reported in the indicate that most farmers are pleased with the yields of from 40 bushels per acre less than last year as good or better than last year have reported from various parts of the county. Most of the crop will be somewhat less than the crop of the 1958 but will be considerably better than was estimated in the summer.

Farmers report stalks being left on the ground until the picker snout, hits while others complain the crop being somewhat chaffy and tending to break in the husking rolls.

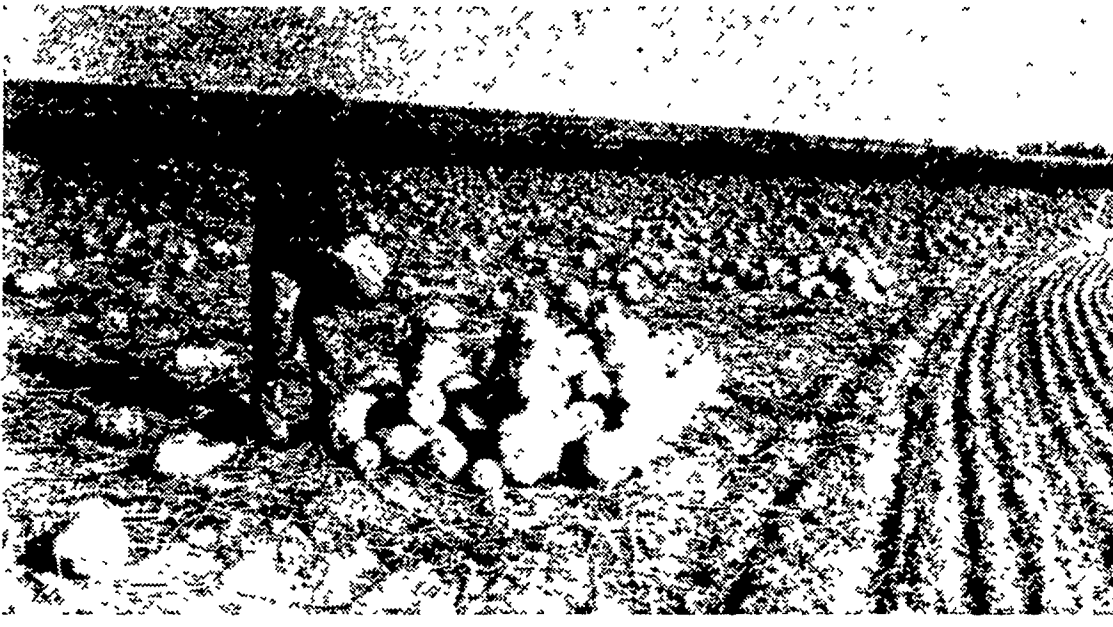
Some areas of the county still contain enough corn to make baling impractical until the fodder has been shredded and dried for several days, but generally the weather has been favorable and much of the fodder has been stored.

Corn is curing well in the cooler weather drying continued and sweating in the barn is no longer a

problem and pumpkins continue to move to market at an increased rate with the threat of heavy frosts. Re-estimated yields of 12 to 15 tons per acre and up to 20 tons of squash of good quality. Some crops are going to storage in barns on the farm, but most are mov-

Solanco Y.F.A. Hold Meet Bulk Tanks

Earl Davis, Oxford, field representative of the Interstate Milk Producers' Cooperative will be moderator at a public meeting sponsored by the Solanco Young Farmers on October 24 at 8 p.m. The meeting is scheduled to give dairy farmers in the area more information on selection, installation and care of bulk milk tanks. The meeting will be held in the Culture Building of the Lancaster County School at Quarryville. A panel, composed of Earl Harnish, Quarryville, and Richard Maule, Quarryville R2, both dairy tank owners; and representatives from the major types of bulk milk tanks should be able to answer questions of dairy farmers who have been or will be installing bulk milk tanks. This is not a sales meeting. William M. Fredd, Solanco Young Farmer, will be an information speaker open to all dairy farmers in the county. If you have any questions about bulk tanks or bulk milk equipment, you are invited to attend this meet-



"THE FROST IS ON THE PUMPKIN and the fodder's in the shock" may soon become one of the old phrases that have to be explained to the farm youngsters. Corn is hardly ever shocked and the squash is fast replacing the pumpkin as a crop on the American scene

Ivan Bauman, farmer for J. Mowery Frey and Son, Lancaster R7 piles squashes in heaps to help protect them from frost damage. Light frost will not damage them, but a freeze will cause the squash to rot. The ten acres in this field will yield an estimated 15 tons per acre as compared with 17 tons per acre the Freys produced last year in what was considered an exceptional crop year. Squashes in this field were grown under contract with the Consumers Ice and Packing Co., Lancaster.

ing directly from field to market

Apples are in abundance at markets and quality is high on most varieties. The most plentiful varieties at present are best for eating out of hand or pie making. Some good baking apples are available, but are not yet as plentiful as the McIntosh, Courtland, Jonathan, Stayman, and of course the Delicious varieties.

The Philadelphia market reports that some nearby spinach and lettuce is still coming from the farms, but quality is not high.

Farm Calendar

- October 24 — County 4-H council Halloween party at Leola fire hall, starting at 8:00.
- October 26—York-Lancaster area FFA Leadership Training Conference at Dillsburg, York County.
- October 27—Capon Roundup 9 a.m. Brunswick Hotel, Lancaster
- October 28—8:00 p.m. County 4-H baby beef club Parents Night at East Lampeter High School.
- October 29—Annual Poultry Banquet. 7 p.m. at Blue Ball fire hall.
- October 30 — Entomology roundup for all county 4-H Insect Club members. 7:00 p.m. at Southeastern Penna. Artificial Breeders, Landisville.
- October 31—5th annual Lancaster Feeder Calf Sale. 1:00 p.m. Lancaster Union Stock Yards.
- November 3-4—Southeastern District 4H Baby Beef show and sale at Lancaster Stock Yards
- Nov. 8-13—Penna. Livestock Exposition, Farm Show Building, Harrisburg.
- November 11 — Agronomy meeting for all southeastern Penna. counties 10:30 a.m. at the Farm Bureau auditorium, Dillerville Rd Lancaster.
- Nov. 14-19—Eastern National Livestock Exposition Show Timonium, Md.
- November 24 — Feeder pig sale, Farm Show Building Harrisburg.
- Nov. 23 to Dec. 5—International Livestock Exposition in Chicago.

Postage Stamps Commemorate Water Resources Conservation

A 4-cent commemorative postage stamp calling attention to the urgency of water conservation in the United States will be issued April 18, 1960, by the Post Office Department, the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture announced today.

The Nation's first water conservation stamp will be formally released at the 7th National Watershed Congress in Washington, D. C. A total of 120 million stamps will be printed. Details as to design and color will be announced later.

"The stamp will help public attention to the fact that nearly every community in the Nation has a water problem," Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson said. "Most problems of water shortage, poor water, or flood trace back to the land—to the small watersheds or which rain or snow falls." Secretary Benson said (Turn to page 5)

FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday

Temperatures will average about 5 degrees above normal here for the next five days. Normal temperatures for the Garden Spot are a low of 42 at night to 62 in the afternoon. Saturday and Sunday will be warmer with a cooling trend on Monday. Tuesday and Wednesday will be mild.

Showers are expected on Saturday and perhaps on Sunday, but should clear by Monday. Showers are in prospect again for Tuesday. Rainfall Thursday night totaled almost an inch bringing the total for the month to about 2.32 inches.

4-H Leaders Hear Pa. Club Director

The second meeting of the newly organized 4-H Leaders' council for Lancaster County held its second meeting Thursday evening in the auditorium of the P.P.&L. building for the purpose of adopting the Constitution and By-Laws. Approximately 50 members were present.

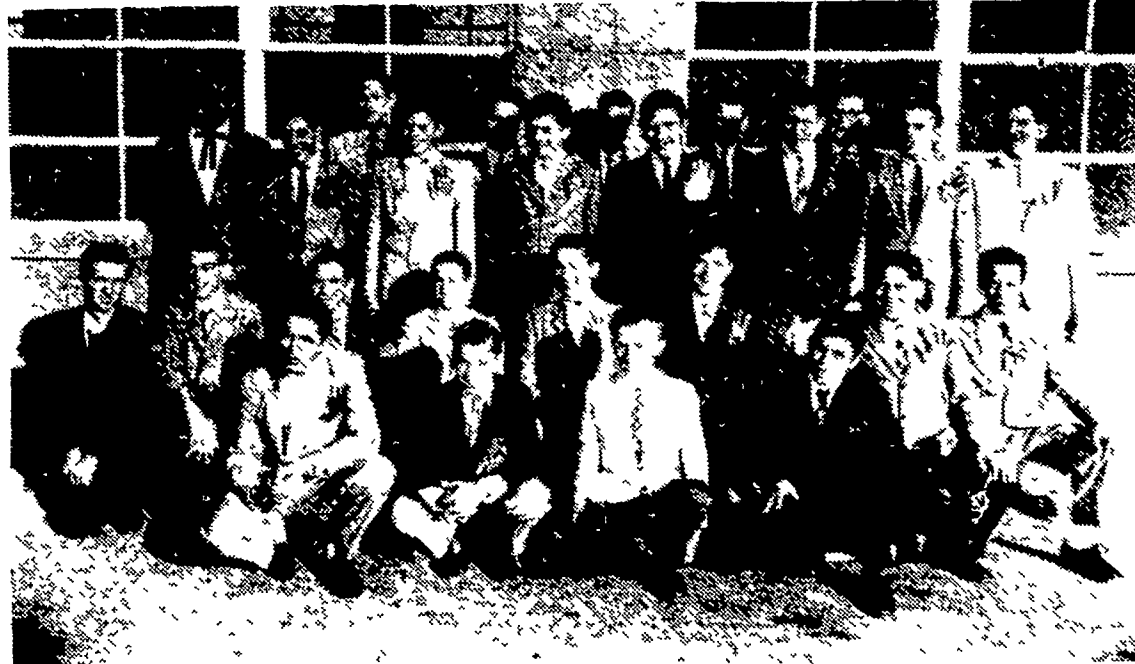
Presiding was Victor Longenecker, Elizabethtown R2, president of the council. He introduced the main speaker of the evening Dr. William Smith, State College, newly appointed state 4-H club leader.

Dr. Smith, a professor of Family Relations at Pennsylvania State University, spoke briefly on what the state organization sees when they look at a local club leader. Dr. Smith listed five qualities a good club leader should have "We see a club leader as someone who works in cooperation with parents," Dr. Smith said, "4-H activities must not take the child out of the home but must be part of the family activities. Leaders must be adept at setting the stage and working behind the scenes in order to let the youths find and develop their talents.

Leaders are guides for the young people with whom they work, and this can only be done if the leaders care for the welfare of these young people. And of course, "Dr. Smith continued, "The club leader is someone who learns as the club members learn."

At the conclusion of the remarks Dr. Smith divided the group into five sections and gave a written question to each section. The sections arrived at as many answers as possible in the time allotted and then reported to the entire group.

Questions considered were: (Turn to page 9)



WEARING A GREEN HAND OVER THE HEART is part of the initiation ceremony these 25 Future Farmers went through this week when they received the Greenhand Farmers degree to become members of the Solanco Chapter FFA. Inducted into the chapter in formal ceremonies at the high school on Wednesday evening were the following freshman students in Vocational Agriculture: Kneeling left to right Richard Becker, Robert Wolgemuth, Robert Findley, Leroy Sollenberger, Robert Sample, Alvin Dombach, John Harnish, Robert Mowery, Samuel Overly, Richard Hambleton, James Herr, and Larry Hart Standing L. to R. Harold Beck, Richard Carroll, Eddie Harnish, Jay Ranck, Wayne White, Crockett Halsey, William Wilson, Melvin Witwer, Jack Kilby, Paul Kise III, Thomas James, Clair Mull, and John Roger Green. LF PHOTO