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CONTENTMENT OF BOTH SOW AND PIGS will produce weanlings ready to go to the fed lot and do a job of growing. These pigs were born in a farrowing crate, were put in this pen with the sow when they were strong enough to keep out of the way of the sow as she lays down. Guard rails around the sides of the pen also help protect the pigs from being overlaid. The pig brooder in the corner, heated by an infrared lamp also contains a creep feeder where the pigs can be fed a ration higher in protein than that needed by the sow. Windows in the farrowing house make the pens light and airy, and allow for ventilation during the summer months. The pigs show the influence of the crossing of their Hampshire dam with a Landrace boar. —LF PHOTO

Canning Crops, Livestock Successful For Resslerers

Editors Note: This is the first of a series of two articles showing the farming operation of Charles A. Ressler and his two sons, Hershey and Charles E.

Canning crops and grain crops balanced with a swine breeding-feeding and steer fattening operation add up to a successful program for the three way partnership of Charles Ressler and his two sons, Hershey and Charles.

Attention to careful detail and a strict sanitation program on the Rawlinsville farm are part of the formula for producing healthy feeder pigs for the fattening operation carried out by the brothers.

Beginning with operation on the home farm when they graduated from Quarryville high school, the two brothers have expanded their program to over 300 acres this year with 80 acres in tomatoes, 100 acres in corn, 50 acres in Barley and, for the first time this year, 20 acres in cauliflower.

Hershey, the older of the two boys completed the course in vocational agriculture in 1943 and went back

to the home farm. When Charles finished three years later, he also returned home.

Beginning with Yorkshire sows, the boys followed a program of crossbreeding which they feel has produced superior type feeder pigs for their fattening operation.

With the exception of one Hampshire sow purchased 2 years ago and four Landrace sows imported from Georgia several years ago and since sold, all the female breeding stock on the farm has been raised on the farm.

"We believe the boar is the most important animal in the breeding program," Charles said. "It depends on (Turn to page 8)

Protect Bees From Sprays Agri. Council County Beekeepers Told Names Three PSU Delegates

Bees should be moved out of the orchard at blossom fall, county beekeepers and fruit growers were told Wednesday night at a meeting at Florin Farms, Mt. Joy.

W. Clarke, Extension Specialist in Beekeeping in the Pennsylvania State University showed the approximately 45 in attendance that unless the bees are moved from the orchard before the insecticide sprays begun, the beekeeper is at the risk of poisoning the bees.

The honey bees in the orchard at Florin Farms had picked up the poisoning from the Dandelion blossoms in the orchard after the alfalfa blossoms had shed. About half the adult bees and many of the larvae were affected. The situation can be corrected, Clarke said by moving the hives a mile or more distant from the sprayed area. Unless the bees have stored the insecticide in the pollen, they will clean their hives up very quickly. If some poison has been stored, it will take a considerably longer time, but the colony will eventually gain strength. They will not produce a very large flow of honey this year, Clarke said.

When asked if sprays on alfalfa were a threat to bees, Clarke said, "Not usually, because most alfalfa sprays are gone before the crop comes into full bloom, but some of the wildflowers, such as upland cress, in the alfalfa field will be worked by the bees during the spraying season."

Clarke said packaged bees could be introduced to help strengthen weak colonies, but packaged bees can never be counted on to replace a strong stand of wintered-over bees.

Three delegates and one alternate from the Lancaster County Agricultural Council were elected to attend the election of trustees at the Pennsylvania State University at a meeting of the council Thursday night. Lancaster is entitled to cast three votes for the two agricultural members of the board of Trustees of the University at the June 9th election.

Chosen to represent the Agricultural organizations in the county were Henry Kettering, Lititz R2, president of the County Holstein Breeders; Richard Maule, Quarryville R2, Master of the Pomona Grange; and Warren Leininger, Denver R2, president of the county Swine Producers. Alternate designated was Willis Esben shade, 1631 Esben shade Rd., president of Lancaster County Farm Bureau.

In other business the council heard a report from Walter Dunlap, Jr., representing the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce. Dunlap expressed hope that the council would complete plans to have farmers in the county play host to the business men in return for the program sponsored by the business men during Farm-Business day last November.

The council voted to have a committee formulate plans for such a day during October, 1960.

PASTURE COWS CAREFULLY

Dairymen like to see lush pastures come along for their dairy cows. However, Joe Taylor, Penn State extension dairy specialist, sounds a warning. The change from winter feeding can cause mastitis. He advises feeding some hay and grain before the cows go out to pasture each day early in the season.

Women's pages this week will be found on pages 16 and 17



LAZY AS A HOG is an expression that describes the feeder pigs on the Holtwood R2 farm of Hershey and Charles Ressler. The hogs on this farm have no need to forage for food or run from danger. They have only to eat and grow fat in clean surroundings. Top quality feeder pigs such as these in surroundings such as these mean top quality meat for the tables of America. — LF PHOTO

Plowing Contest Is Planned By Soil Conservation District

Plans are being made by the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District directors to hold a field day and a plowing contest during the summer.

Plans for either event are not complete to this date, but committees are working on the programs.

Henry Givler, teacher of Vocational Agriculture at Pequea Valley High School, chairman of the plowing contest, said Monday night at a meeting of the District Directors the matches would be either level land or contour plowing but not both. The date, sometime late in July or early August, will be announced as soon as the committee makes final decision on the site of the contest.

A nominal entry fee, to be paid by the contestant upon making application to enter the contest, will be refunded when the plowman appears at the site with his tractor and plow.

Amos Funk, chairman of the Field Day committee, plans to request each cooperating agency to assist in presenting an all day program for the farmers in the county. Details of the program will be made public as the committee secures the aid of the agencies.

In other business, the directors accepted the applications of 18 new cooperators for free conservation plans on 1,558½ acres. The land owners, addresses, township and acres are as follows:

Harry Myers, Pequea, Marquette Twp., 100 acres; Willis (Turn to page 7)

FIVE - DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday
Temperatures will average near normal range of 53 at night to 74 in the afternoon for the next five days. A rather slow warming trend will begin today and continue through Tuesday. Precipitation for the next five days should average around ½ inch or less in showers on Saturday. Chance of some light rain again about Wednesday.

- ### Farm Calendar
- May 16—7 30 p.m. - Pequea Valley FFA election of officers at the high school.
 - May 17—10 00 a.m. - Feeder pig sale at the Farm Show Building, Harrisburg.
 - May 18—7 30 p.m. - Drumore community 4-H club meets in the Chestnut Level Church House.
 - May 17—7 30 p.m. - Lincoln 4-H club meets in the Mount Airy fire hall.
 - May 18—7 30 p.m. - Hempfield community 4-H club meets in the Farmdale school.
 - May 19—7 30 p.m. - Meeting of the Garden Spot 4-H club at the home of Maurice Herr, Refton.
 - May 19—7 30 p.m. - New Providence community 4-H club meets in the school.
 - May 20—7 30 p.m. - Garden Spot community 4-H club meets at the home of Maurice Herr, Refton.
 - May 20—7 30 p.m. - Meeting of the New Holland Baby Beef Club at the home of Melvin Groff, Bareville.
 - May 20—7 30 p.m. - Hope Halter making demonstration by M. M. Smith.

Witness Oak FFA Holds Banquet

Approximately 115 Future Farmers, their parents and guests attended the annual parent and son banquet of the Witness Oak Chapter FFA in the Donegal High School cafeteria Saturday night.

Donald Musser, chapter president, received the chapter Star Farmer award. On his way to the honor he was presented the award for outstanding work in dairying and public speaking.

Clair Ginder and Walter Myers were presented awards for their work in Farm Mechanics, while Glen Musser was chosen outstanding public-speaker in the 11th grade.

Guests in attendance included National Regional vice president of the FFA, Dean Hoffer and State President of FFA, Gerald Grein. (Turn to page 10)