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AHMET ELGIN, ANKARA, TURKEY, studies the annual report prepared by the Lancaster County Extension staff. County Agent, M. M. Smith explains the purpose and the organization of the report to the visitor from the Near East. Elgin is in America to study the organization and administration of the extension services as carried out by the county agents. After completion of several courses in the graduate school at Cornell, Elgin is visiting county agents in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland. He will return to Turkey in July.

Freedom Is Impressive To Visitor From Turkey

"America is a very free country. All your activities are based on experiment and the transfer of new ideas to the farmer and other people." is the way Ahmet Elgin of Ankara, Turkey summed up his impressions of the United States this week.

Elgin, an advisor in the ministry of Agriculture in Turkey, included a tour of five days in the Garden Spot County in his ten-month schedule of education in this country.

Studying under the European Productivity Agency, Elgin enrolled for graduate classes at Cornell University during the fall term. Since the end of the semester he has been touring through the states of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Elgin hopes to gain insight into the administration and organization of Agriculture Extension work in the United States with plans to set up similar programs in his own country. "I am studying all three phases - Home Economics, Agriculture and 4-H. We have the same type of program in Turkey," he said, "But we call it 4-K. The symbol is the same as in America and the meaning is the same"

Lancaster County was included in the itinerary because Elgin said he wanted to see the diversified agriculture in the county and the extension program in the county had been recommended to him as one of the outstanding ones in the state.

"This is my second time in the United States" Elgin said. "But the other time in 1952 I was in a group of 45. We toured Texas and California organization of Agriculture (Turn to page 14)

Two Assistant Home Economists in County Office

Two assistant Home economists have been appointed to the Lancaster County Extension office on a temporary basis, it was announced this week.

Working during the summer months with Mrs. Norma De Bellis, associate home economist, will be Mrs. Lucille Baldwin, Frenchtown, N. J., and Mrs. Barbara A. Hiestand.

A June graduate of Drexel Institute of Technology, Mrs. Baldwin has a bachelor's degree in home economics. Last summer she assisted with the 4-H program in Dauphin County.

While at Drexel, Mrs. Baldwin was a member of the Home Economics club, the Dramatic club, the Glee club and a service sorority. She was art chairman of the Women's Athletic association

Wheat Variety Plots Open To County Farmers

Lancaster County farmers are invited to inspect winter wheat varieties on the farm of Ralph D. Breneman, of Washington Boro, Pa., on Tuesday evening, June 28, County Agent, M. M. Smith announced this week.

Three of the established varieties of winter wheat are planted in plots alongside a new variety which shows promise of being the best one for Lancaster County.

Mr. Elmer Pifer, Extension Agronomy Specialist for the Pennsylvania State University will be on hand to discuss the merits of Redcoat, the new variety formerly known as C.I.-13170, as compared to Seneca, Pennoll and Dual.

The meeting on the Breneman farm, located about midway between Central Manor and Cresswell, is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

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at Indiana State College. A former 4-H member, Mrs. Hiestand was active in the outdoor cooking, child care, snacks, foods and sewing clubs in Lebanon county from where she attended the 4-H club week program and leadership training school at

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Business-Farm Date Announced

The date of the 1960 Business-Farm day in Lancaster County will be October 6, Willis Esbenshade told members of the Lancaster County Agricultural Council at their meeting Thursday night.

During the day this year, farmers in the county will play host to the leaders from industry. During the first such program, in 1959, farmers were the guests of the business places in the city and county.

An eight-man committee from the council, headed by Esbenshade, will select 30 to 35 farmers to host the industrialists during the day. Plans are being formulated by the committee from the Agricultural Council and a like sized committee from the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce.

The committees are scheduled to meet again during July at which time final plans for the celebration will be announced.

Bomb Shelters Are Best Hope, Manor Young Farmers Told

Fallout shelters are the only practical defense in the event of an atomic bomb attack, members of the Manor young farmers were told at their regular meeting in the Penn-Manor High School on Tuesday evening.

County Sheriff, Harry Meyers, Director of Civil Defense in the city and county along with Max J. Stierstorfer, administrative officer of C.D. headquarters presented a program of slides and pictures showing the expected destruction and possible consequences of a nuclear attack.

Howard Siglin, advisor of the Young Farmer organization, planned the program and showed how inexpensive fallout shelters can be constructed on the average farm. Other emergency measures, such as caring for livestock during the two week danger period after a nuclear explosion, were discussed.

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Cutworms And Other Crop Pests Numerous On Many County Farms

Insect pests on crops were in the news again this week as farmers around the county were reporting light to heavy damage to corn and tobacco crops by cutworms.

Many of the tobacco fields in the county have been treated prior to planting, but the untreated fields have been badly infested in some areas.

Reports indicate that some corn crops have been entirely replanted while replanting of tobacco is very heavy in some cases.

Alfalfa weevils also are causing damage in fields where no spray was used after the first cutting. One farmer reported that the new shoots never did develop because the weevils were waiting for every bit of new growth.

Harry Sloat, associate county agent, in consultation with J. O. Pepper, extension entomologist, recommends the following treatments for the control of these pests.

Tobacco fields may be sprayed with Heptachlor in the following amounts: Two pounds of 25% wettable powder, or one quart of liquid emulsion, or 25 pounds of the 2 1/2% dust.

To control cutworms in

the cornfield, if the soil was not treated before planting, spray with Chlordane or Toxaphene. Apply the Chlordane at the rate of three pounds of the 50% wettable powder or three pints of the 45% liquid form per acre. Toxaphene should be applied at the rate of four pounds of the 40% wettable powder or one quart of 60% liquid per acre. The material should not be worked into the ground for at least three days.

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FIVE - DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday
Temperatures for the next five days will average near normal to five degrees below normal. Normal temperatures for this week range from a low of 63 at night to a high of 84 in the afternoon. Cooler temperatures are expected over the weekend. Warmer Monday and Tuesday turning cooler again Wednesday. Rainfall will average about one inch occurring mostly Tuesday or Wednesday.



MRS. BALDWIN



MRS. HIESTAND

and active in intramural sports. She is a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority. Mrs. Baldwin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hillpot, Frenchtown, N. J. Her husband, Gary D., is a student majoring in physics at Drexel.

The Pennsylvania State University. Mrs. Hiestand, the former Barbara Zug, is a teacher of home economics at the Elizabethtown Area High School. Her husband, Larry, is employed by his father in the livestock feed business in Salunga.