

Two Countians Begin Polish Exchange Trip

Two Lancaster County men well known in agricultural circles, left the county yesterday on the first leg of a journey scheduled to take them to Poland and several other European countries.

As participants in the Church of the Brethren exchange program, Henry Hackman, Manheim R2 and Bruce Boyd, Ephrata R1, will spend six weeks on a communist collective farm in Poland and two more weeks touring in Poland and other countries.

Hackman, a teacher at the Warwick school and past president of the Pennsylvania Soil Conservation District Directors, says, "I Don't know just what will be in store for us, but I am an-



HENRY HACKMAN

xious to try to get an idea of the feeling of the Polish for Americans."

"I do know this, I will be very interested in the educational systems and their soil conservation practices," he said.

Boyd, a 1960 graduate of the Pennsylvania State Uni-

Pa. Farrowings Do Not Follow National Trend

Harrisburg—Failing to join Corn Belt farmers in a whopping 16 per cent drop in the number of pigs farrowed this spring, Pennsylvania farmers kept their farrowing at about the same level as last year.

A Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service tally issued this week shows that 469,000 pigs were produced on Pennsylvania farms this spring; last year the crop amounted to 468,000 head. In this respect, Keystone State farmers were identified with the northeastern states and California. However, gains and drops in the Corn Belt, where hogs are a major farm enterprise, dominate the national situation.

One reason for the relative stability of hog numbers in Pennsylvania is that pork production is generally integrated into other general farming operations. Farmers tend to keep about the same number of brood sows on hand from year to year.

This lesser fluctuation is again illustrated in the fact that intentions to farrow sows for the fall crop—June through November—are off only 2,000 head, with 56,000 sows to farrow. Low hog prices throughout 1959 and the first six months of this year have made hog production less attractive than other Pennsylvania farm enterprises. Nationally, 249,000 fewer sows are to be farrowed this fall than last.

The average number of pigs per litter on Pennsylvania farms was 7.1, about average during recent years

versity where he majored in Animal Husbandry, was an active 4-H member in the county before enrolling at the University. He continued his livestock show activity



BRUCE BOYD

while in college winning the "Little International" showmanship contests twice.

The tentative schedule calls for a stop at London and then on to Frankfurt and Cassell, Germany. The seven man group in which they will be traveling will spend three days in Cassell for orientation before flying on to Warsaw, by way of Switzerland.

"We will spend six weeks on the dairy farm in Poland and two weeks traveling to Austria, Geneva, Rome, Paris, London, and home on August 28," Hackman said.

More On Caterpillars Flies Are Effective Control

HARRISBURG — too late to have much effect this year, but offering promise for next, the natural control for the forest tent caterpillar is being found in greater numbers by entomologists of the State Agriculture Department's Bureau of Plant Industry.

Forest tent caterpillars are

unattractive to birds. Baltimore Orioles and cuckoos are among the few birds which find the tent caterpillar tasty fare.

Best natural control is a fly named *Sarcophaga Aldrichi*. This fly lays eggs in the living caterpillars. As the fly maggots are hatched, the caterpillar is destroyed.

However, *Sarcophaga Aldrichi* produces only one generation a year, so a great build-up in numbers this year may not occur.

Visitors to state parks and mountain trails where tent caterpillar infestations are heavy may be annoyed by the flies, the entomologists predict. But, they point out the fly will not sting or bite. The annoyance is slight compared to the benefits of decreasing the tent caterpillar population which has virtually defoliated large areas of forest lands this spring.

Trees defoliated by tent caterpillars are starting to grow new leaves as the caterpillars enter the pupae stage of their life cycle. Later this summer, adult moths will emerge to lay eggs which will produce next spring's crop of tent caterpillars.

CHECK WAISTLINE

Before buying children's clothes, check the waistline, suggests Thelma Baier, Penn State extension clothing specialist. The waistline should be a little loose and longer than normal to allow for growth. Garments with partially elasticized waists are good buys. The elastic allows fullness to adjust to the growing body.

CLEANING SUPPLIES

Before buying a prepared commercial cleaning supply, read the label and compare the information with desired results, advises Helen E. Bell, Penn State home management extension specialist. Consider safety, convenience, and cost. Check whether a product needs further diluting, mixing, or additional preparation. Ask the sales person if it's easy to measure, dissolve, or apply.

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