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ROBERT TERRILL, RIGHT, SHOWS THE EFFECT OF Mosaic disease on tobacco to Victor Hernandez, Penzol tobacco specialist with the extension service in Puerto Rico. The tobacco at right is Bel 2-69, a variety resistant to the Mosaic organism, while the variety on the left, planted at the same time shows the stunting effect the disease can have. The plots were infected with extremely heavy doses of the organism to show the resistance of the new strains. Terrill is in charge of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Field Crops research laboratory near Landisville. —LF Photo

## Bel 2-69 Making Good At Tobacco Research Lab

Swarr - Hibshman may probably resistant to root rot soon be just another tobacco variety that 'used to be good' if tests now underway at the Southeastern Penna. Fields Crop Research farm near Landisville confirm the desirability of a new strain of tobacco on the farm.

T. Robert Terrill, agronomist and director of the station, in explaining the work of the station to Mr Victor Hernandez Penzol, tobacco specialist in the extension service in Puerto Rico, this week pointed out Bel 2-69 as the most promising new strain of tobacco in the plots.

"Bel 2-69 is resistant to Wildfire and Mosaic, and

resistance can not be claimed for the new variety until the incidence of the disease in the soil can be indexed, but root rot resistance was in the parent stock used in the variety trials at the station.

The new variety has compared very well in both yields and quality tests for the past two years, Terrill said, and plots look very good this year.

"We are hoping for clearance to release seed next spring, but we are getting some resistance from the tobacco companies." He said

"But the objections were not (Turn to page 11)

## Secretary Henning To Be Farm Safety Week Chairman

State Secretary of Agriculture William L. Henning has accepted a Pennsylvania Rural Safety Council request to head Farm Safety Week activities this year. Farm Safety Week will be observed the week of July 24 through 30. In accepting the invitation Secretary Henning called upon all Pennsylvanians, ur-

ban, and rural, to join their efforts to begin this new decade with an exemplary record in farm safety.

Theme of Farm Safety Week this year is "Enjoy Farm Life—Practice Safety."

Secretary Henning points out that while three out of (Continued on Page 13)

## \$100,000 Given For Ag Center

County Farmers' dreams of a meeting place for agricultural meetings got a hefty boost this week with the anonymous donation of eight acres of land and \$100,000 toward the building of an Agriculture Center for the county.

The proposed center, according to County Agent Max Smith, who is heading the exploratory committee to plan details of procedure, will be constructed along Arcadia road near the 230 By-pass.

The center, a long-hoped-for meeting place for the 40 plus farm organizations in the county, will include an auditorium, dining hall and educational facilities.

A committee was organized in 1957 to explore the possibility of such a building, but efforts came to a stop when it became apparent that initial funds were not (Turn to page 6)

## Swine Breeders Plan Gilt Sale And Field Day

A purebred gilt will be the prize to the high scorer in the judging contest at the field day to be held by the Lancaster County Swine Breeders Association today at the farm of James Martin, East Earl R1.

The contest which is to be divided into two sections, adult men, women and those under 16, will have prizes for the high scorers in each section.

Judging is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and be completed in time for the participants to join in a picnic lunch. During the afternoon swine specialists from the Pennsylvania State University will be on hand to pre- (Turn to page 14)

## N.Y. Dairymen Visit County Holstein Farms

Dairymen from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and Lancaster, New York crossed trails this week as the Western New York Holstein Club members toured in the Garden Spot County and the Lancaster County Holstein Club held its annual tour in the Empire State.

Approximately 48 dairymen and their families from the four counties in the Western N. Y. club made their first stop at the farm of Henry Kettering, Litz, R1, the president of the Lancaster County Club.

It seemed like old home week on Monday as the Ketterings greeted the New York visitors, many of them (Turn to page 5)

## Bag Bagworms Agent Advises

Lancaster county bagworms are getting bigger, stronger and hungrier by the minute, according to Harry Sloat, Associate County Agent.

The bigger they get the harder they are to kill, so you should get after them with a treatment of malathion as soon as you can.

The rates to use are one pint liquid or three pounds 25 percent wettable powder per 100 gallons of water. Cover the foliage completely. Good hunting!

## FARM CALENDAR

July 23 — 10 a.m. - Swine field day on the farm of James Martin, East Earl R1 Sponsored by the Co. Swine Breeders Association.

7:30 p.m. Lancaster Co. SCOUTdoorama at the Octorara Archers range, Near New Providence, Co. FFA members to be guests of the county Boy Scouts.

All-Day National Flying Farmers Northeast Regional Fly-in at the L. L. Logan airport, Kennett Square.

July 25 — Deadline for entries in the SPABC dairy cattle show.

8 p.m. - County FFA to meet in the Warwick high school.

8 p.m. - Elm-Penryn 4-H club meets at the Penryn picnic grove.

July 26 — 9 a.m. - County Holstein Field Day at the farm of Clarence Keener, Manheim R3.

6:30 p.m. - Meeting of the Extension Executive committee at the Spanish Tavern, Quarryville.

8 p.m. - Manor club meets at Stehman's Church, Millersville.

July 28 — 8 p.m. - County Holstein 4-H club meets at the farm of John Shelley, Manheim R4.

July 29 — County Plowing contest at the R. S. Royer farm, Ephrata R2.

July 30 — 1 p.m. - Bred Gilt sale in the Martin Sale Barn, Blue Ball. Sponsored by the County Swine Breeders.

## Washington Boro Tomato Growers Present Problems to Researchers

"Nobody grows good plants anymore." This situation plus the unfavorable weather conditions this year have had the Washington Boro tomato growers singing the blues this year.

Growers attending the meeting at the farm of Henry Heisey, Washington Boro R1, on Monday night expressed their desire for a source of good plants early in the spring and some way to get the large plants into the field easily.

We will never get the ac-

reage required to operate a cooperative market for early staked tomatoes if we have to continue to plant them with a shovel, was the feeling expressed by Amos Funk president of the State Vegetable Growers Association.

"Of course we need a variety early enough for the market and high in quality" Funk continued. "What good are early tomatoes if they are cracked?"

Heisey, who grows about an acre of staked tomatoes (Turn to page 10)

## Poultrymen Plan Tour

August 3 has been designated as the date of the annual Lancaster County Poultry Tour, it was announced this week by the tour committee.

Touring poultrymen and families are scheduled to assemble at the Lampeter Community Area at 8 a.m. from where they will go by bus or private car to the home of Mark Myer, president of the association. Myer grows 24,000 broilers and roasters in a concrete block house and a remodeled barn.

Visitors will see thermostatically controlled fans, bulk feed handling and automatic feeding and watering. Paul Rowe, Strasburg will (Turn to page 7)

## Colerain Grange Plans Project For Community

Grange members in the Colerain Township area have initiated a Community Development Project which is making a bid to enlist the aid of all the citizens in the community to make the area a safer place in which to live.

Planners in the Grange conceived the idea of building a cistern to be used for fire fighting in the Kirkwood area. With the advice and council of Henry Martin and Chief Glenn Hassell of the Quarryville Fire Company, the Grange committee has secured permission to (Turn to page 16)

## FIVE - DAY

### WEATHER

#### -FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday  
Temperatures for the next five days will average near normal to four degrees above the normal range from a low of 66 at night to a high of 87 in the afternoon. Slightly cooler temperatures are expected Saturday or Sunday with warming on Tuesday or Wednesday. Scattered showers are expected for the first of the week, but are likely to average less than 1/2 inch. Temperatures for the month of July thus far have averaged about two degrees below normal.

## Holstein Field Day Is Planned

The Annual Field Day of the Lancaster County Holstein-Breeders will be held on Tuesday, July 26, 1960 at the farm of Clarence Keener, Manheim R. D. #3 one mile East of the Asbestos plant, Manheim.

At 10.00 a.m. the Dairy judging contest is scheduled to begin with three divisions for Juniors, Ladies and men.

The afternoon program will get under way at 1:30 p.m. with Mr. Stanley Wright, Manager of the Great Brooks (Turn to page 6)