

PLANTS NEED LEAVES into the fruit is a very best signs of a healthy garden. Wrong practice, cautions J. O. Dutt, Penn State extension vegetable gardening specialist. A good growth of green leaves is one of the

trimming leaves from to plants, and tips of wash, muskmelon and watermelon plants with the it puts added growth

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● Tours

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farms visited this year were in the Manheim-Elizabeth-town area. The tour last year was conducted in the southern end of the county.

Meanwhile, the Poultry tour gathered at the Lampeter Fair grounds and began their tour of poultry farms at the home of the county association president, Mark Myer, Lampeter.

During the rest of the day, poultrymen and their families saw the poultry and other farming facilities of association members. Included in the tour were the mushroom houses and the mushroom spawn production operation of Paul Farron, Kirkwood and the nearly 100 acres of Christmas trees on the farm of Joseph Leslie at Oxford R1.

Approximately 190 persons were on the tour.

America's increased population is expected to require 37 per cent more milk by 1975.

This Week

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workers They want the minimum raised from \$1 to \$1.25 an hour, but may settle for \$1.15.

The result is likely to be another over-all increase of around 5% in the cost of manufactured goods, followed by a "cost-of-living" increase in all wage scales.

Another measure on the list of "must" legislation for the special session is Federal money for a greatly accelerated program of school construction. There is no question of the urgent need for more and better schools; only that of whether they should be financed from local and state funds or from Federal appropriations.

One of the most critical of domestic problems—that of farm legislation—is not on the agenda. Congress was unable to agree on what should be done at the regular session and isn't expected to do anything at the extra session.

Nevertheless it is expected that a majority of Congress will rise above political considerations and vote in the national interest. We also hope that voters in November will re-elect those who place national interest above temporary personal gains.

MH-30-To spray or not to spray?

What does "Lancaster Farming" say about this?*

FROM WHERE WE STAND —

It appears we are on the same old merry-go-round we stepped on last year when some of us who played it straight stepped off to get our faces full of dirt.

Tobacco companies last year cautioned against the use of chemical growth inhibitors at the risk of severe price penalties for treated tobacco.

Many conscientious tobacco farmers took the companies at their word and went through the age-old chore of hand suckering, while some of their adventuresome neighbors risked price cuts for the convenience of chemical suckering.

When the buyers hit the sheds last

fall, most of the tobacco was sold before the conscientious farmers had time to say, "But I suckered mine by hand."

What happened to the promised differential in price? Several farmers reported that the buyer did not even ask how the suckers were removed from the crop.

While the buying companies insist that they will not knowingly buy treated tobacco, in many instances, does not show adverse physical effects that can be detected on the auction floor.

Tobacco bought on the auction floor is one thing, but the Lancaster county tobacco market is another.

In many cases the buyers were on the farms during the growing season, and still no premium was paid for the hand suckered crop.

If the tobacco companies intend to discriminate against the chemically treated tobacco, they made a poor start last season. There will be many more farmers willing to test them out again this year.

At least that's how it looks from where we stand.

Various statements have been circulated giving a misleading impression of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture's attitude on MH-30. Actually, the Department has refused to prejudge this chemical. It is engaged in careful, scientific review of MH-30. This will require many months.

MH-30 has been tested for over a dozen years and used in the flue-cured areas for the past 5 years, in the burley belt for over 3 years and on cigar tobacco for 3 years.

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With unseasonable weather delaying the crops in Lancaster County, MH-30 should be of extra benefit this season. This chemical control frees the farmer from hand-suckering and allows him necessary time to catch up with his corn cultivation, haying and other chores.

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