

Lancaster Farming



Nancy Smith (left), Pennsylvania Peach dessert queen, presents Governor David L. Lawrence with an upside-down peach cake. Looking on is Mary Jane Hill, National Peach Queen. Miss Smith is from Perry County; Miss Hill is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hill, Lititz R2. The queens' visit to Governor Lawrence kicked-off Pennsylvania Peach Time festivities.

County Crop Quality High

Prize peaches of top quality mark this year's local crop. A good supply of moisture has produced fruit that is plump, juicy, full of flavor and color. August is the peak supply season for fresh tree-ripened peaches, according to Tom Piper, Penn State Marketing Agent, and is the right time to get a supply for canning and freezing.

Fresh peaches are one of the most popular fruits. Their delicate, tart flavor makes them a favorite whether eaten fresh out of hand, combined with dairy products in salads, or used in a variety of desserts.

You can usually tell the quality of peaches by looking at them. Judge peaches according to the background color. It should be yellow

for yellow varieties and a white ground color for white peaches. Do not be fooled by the rosy blush color, because it is not an indication of ripeness.

Peaches picked before they are mature have a green ground color. Such peaches will not ripen properly and will lack flavor. Ripe peaches have the best flavor, and when they are right for eating, they are right for canning and freezing.

During the plentiful peach season, it is more economical to buy peaches in larger size units, especially for preserving. One bushel, for example yields 18 to 24 quarts canned or frozen, depending on the size and condition of the peaches. Remember to use the ripest fruit first, and allow the firm peaches to ripen at room temperature.

FARM CALENDAR

- Aug 13 — State Gladiolus show at Hershey.
- 1:00 p.m. — Landrace Swine sale at the Paul Martin Sale Barn, Blue Ball.
- Aug 15 — 7:30 p.m. — Meeting of Cocalico Future Farmers of America at the High School.
- Aug 16 — 8:45 a.m. — Maryland - Delaware dairy tour stops at the farms of Raymond Witmer, Willow Street, and Mowery Frey, Jr. Lancaster R7.
- 1:00 p.m. — County 4-H vegetable & flower round-up at the John Neff School, Manheim Township.
- Aug 17 — 9:00 a.m. — Garden Spot Baby Beef show at the Lancaster Union Stock Yards.
- 1:00 p.m. — Sale of the Garden Spot Baby Beef Club steers.
- 5:00 p.m. — FFA. Swine banquet sponsored by the Sears Foundation at the Hotel Brunswick.
- Aug 18 — 10:00 a.m. — Guernsey (Turn to page 14)

Co. 4-H Teams Bring Home Wins

Lancaster County entrants in the first annual 4-H judging and demonstration days brought first place winnings back to the county.

Two of the teams competed in the agricultural section of the contests while the other two exhibited skills in Home making.

Over 1,000 youth from over the state participated in the event Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week at the Pennsylvania State University. Formerly the state 4-H organization held judging and demonstration contests during 4-H club week at which time educational demonstrations and leadership training programs were sponsored by the university. This year, the youngsters held the lead-

Conservation Field Day To Feature Wagon Tours

Wagon tours over one of the most nearly perfect conservation farms in Lancaster County will be one of the outstanding features of the first conservation field day sponsored by the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District.

The day long event, scheduled to be held on August 24 at the Jay Garber farm near New Danville, will feature exhibits and contests by most of the cooperating agencies in the SCD, it was announced at the regular monthly meeting of the group Monday night.

The Pennsylvania Highway Commission, under the direction locally of John Detz, will have exhibits of

grasses used for road banks and farming practices to be used in road bank control.

A tree planter and an exhibit of forest trees showing growth from year to year will be presented by John Kitch, service Forester with the State Forestry service. Kitch has also set up an interesting contest complete with prizes for visitors at the farm.

John Eicholtz of the Game Commission will have an exhibit showing the approved kinds of shrubs for wildlife feed and cover.

A pond stocking demonstration will be presented by members of the fish commission. Landis Becker of (Turn to page 14)

County Contestant Is Second In State Plowing Matches

Lancaster county's entry in the state plowing contest this week finished in second place just five points behind the winner in the level land portion of the contest.

Christ Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Miller of Elizabethtown R1, was runner up to Frank Cocevar of Harrisburg R1. Winner of the contour phase of the contest was another Dauphin County entry, Morris J. Lebo, of Millersburg.

ership meetings earlier in the year at the first annual state 4-H club congress.

The Agricultural winners this week were both demonstration teams. Mary Jane Kreider, Manheim R3 and Esther Hess, Manheim R3, took first place with their demonstration. The entomology demonstration, outlining control of alfalfa insects presented by David Denlinger, Horseshoe Road and Wilmer Wenger, Greenfield Road also received the judge's nod.

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The two first place winners also won the right to represent Pennsylvania in the national plowing matches at Sioux Falls, S. D. on September 21 to 23.

Miss Daunna Doebler, National Queen of the Furrow presented trophies to each of the winners.

Miller, a 20-year old farmer chosen to represent Lancaster County at the local plowing matches revived this year by the Soil Conservation District, was sponsored in the state contest by the district. Trucking costs and entry fees were paid by the county district.

Garden Spot Beef Show Set

The Lancaster Livestock Exchange has sent out notices to members of the Garden Spot Baby Beef Club concerning the show and sale of the steers to be held August 16 and 17 at the Lancaster Union Stock Yards.

The Baby beef steers will be brought to the yards on the morning of August 16 for weighing. Judging will begin at 9 a.m. on August 17, with the sale scheduled to get underway at 1 p.m.

Officials of the show expect about 100 entries this year.

FIVE - DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday
Temperatures during the next five days will average near the normals of 64 degrees at night and 84 in the afternoon with only normal day to day changes. Showers at the beginning of the week are expected to average 1/4 inch. Temperatures during every day of first 11 days of August were above normal. August temperatures thus far have averaged about 2 1/2 degrees above normal. Light rain fell on six of the first 11 days for a total of one inch.

Guernsey Breeders Plan Field Day Thursday

County Land Use Planning will be the topic for discussion at the annual field day of the Lancaster County Guernsey Breeders on August 18. William Carroll from the Pennsylvania State University will be the speaker at the afternoon session of the

event to be held on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. David Breckbill, Lancaster R7.

During the forenoon, Kenneth Berry of West Chester will have charge of the judging contests on the farm located on Rt 222 just south of Elliot's Corner.

At Maple Springs Farm, Mr. and Mrs. Breckbill have developed an outstanding herd of Guernsey cattle. The herd has a 20 year average of 4.21 test.

At the completion of the judging contests, scheduled to begin at 10 a.m., lunch will be available on the grounds from the ladies of the Willow Street Mennonite Junior Sewing Circle.

In addition to the talk by Carroll, the afternoon program will include remarks by M. M. Smith, County Agricultural Agent.

Rough & Tumble Engineers Plan Meeting

The Rough and Tumble Engineers Historical Association, Inc. will hold its annual meeting this year at the (Turn to page 10)

ASC Funds Still Available For Fall Farm Practices

Funds are still available for payment of practices carried out under the Agriculture Conservation Program, the Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee announced this week.

Farmers should enroll now for any fall practices they are planning, said Dorothy Y. Neel, office manager, in a recent report. Applications must be filed and approved

by the county committee before the practice is started.

Cost sharing for lime can be approved for any field that is now in sod or will be seeded this year or next year. Lime will be approved on the basis of need shown on soil test made either by the county agent or Pennsylvania State University.

The committee recommends that lime be applied now as (Turn to page 10)