

# Lancaster Farming

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DISCUSSION OF THE EXHIBITS ON DISPLAY at the county Soil Conservation Field Day was one of the items of conversation on Wednesday at the Jay Garber Farm, Lancaster R6. Left to right in the discussion of the forestry exhibits are Jay Garber, farmer on whose farm the field day was held; Elmer Huber, Pequea R1, representing the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Committee; Abner Houseknecht, from the Soil Conservation Service; Martin Greider, Conservation Farmer of 1959 and Snavely Garber, Willow Street R2, a member of the Lancaster County Planning Commission

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## County Farms Rate Low In Soil Organic Matter

Lancaster county farmers would do well to consider more extensive use of fibrous rooted cover crops to try to build up the organic matter content of their soil, visitors at the first Lancaster County Soil Conservation Field Day were told Wednesday.

Speaking to over 100 farmers and others interested in conservation of natural resources, County Agent M. M. Smith said soil tests from county farms show that the Garden Spot farms rank lower in organic matter content than any other county in the state.

"There are several reasons for this," Smith said. He explained that the intensive

type of farming we do here tends to help the plant residues and manures rot up and disappear quicker than they would in areas where less intensive types of farming were carried on.

Working the soil frequently and keeping the soil open for row crops a large portion of the time also helps to destroy some of the humus.

Smith recommended the use of fibrous rooted cover crops along with more grassland farming to help the soil regain some of the needed organic matter content. A good crop of a plant like

Field Brome will add a lot more humus than a heavy (Turn to page 10)

## Boyd Entries Sweep Show At County 4-H Pig Roundup

Darvin Boyd, Ephrata R1, H Pig Club Roundup this almost made it a one-man week.

show as he swept four of the eight breed championships and one reserve championship in his march on the Grand Championship of the Lebanon-Lancaster County 4-

Boyd took his championship with a trim Duroc Jersey barrow after collecting blue ribbons with his entries in the Berkshire, Hampshire and Landrace judging. He collected reserve spot in the Poland China breed. His only entry in the Spotted Poland China classes won first in the heavyweight class while his other entry in the Poland China class finished in second place in the heavy-weight class behind that breed champion.

Reserve champion of the show went to the crossbred entry of Donald Trimble, of Quarryville R1. Trimble, long an active member of the dairy and corn clubs, had (Turn to page 5)



DARVIN BOYD, EPHRATA R1 COLLECTED the Duroc Jersey breed championship with this barrow on the way to the grand championship of the 4-H pig club roundup at the Lancaster Stockyards Wednesday. The 205 pound entry sold for \$120 per pound to set a new record for the sale of club pigs. Boyd also won three other breed titles on the way to the top honor. — LF PHOTO

## New Holland Fair To Offer Prizes For Crop Show

President of the New Holland Farmers' Fair Board, S. O. Zimmerman, has just announced that the 1960 New Holland Farmer's Fair will feature a new event when it opens on September 28th and continues through October 1. The event, a hay-corn-tobacco show, should stimulate interest in the agricultural phase of the Fair which has been lagging in recent years. Robert D Herr, agricultural instructor at Garden Spot (Turn to page 12)

## FIVE - DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday  
Temperatures for the next five days will average 4 to 5 degrees above the normal range of 62 at night to 82 in the afternoon. A rising temperature is expected through Monday except rather cool today. Continued warm on Tuesday and Wednesday. A few scattered showers and thunderstorms with rainfall averaging 1/4 to 1/2 inch are likely.

## County Future Farmer Wins Highest Degree

A 21 year old Lancaster R7 farmer has been selected to receive the highest award of the national association of Future Farmers of America.

J. Robert Book, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Book, will be awarded the golden key of the American Farmer degree at the National convention of the FFA in Kansas on October 12.

Busily engaged in harvesting his 35 acres of tobacco, Book hopes to have his farm "caught up" so that he can take a week off to journey to the Missouri city to accept the degree.

In addition to the tobacco, Book, in partnership with Elmer Peifer, Willow Street

R2, this year has 15 acres of peas, 22 acres of squash, 25 acres of barley, 35 acres of wheat and approximately 100 acres of corn which will be



J. ROBERT BOOK

fed to the livestock owned by the two young men. The partnership began two (Turn to page 9)

## Grange Honors Two Youths For Outstanding Club Work

Two youths from southern Lancaster county have been named the outstanding boy and girl of Drumore, Little Britian and Fulton Townships by Fulton Grange #66.

The community service committee of the grange, in presenting \$25. government bonds to the two young people, cited the activities of Donald Trimble, Quarryville R1, and Betty Jane Ulrich, Quarryville R2.

Miss Ulrich, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Ulrich, has had five years in 4-H club work specializing in free lance sewing. She is a member of the county 4-H council and past secretary of the sewing club. A junior in high school, she plans to enter nursing.

Trimble, who farms with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Trimble on 178 acres at Chestnut Level, rents 60 acres of land where he has a herd of dairy cows. A graduate of Solanco High School



Trimble is an active member holding the office of State Reporter in the Future Farmers of America. He is president of the county Holstein (Continued on Page 8)

## FARM CALENDAR

Aug 27—1 p.m. - First Co. 4-H horse club roundup at the Paul Martin Sales Barn, Blue Ball.

Aug 29—7:45 p.m. - Meeting in the Gap fire hall. Natural Fertilizer and the soil will be the subject of Professor William H. Eyster, world famous biologist.

Aug 29—Afternoon and evening. County 4-H council picnic at the home of Richard Maule, Quarryville R2. All council members are invited.

Sept 1—9 a.m. - Meeting of the Lancaster County Teachers of Vocational Agriculture at the Warwick High School.

Sept 1—8:00 a.m. - Southeast district Pennsylvania 4-H dairy show at the Guernsey pavilion on the Lincoln Highway east of Lancaster.

Sept 2—8 a.m. - Southeast district Pennsylvania FFA dairy show at the Guernsey pavilion on the Lincoln Highway east of Lancaster.

## Farm Show Milk Deadline Nears

Harrisburg — State Farm Show Director John B. McCool today reminded Pennsylvania dairy farmers and milk dealers that requests to enter the 1961 milk show at the Farm Show must be made by September 1.

McCool said that entries are running ahead of last year, with the deadline less than a week away.

Milk competition is different from other competitive events at the Farm Show. (Turn to page 5)