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MELVIN SHELLY, KNEELING AT THE LEFT EXAMINES the plastic sheet over the tobacco bed just treated chemically to prevent weed growth. The two gas bottles are mounted on a tool bar at the rear of the tractor. One of the bottles contains the chemical, Prozone, while the other one contains nitrogen under pressure to force the chemical through the hoses to the ground. The plastic will remain on the beds until seeding time. Shelly farms with Robert Henney at Lititz R1. —L. F. Photo

Tobacco Bed Steaming May Be On Way Out

Another of the time-honored processes in the tobacco growing business may well be slated for the scrap heap, if the new process being tried on several county farms lives up to its advanced billing.

To many tobacco growers, one of the most frustrating chores with the crop is the steaming of the tobacco beds. Not only is the job distasteful to some farmers, it is time consuming as well.

Robert Henney, Lititz R1, this week eliminated the steaming process on his tobacco beds for 1961. Using a chemical sterilizing agent, Henney hopes to get as good weed control as with conventional steaming methods.

with the additional bonus of some nomatode control.

Chemical soil sterilization is not a new idea. It has been done for many years in green houses and hot beds, but late

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Mary Jane Herr Sweeps Lampeter Beef Show

A chunky 875 pound Hereford named Chee-ze took advantage of the four leaf clover found by his mistress as the steer was being loaded for the trip to the Lampeter Fair Wednesday.

Mary Jane Herr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Herr, Refton, with the thought of that lucky four-leaf clover (the 4-H symbol)

she had just found, nudged her charge to the grand championship of the show as well as the showmanship and fitting titles over thirteen other Herefords and four angus. Roy Slaymaker, Strasburg R1, showed his angus to the Reserve Championship of the show as well as the top

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Lampeter Dairy Show Has Four Champions

The county Ayrshire championship continued to see-saw Thursday as Marilyn Harnish, Quarryville R2, showed her aged cow to the top spot over the two year old entry of her cousin R. Edwin Harnish, Christiana R1.

In the Holstein judging, Richard Hess, Strasburg R1 was hard pressed by feminine competitors as he took the Grand Championship rosette over the Reserve Champion entry of Mrs. Robert Kauffman, Manheim R1, and the Junior champion shown by Carol Ann Hess of Strasburg R1.

Most of the Guernsey honors were garnered by showmen by the name of Brene-

man. The Grand Champion went to Arthur Breneman of Willow Street, John Breneman and Roy Breneman, also of Willow Street R1, showed the Reserve and Junior champion respectively.

Carol Ann Krantz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Krantz, New Providence R1, took the Jersey honors and went on to win the 4-H fitting contest. Carol Ann won the fitting event at Solanco Fair just two weeks ago. Reserve Champion Jersey was exhibited by Lucille Kreider Quarryville R1, while the Senior championship went to the entry of Phyllis Landis, Oak View Road, Lancaster.

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Farmers' Assn. Plans Banquet

The annual banquet of the Lancaster County Farmers' Association has been scheduled October 6 at Hostetters banquet hall, Mount Joy.

Members and their wives are urged to be present for the business meeting when policies will be developed and directors for the following year will be elected.

For the members who are not able to attend the banquet at 7:00 p.m., the invitation is extended to hear the speaker, John W. Bittinger, president of Snyder County Farmers Association, at 8:00 p.m.

New Holland Beef Crown Goes To Carl Weaver

A 1,130 pound Angus steer named Shorty came out on the long end in the beef cattle judging Thursday at the New Holland Fair.

Shorty, a Lancaster County-bred calf, won for his master, Carl Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Weaver, New Holland R1, the first grand championship rosette of his career which started eight years ago.

Weaver a graduate of Garden Spot High School received his steer from the herd of George Jackson and Son, of Christiana R1 when the steer weighed 520 pounds.

Rosemary Nolt, the 13 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Nolt, Barville, captured the runner-up spot with a 1,015 pound

Angus in her first year of 4-H Baby Beef work.

Champion Hereford was exhibited by Rodella Kurtz, Morgantown He weighed in at 1050 pounds.

Meanwhile a 204 pound Duroc Jersey barrow, shown by John Eby, Gordonville, R1 took the championship in the swine show.

Judge Lester Burdette, Livestock Extension Specialist from Pennsylvania State University, gave the nod for reserve champion to the 222 pound Landrace entry of Lavid Lapp, Bareville R1.

Third place award went to Glenn Smoker, Narvon R2 for his 221 pound Yorkshire. John Campbell, New Holland showed a 236 pound Yorkshire to the fourth place in the show.

The sale of show steers at the New Holland Sales Barn

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FARM CALENDAR County Farmers Take Two

Oct 1 — District 4-H horse show at Ludwig Corner, in Chester county.

Oct 4 to 6—Twenty-third annual Northeastern Poultry Producers Cooperative (NEPPCO) convention in the War Memorial auditorium Syracuse, N. Y.

Oct 3 — 7:30 p.m. - County 4-H council Executive committee meets in the Farm Bureau building, Dillerville Road, Lancaster.

Oct 5—1:00 p.m. - Judging of all crop, vegetable and homemaking exhibits, swine, sheep and poultry at the Manheim Community Farm show.

7:30 - Judging of the Baby Beef exhibits at the Manheim Community Farm Show.

Oct 6—10:00 a.m. Farmers meet and pick up the businessmen for Business Farm day. Meeting is at Guernsey Sales Pavilion, (Turn to page 14)

County Farmers Take Two Crop Awards At New Holland

Top places in the tobacco and corn judging at New Holland Fair this week went to Lancaster County farmers, but the big money prize for the top hay exhibit was carried off by a Lebanon County Future Farmer.

The \$100 grand champion bale slice of heat cured alfalfa hay was exhibited by George Bryce, Lebanon R4.

William Rhinier, another Future Farmer, from New Holland R2, took home the \$50 grand prize for his lath of five wrapper tobacco stalks.

The award for the best single ear of corn was captured by Roy Musser, Blue Ball while the best ten ears were exhibited by Clyde Wissler, New Holland R1. The Cocalico chapter FFA prepared the top exhibit of 30 ears.

The crop show, featured

section of the fair, drew 105 hay entries, 75 tobacco exhibits and 107 displays of field corn.

Meanwhile, Nelson Wert, New Holland R1, took first place in the FFA fat lamb show with a suffolk. Wert, a junior FFA member in the Grassland Chapter is an eighth grade student at the Garden Spot High School. Larry Carson, New Holland took both second and third placings. Kenneth Sauder of East Earl R1, was fourth.

Judges of the show were Garland Gingerich, teacher of Vocational Agriculture at Penn Manor H. S., sheep; James Stere, New Holland Machine Co., and Dr. John Baylor, Pennsylvania State University, hay; Richard Charles and Richard Landis of Bayuk Cigar Co., tobacco; and Frank Bamer, PSU, corn.

Future Farmers From County On State Team

Two Lancaster County Future Farmers represented the state in the livestock judging contest at the Virginia State Fair at Richmond this week.

John Henry Hess, of Manheim R1, who placed sixth in the state contest at the June convention paced the 3-man Pennsylvania team to a third place ribbon Monday.

Larry Weaver, New Holland, who placed sixth in state competition earlier this year, was the other team member from Lancaster Co.

Hess is a student at Manheim Central High School while Weaver is enrolled in Vocational Agriculture at Garden Spot High School, New Holland.

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