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Farmers Invited To Help Harvest Corn Plots

County farmers are being invited to help husk out the extension service corn demonstration plots next week. Plots in the northern end of the county will be husked Monday while those in the southern end of the county will be harvested on Tuesday.

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The county plots, begun with open pollinated varieties 26 years ago and continued every year since, show how the varieties respond to fertilizer, soil type and climate of the area.

In addition to adaptability of the corn, the plots will help measure yield capacity, length of season, ear placement, height of stalks, standability and resistance to insects and disease. All the plantings were made at 18,000 and 22,000 stalks per acre.

Agriculture Center Committees Named

The board of directors of the proposed Lancaster County Agricultural Center, meeting at the Lancaster Poultry Center, heard requests for office space and special requirements from several organizations last week.

Three committees were appointed by Willis Esbenshade, president of the board. Max M. Smith, County Agricultural Agent and Mrs. Norma DeLellis, Home Economics Agent, will act as advisors and ex-officio members of the committees.

Sloat Urges Fall Spraying For Forage Insect Control

There is considerable confusion as to a safe and effective control program for the alfalfa weevil and meadow spittlebug, Associate County Agent Harry Sloat said this week.

Poultry Secretary Begins Duties

Mrs. June Sangrey, Manheim R2, newly appointed office manager at the Lancaster Poultry Center brings with her experience in the poultry business dating back to the time she was 13 years old.

Mrs. Sangrey, the former June Good, began working part time at the Moore Farms and Hatchery during her early high school days at Manheim.

"After studying the performance data of various chemicals we have decided that Dieldrin applied during October and November will be the most satisfactory material to use against the alfalfa weevil, spittlebug and lesser clover leaf weevil on next year's crop," Sloat said.

Rate of application is one pound of actual dieldrin per acre. The material may be applied as either a granular formulation alone or mixed with fertilizer, or as a spray of an emulsion or a wettable powder. If the spray is used Sloat suggests using at least 20 gallons of water per acre.

Sloat reminds farmers that more data will be released as it becomes available, but at present, Dieldrin applied during October and November will be the most satisfactory material to use against the alfalfa weevil, spittlebug and lesser clover leaf weevil on next year's crop.

FIVE - DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday Temperatures for the next five days will average 2 to 5 degrees below normal. Normal temperatures for the week range from a low of 43 at night to a high of 63 in the afternoon. It will be cool Saturday, warmer Sunday, cooler Monday with a rising trend Tuesday or Wednesday. Precipitation may total less than 1/2 inch occurring early Monday and again about Wednesday. The rain of last Wednesday night totaled 0.6 inch in the city and 1.25 at Holtwood. It was the first general rain of the month.



COUNTY FARMERS WILL SEE SOME TALL CORN when they meet at the demonstration plots next Monday and Tuesday. Not part of the regular demonstration plots, the tall corn was planted as a novelty by Harry Sloat, Associate County Agent. The rest of the corn was planted by Richard Hess, Strasburg R1, stands beside some of the tall maize, a Mexican variety, which bears its ears almost four feet above Hess' head. In the background can be seen a portion of the plot of 30 commercial and experimental varieties which will be husked out next week. The Mexican corn is mostly not recommended as a commercial variety. — L. F. Photo

Conservation Through Education Watershed Group Advised

Each individual in a watershed has a responsibility to help clean up the streams in that watershed pure, a veteran soil conservationist told members of the Conestoga Valley Association Thursday night. Nathan A. Norton, Northampton field representative of the Soil Conservation Service, called for a sane education program by watershed groups rather than scare tactics to get the job of water conservation accomplished. Norton portrayed the educational program as the life line of a raundrop at its point of contact with the watershed through its journey to the watershed. He said the program of conservation will move forward as long as there are resources to be used and people who think as CVA members do to use the resources.

Landowners have a responsibility to see that the sediment load of the streams in the watershed is kept to a minimum. (Turn to page 12)

Vo-Ag Survey Conducted By Ephrata H.S.

A survey to determine the interest of students in vocational agriculture is being conducted by the Ephrata Union High School.

The school board is considering offering such a course from grades 9 through 12, but would like to determine how many students would enroll if the course became available. (Turn to page 12)

State Grange Convention Set

The 58th annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Grange will be held in Harrisburg next week, Monday, October 24th through Thursday, October 27th.

At this convention representatives of the 56 Pomona, 683 Granges and 73,500 members will hear reports of Pennsylvania Grange activities for the past year, elect officers and make plans for the coming year.

Awards for the 1960 Pennsylvania Grange Community Service Contest will be presented. (Turn to page 10)

Livestock Show Officials Urge Absentee Votes

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania exhibitors at the Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition are being urged by show officials to make use of the new absentee ballot which may be used by civilians for the first time this year.

The livestock show opens November 7 and runs through November 11. Election day, November 8, is scheduled as one of the busiest days of the show with the grand champion steer to be selected that afternoon.

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THE POULTRY ASSOCIATION'S NEW GIRL FRIDAY takes a few minutes out from her first busy week at the Poultry Center. Mrs. June Sangrey, Manheim R2, thinks the name should be Thursday, since that is the day of the weekly poultry auction and the day when the work of the association becomes most hectic. Mrs. Sangrey replaces Mrs. Clara Kopf, secretary of the Poultry exchange since its beginning, as office manager at the Center. —L. F. Photo

FARM CALENDAR

22—District 4-H Tractor Contest at Allen Fair Grounds.
24—8.30 a.m. - Husking of corn demonstration plots on the farm of Leroy Hess, Elizabethtown R3.
25—8.30 a.m. - Husking of corn demonstration plots at the farm of Richard Hess, Strasburg R1.
26—4-H Capon round-up at Hotel Lancaster. Sponsored by Lancaster Kiwanis club.
26 p.m. - Secretary of Agriculture (Turn to page 14)