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CORN PICKERS WERE ON THE MOVE all across the Garden Spot this week as the yellow grain went into the crib. Harold M. Hollinger, Lititz R3, who picks between 250 and 300 acres per year with the rig pictured says he can not make top speed with no wait for wagons, Hollinger says he can average 1 1/2 acres per hour with the low mounted picker. Hollinger has a general farm at Lititz R3 which he operates in addition to his custom work in combining and corn picking. —L. F. Photo

County Corn Crop Wet, Down, Farmers Report

Lancaster County farmers continued to slash their way through the bumper corn crop this week, but reports from around the county indicate that the crop is still high in moisture content.

With yield estimated from all parts of the county averaging 120 to 140 bushels per acre, many farmers are hard put to find storage facilities for the damp grains.

Reports from several mills this week show that much of the crop yet in the fields is carrying nearly 30 per cent water content. Safe storage range is under 27 per cent, say Penn State researchers.

Corn on most county farms appears to be standing well, but custom pickers report that stalk rot and corn borer damage make the job of get-

ting all the ears more difficult than it looks. One custom operator said this week, "I have to put the snouts right down on the ground and go slow, or I just don't get it." Another farmer in the Manheim area said he would like to leave the crop in the field for another month so that it could dry out, but many of the stalks are beginning to develop rot near the bottom, even though the stalk is still green.

Ears examined in several fields this week showed the stalk rot carrying over into the cob. Unless the crops with soft cobs are dried well or stored in well ventilated cribs, there is danger of spoiled grain.

Reports estimate that near 50 per cent of the county crop has been cribbed.

Future Farmers Praised At Leadership Meeting

Nearly 200 blue-jacketed Future Farmers of America and their teachers of vocational agriculture were praised for the leadership they exhibited Thursday at their annual Leadership Training Conference at Penn Manor High School.

In evaluating the conference, attended by the local

chapter officers from York and Lancaster Counties, G. Marlin Spaid, Supervising Principal of Warwick Union High School, complimented the boys on their dress, their actions and the program they and their teachers had worked out for themselves.

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Farmers Assn. State Confab Is Next Week

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association will be held in Reading, November 9-11. Mr. G. A. Biggs, PFA President, will open the convention at noon on November 9 under the theme, "Shaping The Farmers Future In A Changing World."

The PFA, an affiliate of the American Farm Bureau Federation, will highlight the annual session by celebrating its tenth anniversary and a 10,000 farm family membership. Since its inception, the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association has

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Rats As Farm Pests Are Hard To Control

So much attention has been given to the control of insects on farm crops that it is easy to think of all pest control in the terms of insecticides for growing crops. One of the biggest pests on many farms does very little harm to the crop until it is stored, but it is a serious pest.

The brown rat inhabits most farms in varying numbers even if the persons living on the farm never see a rat or any sign of them. Rats are burrowing animals, though not good diggers, and prefer hiding places convenient to a food supply.

Rats find convenient hiding places common in old buildings and in new structures that are not built to exclude them. Outside of buildings they gather in rockpiles, woodpiles, piles of discarded lumber, discarded boxes or other containers and similar

piles of waste materials. These hiding places afford breeding areas from which rats can reach unprotected food materials stored in the nearby buildings.

Thick stands of weeds or brush near buildings make ideal runways for rats to use in traveling from their hiding places to their food supply.

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Guernsey Men Plan Banquet

Three new directors will be elected to serve three year terms when the Lancaster County Guernsey Breeders Association holds the annual banquet next week.

After the banquet, scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m., November 11, at Rhoades' Spanish Tavern, Quarryville

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State Livestock Show Draws From 20 States

County agents and teachers of vocational agriculture were advised this week by officials of the Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition that ticket requests for night time events at the exposition can not be honored.

A rodeo announced on the premium list was cancelled after the premium list had been printed and no other night events have been scheduled.

Exposition officials have announced that 360 exhibit-

ors from 20 states and the district of Columbia will exhibit beef cattle, hogs, and sheep at the five day show which opens in the Farm Show Buildings, Harrisburg, November 7.

Pennsylvania leads the states in number of exhibitors with 171, 47 per cent of the total. Ohio is second with 75.

One Ohio exhibitor, back again for a second try at the 4-H club and FFA baby beef championship is Miss Dianne Rooselott, 17 year old 4-H club girl from Sardenia. She will be out to break a Livestock Exposition jinx on junior champions. None has yet won the grand championship of the show.

Last year an Angus from the Pennsylvania State University, entered in the open steer show carried off the

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FIVE - DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday

Temperatures for the next five days will average two to eight degrees below the normal range of 39 at night to 57 in the afternoon. Temperatures are expected to moderate somewhat over the weekend but will tend colder again by Wednesday. Precipitation may total 0.4 inch or more falling as rain about Saturday night or Sunday and again about Tuesday. The 1.11 inches of rainfall in Lancaster last month made it the driest October since 1930. Normal for the month is 3.13 inches. Total rainfall for the year, however has already exceeded the normal yearly precipitation. Total to date in the city has been 42.21 inches compared to the normal yearly rainfall of 41.17.

Darvin Boyd Is Class Prexy

Darvin Boyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Boyd, Ephrata R1, has been elected president of his college class, it was learned this week.

Boyd, long active in county 4-H steer and swine club work, has recently been elected to serve as president of



DARVIN BOYD

the freshman class of 160 boys at the Delaware Valley College of Science and Agriculture, Doylestown.

Specializing in a four year course in Animal Husbandry, Boyd enrolled at the school on September 20, and is in residence on the campus.

As class president, Boyd will also represent his classmates on the student government body of the college.



THE CULPRIT AT WORK in an unprotected corncrib can damage a lot of feed he does not eat. A good ratproof hardware cloth on the inside of this crib would have kept this thief and his family so underfed that they might have decided to set up housekeeping elsewhere.

FARM CALENDAR

Nov 5—10:00 a.m. - Convention of the County Farm Women's Societies at the Manheim Township High School Auditorium, Neffsville

Nov 7 to 12—Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition at the Farm Show Building, Harrisburg

Nov 7—7:30 p.m. - Meeting of the 4-H county council at the Farm Bureau Bldg., Dillerville road.

Nov 7:30 p.m. - Tri-County dairy meeting in the Twin Valley High School, Elverton R2.

Nov 8—7:30 p.m. - Meeting

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