

# Lancaster Farming

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ALMOST THREE HUNDRED CHRISTMAS TREES ready for delivery are loaded on this truck. Joseph Lesley, standing beside the truck, says a load like this has been made most every day since Thanksgiving day. Most of the trees on this load have been dug there are several "dug trees" in baskets at the bottom of the load. These trees are bound for wholesale on the Philadelphia main line where much of the production from the Lesley farm ends its journey. —L.F. Photo

## Christmas Tree Time Year For The Lesleys

How do you go about getting into a family farming operation that is different, profitable and profitable? In Lesley, Oxford R1, the formula, and part of the formula is Christmas

wards of 5,000 gaily decorated trees on December will owe their shapely form to the care lavished on them by the Lesley family.

few of the trees moving from the lakeside farm have a long way on their way to Pennsylvania livings, from the forests of Canada, but most of the beauties were grown and harvested on the hill overlooking Octorora at the extreme south-

## Elmer Melhorn President Egg Co-op

Elmer Melhorn, Mount Pleasant was reelected president of the Producers Cooperative Exchange, Coatesville, Thursday night.

Other officers named at the annual reorganization meeting of the marketing cooperative's board of directors include vice president, S. Hess, Hershey, and secretary, John H. Herr, of Oxford R7;

Diam G. Carlin, Coatesville, was elected treasurer to succeed Elmer F. Rheems. The cooperative held its annual membership meeting on December 9.

ern tip of the county.

Supplying Yuletide cheer in the form of well grown and shaped trees is the realization of a dream the Lesleys have had for years. (Turn to page 6)

## Voc Ag Course Is Approved For Ephrata

The Ephrata Union School board this week approved the establishment of a joint vocational agriculture course in the new high school for students in both the Ephrata and Cocalico Union High Schools.

Students from the Cocalico Union district will be enrolled on a tuition basis and will remain at the local high school for all other subjects. Transportation will be provided by the Cocalico district. The course is to be set up in time for the 1961-1962 school term.

At the same time the board decided to employ a vocational agriculture instructor and discussed plans for adult night classes in the same subject.

In reaching an agreement, Dr. William Bixler pointed out to the board that it has an obligation to fulfill. He said the promise for a vocational ag course was made to the taxpayers when the district was formed in 1956, if such a course was requested.

Space has been provided in the plans for the new high school, now under construction, and the cost of equipment is estimated at \$8,400. Allen Hammon, supervisor

## Quality Hay To Be Subject Of Conference

The first Southeastern Pennsylvania Quality Hay Conference has been scheduled for January 19, 1961 at the Little Theatre in Hershey.

Five district hay shows have been held annually in Pennsylvania for the past 5 years. During that time 2,924 hay samples have been exhibited and judged by competent hay authorities. Nearly one third of these samples (951) were shown at the Southeastern district show held annually each August at Hershey during Pennsylvania Dutch Days.

Subjects such as Random Handling, A Balanced Forage Program, Home Made and Handy — Gadgets to make hay handling easier, Latest Achievements in Cutting and Handling Hay, and A Look at Field Wafaring of Hay will be discussed by specialists from industry and the Pennsylvania State University, and successful farmers.

Highlight of the afternoon program will be a panel of farmers, moderated by Dr. J. E. Baylor, extension forage specialist at P.S.U. The topic will be "How We Handle And Utilize Forage."

The program is scheduled to begin at 9.45 a.m., and will conclude with the panel discussion at 2.30 p.m.

ing principal, said the present enrollment in vocational ag at Cocalico totals 20. There are 12 students at Ephrata who indicated they would take the course next term.

## Harry S. Sloat To Retire, Served County 40 Years

Harry S. Sloat, Associate County Agent, this week announced he will retire on January 31 after an even 40 years of service to Lancaster County agriculture.

Known to county farmers as "Sloatie", he has become a familiar figure at agriculture meetings in the Garden Spot where he usually chose to take the role of advisor and let others take the bows. Sloat came to Lancaster County as an assistant in Farm Management in February 1921. Three years later

in March 1949, Sloat became the first agent in the state to be so designated.

Sloat is recognized throughout the state and beyond as an authority on tobacco, as well as other field crops.

Agronomists at the Pennsylvania State University have said the field corn variety demonstrations conducted for the past 26 years by Sloat as the most significant trials in the state.

Realizing the importance of forage crops to the dairy and beef cattle operations in the county Sloat was one of the pioneers in developing a spray program for the control of spittle bugs, alfalfa weevil, and clover bud weevil.

Farm management studies started and conducted continuously by Sloat are in their 40th year—the longest continuous program of its kind in the United States.

Long active in poultry management activities, Sloat assisted in the development of the Lancaster Poultry Association, The Lancaster Poultry Exchange, The Lancaster Poultry Center and the Producer's Cooperative Exchange, Coatesville.

He still serves on the (Turn to page 14)



HARRY S. SLOAT

he was appointed Assistant County Agent.

When the post of associate County Agent was created

## Outlook Panelists See More Production Boosts

Farm production has been, and continues to be increasing faster than the population of the country. This was the main point of agreement between farmers and economists at the Agricultural Outlook conference Thursday night.

Representatives of various segments of the agricultural economy, one after the other, reported increases in the production of milk, meat eggs, grain, and even farm machinery and credit. About the only cutbacks in production noted were in the fruit line where apple yields and

hurricane-damaged citrus crops counted for smaller supplies of these commodities.

Milk production this year ran about six to seven percent above the 1959 figure; production per producer increased about seven or eight percent. Paul Hand, economist employed by the Interstate Milk Producers' Cooperative, told the group if the trend continues through '61 the New York blend price is likely to be 10 to 25 cents per hundredweight lower than present levels.

A final decision was handed down on federal milk marketing order 61 for the Philadelphia market Thursday night. (Turn to page 13)

## Lampeter YFA Elects Officers

West Lampeter Young Farmers Association returned two officers to their posts and elected three new officers Thursday night.

Returned to the post of president for the second term was Alfred Overly, Quarryville R1, who was recently elected regional vice president of the Pennsylvania Assn. of YFA.

Also returned to his office for a second term was chaplain Wilmer Kraybill, Lampeter Road.

Other officers elected were vice president, Lester Wenger, Lancaster R7; secretary, Eivin Rohrer, Jr., 2529 Horseshoe Road, Lancaster, and treasurer, John Jacob Oberholtzer, Bird-In-Hand R1.

The meeting was held in the agriculture room of the Lampeter - Strasburg High School.

## FIVE - DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday

Temperatures for the next five days will average two to nine or more degrees below the normal range of 26 at night to 41 in the afternoon. Turning colder tonight and moderating about Wednesday. Precipitation may total one half inch or less occurring as rain or snow about Sunday.