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County Agriculture Leaders Look Toward 1961

Outlook Views Expressed by County Farm Leaders

As the year draws to a close, farmers look back to see any lessons can be learned from the past year and forward to the plans for the coming growing season. Lancaster Farming asked several agricultural leaders in the county to express their views of the farming picture in 1960 and their outlook for 1961.

Harry S. Sloat, Associate County Agent says the poultry business looks somewhat better for the first half of 1961. Egg prices should improve somewhat with fewer birds housed. There will probably be some evening during the latter half of

depending on costs of production. The margin is likely to be narrow, but there will probably be a little better demand by the consuming public.

Fruit growers are looking for a heavier crop than in 1960 and perhaps a little more competition price wise.

It looks like the vegetable supply will be ample with probably a little better demand because of a light carryover from this year.

Grain supplies for feed are ample the country over and in Lancaster County. Live-stock feeders should have a good supply of feed grains, and here the efficient feeders who have kept careful records and watched management carefully will be the ones who will have good returns.

During the first half of the new year employment will be not quite as full as in 1960; therefore, consumer purchasing power may be a little less than in the first half of the present year.

B. Snavely Garber, dairy farmer at Willow Street R2; Time, patience and work have brought 1960 to a close.

Several lessons have been learned from it.

First, we learned that farmers need to be represented around the bargaining table.

Secondly we need to aid the distributor in promoting the sale of our products. We need to help create a desire for wholesome food, not only

products are entitled to a fair profit on their labor and investment.

W. Martin Muth, Work Unit Conservationist, United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service reports an increase in interest in soil and water conservation in Lancaster County in 1960. One hundred and twenty seven new cooperators were added to the District rolls. Of these one hundred and four assisted the Soil Conservation Service vice technicians to develop

three hundred and eighty-one acres to a total of 2,876 acres applied in 1960. Diversion terraces were up more than a mile and tile more than fifteen hundred feet over 1959

We look for a continued interest and an increase in the rate of application of conservation measures in 1961.

Willis Esbenshade, president of Lancaster County Agriculture Extension Association: The Lancaster County farmer has had a good year in 1960 in respect to crop yields. Cash crops were good. Prices were about on a 1959 level. Eggs, beef and broilers were up a little at



HARRY S. SLOAT

broilers will be on a pretty close competitive basis



B. SNAVELY GARBER

through the donation of money, but through actual aid to the retailer of farm products. Production of food is not enough. We have to sell it too.

Third, we should not be chagrined when the processor adds to or takes away from the product we send him, if it goes toward making a better consumer product. Furthermore we must realize that the assembler of farm products, the processor and the distributor of those



W. MARTIN MUTH

soil and water conservation plans for their farms.

One or more conservation practices were applied on three hundred and seventy-four farms. Increases in application were noted in contour strip cropping up



WILLIS Z. ESBENSHADE

the end of the year. For 1961 these prices will be back again where they were in a couple of months, (Turn to page 8)

Trimble, Hackman Win Corn, Tobacco Roundup

Paul Trimble, Quarryville R1, made it three in a row Wednesday as he exhibited the grand champion corn at the county 4-H corn and tobacco roundup. Billy Hackman, of Abethtown R3, featured in both events at the Bayuk Farm Company warehouse when he showed the grand champion hand of wrapper tobacco, the reserve champion hand of filler tobacco, and reserve champion exhibit of

Donald Trimble, older brother of Paul, finished in second place in the corn contest after being runner-up to his brother at both the '58 and '59 shows.

Champion filler hand was shown by Annette Long of Lititz R3, while the reserve champion ribbon in the wrapper class was won by David Myer, Millersville R1.

Myer posted highest total project score with a total of 98.7 points of a possible 100. Kenneth Porter, Washington Boro R7, was a close (Turn to Page 5)

FARM CALENDAR

- 3-7:30 p.m. - Northern tractor club holds organizational meeting at Ivan Holt's, Farmersville.
- 8:00 p.m. - Solanco Fair Assn. meeting in the agriculture room of Solanco High School, Quarryville. Selection of officers.
- 4-7:00 p.m. - Meeting of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District directors in the County Court House, Lancaster.
- 8:30 p.m. - Organizational meeting of 4-H electric club at the PP&L building at the square, Lancaster.
- 5-12:15 p.m. - County tobacco show at the Farm Bureau Auditorium, Dilsville Road. Selection of exhibits for Farm Show.
- 9 to 13 - Pennsylvania State Farm Show, Harrisburg.

Four Argentine Agriculturists Tour County

Four Argentine agriculturists spent some time in Lancaster County this week where they visited four farms to gain an overall view of agriculture and the poultry industry in particular.

Aldo Conti operates a cooperative in the interior of Argentina where he has 300 associated farmers raising laying hens.

Arnaldo Franka is the Buenos Aires manager of Alfa Laval, a branch of the DeLaval company handling

Electric Club To Organize

By: Victor Plastow, Associate County Agent. The reorganization of the 4-H Farm and Home Electric Club for 1961 will be held Wednesday evening, January 4, 1961 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greist Building, located on the square in Lancaster.

During the first year members will become acquainted with the electrical terms and tools, the many uses of electricity, the safe use of electricity, good lighting, and splicing and soldering wires and extension cords. It is hoped that each member will have the fun of building something useful and displaying it at a "round up"

Second year members will learn more details on how electricity is to be handled safely, the value of electricity, especially compared to manual labor, what makes a light work, how to care for electrical equipment properly, simple electrical repairs that can be done about the home, and care and use of an electric motor

Adult leaders of the club this year will be Richard Green, PP&L Farm Consultant, and John Wagner of Quarryville R2.

Any boy or girl between the ages of 10 and 20 is invited to join the club at the initial meeting.

poultry equipment in the Argentine.

Christopher Seward is the manager of Cia Swift DeLa (Turn to page 10)

Ankrum Elected Guernsey Assn. President

Paul Ankrum, Peach Bottom, was reelected to the office of president by the directors of the Lancaster Co. Guernsey Breeders Association at their recent meeting. Meeting at the home of Harold Herr, Kirkwood, the



PAUL ANKRUM

directors also returned to office vice president Rohrer Witmer, Willow Street R2, and secretary-treasurer, Harold Herr.

President Ankrum then appointed the following two committees: Tour Committee Harry Mumma, John Landis and Stanley Hess.

Field Day Committee: Rohrer Witmer, Samuel Myers and Robert Brenne-man.

\$225 Is Offered For Truck Essay

Two Future Farmers in the Junior class at Solanco High School will carry away \$225.00 in prize money from a contest announced this week. (Turn to page 10)

FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday

Temperatures for the next five days will average near the normals of 25 at night and 40 in the afternoon. The range will be from slightly above normal over the week end to slightly below at the beginning of the week. Precipitation may total 1/2 in. or more falling as rain or snow Monday or Tuesday.

Snowfall during December was near the record of 15 inches which fell last year. The 1960 December total was 14.5 inches.

December 1960 was also one of the coldest on record being about on a par with the last month of '32, '35, and '58. The only December on record being significantly colder was in '1917.

Precipitation for the year to date totals 45.5 inches compared to the normal of 41.17 for Lancaster.