

# Lancaster Farming

Lancaster Farming, Saturday, January 7, 1961—5

## Farm Show 1103 Colorful Past

HARRISBURG — Farm Show officials delving into misty records of the event and the excellent history of the show written by Dr. George F. Johnson this week pointed out that the 45th Farm Show also marks a series of other anniversary dates.

The 1961 Farm Show this year is celebrating the fortieth anniversary of the first display of livestock, needlecraft and other handiwork. Also, in 1921, the General Assembly set up a "State Fair Commission" which (Turn to page 14)

## Farm Show To Present Pennsylvania Ag Industry

Presenting Pennsylvania's Ag Industry has been chosen the theme of the 1961 edition of the Farm Show. The annual exposition next week is an outgrowth of a few earlier exhibits of fruits and grains at annual meetings of a few farm organizations in Harrisburg. From the first Farm Show in 1917 it has grown to be the largest free agricultural show in the United States under one roof. The main exhibition hall extends the entire length of the building, houses most of the commercial exhibits and the food booths operated by the various farm commodity groups and Pennsylvania churches. Each year approximately 300 commercial exhibitors display their wares and about 10,500 individual farm product entries are made in 9,950 classifications.

Organized for the purpose of education through cooperation, the show draws largely farmers and farm families. Farmers are drawn in large numbers. Last year approximately 635,000 persons attended the five day affair, but the year of best attendance was 1955 when it was estimated that 675,000 people witnessed events at the gala exposition.

Programs during the evenings of the show days, always playing to capacity crowds in the 7,639-seat arena, include a State Police rodeo, a folk dance festival, horse pulling contest, tractor driving contest, livestock parade, six horse hitch and a 4-H light horse and pony club demonstration.

No commercial entertainment is on the show ground and no midway type shows are permitted. Educational displays in various departments of the state government and The Pennsylvania State University as well as farm organizations will be set up in the main entrance lobby and on the co-courses around the large arena.

Youth participation is encouraged at the Farm Show and many activities have been planned for Future Farmers, Future Homemakers, and 4-H members.

About 35 farm organizations will hold annual meetings during the Farm Show Week. By aid for the farmers of Pennsylvania, the Farm Show is operated by three delegates from each of

45 different state-wide farm and allied organizations comprising the Pennsylvania Farm Show Committee. Supervision and management is by the State Farm Products Commission of nine members. Farm Show Director is John B. McCool.

## County Future Farmers To Receive High Degree

Fourteen Future Farmers from seven Lancaster County schools will bring honors to the Garden Spot next week when they accept the coveted Keystone Farmer Degree at the Annual convention of the state organization.

With only about 200 degrees being conferred by the state FFA, Lancaster county carried off a lion's share of the honors.

One of the 14 Future Farmers was also named Star Keystone Farmer of the 12-county Southeastern Region. He is James C. Brubaker, of Lititz R1.

Four of the degrees will go to members of the Manheim Central FFA; two were won by students at Solanco High School and two more each by Lampeter-Strasburg and Penn-Manor vocational agriculture students. One degree will go to each of the following schools: Pequea Valley, Donegal Union and Cocalico Union.

The degree is awarded to vocational agriculture students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement

in agriculture and rural life. To be eligible the member must have shown marked leadership, completed at least two years in vocational agriculture instruction, earned at least \$500 in progressive agriculture programs and attained satisfactory achievement in improving his farm's efficiency or his farm home's comfort. The boy must also have a satisfactory scholarship rating at his high school.

Lancaster County's degree winners were chosen to receive the award on the basis of the following accomplishments:

CHARLES DAVID LICHTY Charles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lichty, Paradise, Penna. The 18 yr old Future Farmer is a student at Pequea Valley High (Turn to page 6)

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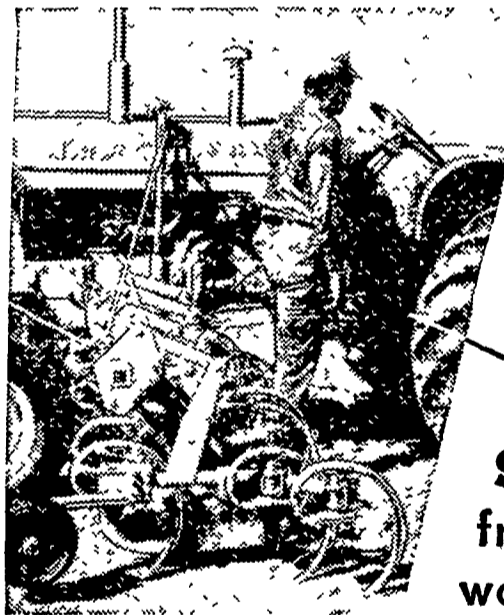
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