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Lancaster County Soil Conservation District Reports Activities of Agencies During Year



DIRECTORS OF THE Lancaster County Soil Conservation District are, left to right, Elmer Sensenig, New Holland R1; Elmer V. Good, of Lititz R. D. 1; Henry Hackman, Manheim R2; Amos Funk, chairman, Millersville R1; Richard Witmer, County Commissioner, Lancaster, and Henry E. Givler, secretary-treasurer, 1711 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster. —L. F. Photo

Herbert Wiggins Named Outstanding SCD Farmer

"If I had a hilly farm and had to farm it, I would even contour the truck-patch." Lancaster County's outstanding Conservation Farmer said this week.

Herbert Wiggins, Millersville R1 took over operation of the home farm about 18 years ago and soon found farming in the conventional way was putting most of his fertilizer in the creek.

"Dad always farmed up and down the hill with horses. I farmed about one year with horses, but when I got the tractor I saw it wasn't right. I got tired of picking up the tomatoes when I'd get a basket down in a rut and it would turn over."

Extension Meet Date Is Set

Growing With Our Community will be the theme of the main address at the annual meeting of the Lancaster County Extension Association.

Harold R. McCulloch, Assistant Director of Extension from The University of Pennsylvania will be one of the main speakers at the February 16 banquet at the Plain and Fancy Farm near Interpourse.

Michael Lynch, Extension Visual Aids Specialist, will give an illustrated presentation of The Penn State Story. Lynch has given the presentation.

FARM CALENDAR

- Feb 11 — 2 to 5 p.m. - Chicken Barbecue at the Lancaster Poultry Center, 340 W. Roseville Road, in Lancaster.
- Feb. 13 — 4:30 p.m. - Meeting of the Lancaster County Teachers of vocational agriculture at Cocalico Union High School.
- 7:30 p.m. - meeting of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District in the Court House, Lancaster.
- 8:00 p.m. - Southern Tractor 4-H club meets at the Court House.
- Feb 14 — 8:00 p.m. - Meeting of the Lancaster County Extension Association.

SCD Has Plans For Coming Year

Increased interest in conservation is the goal of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District for 1961, according to Amos H. Funk, R. D. 1, Millersville, district chairman.

The district directors will sponsor a series of TV programs with cooperating agencies, conservation field day, observance of Soil Stewardship Sunday & neighborhood watershed meetings to explain services available to landowners through the district.

Funk reported that 1,955 farms in the county are now district cooperators. The directors set a goal of 150 new cooperators to be obtained this year.

The district budget was set at \$1720 for the year. Funds will be used for clerical help.



THE OUTSTANDING Conservation Farmer in Lancaster County is Herbert Wiggins, Millersville R1. Wiggins, who farms about ten acres of tobacco each year says he is about half finished stripping this year's crop. "The only place you can see the results of soil conservation with all this snow on the ground is in the amount of the crops taken off the land." Wiggins said. —L. F. Photo

County S.C.D. Agencies Produce Varied Programs

Henry E. Givler, secretary-treasurer of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District gave credit to cooperating agencies for making it possible for the district to carry out its program during the year.

Highlights of the year's activities, as listed by Givler, include the following:

Herbert Wiggins, Millersville R1 was elected the outstanding conservation Farmer in the county.

Former District secretary Wayne B. Rentschler, served as judge for the FFA conservation contest at Penn State.

The District held a Land Use and Management contest on the farm of Amos Funk, Millersville R1. A total of 42 Future Farmers judged in the contest.

A total of 280 members families and friends attended the annual SCD banquet at Blue Ball.

The District adopted the resolution of the County Commissioners designating

May 22 to May 28 as Soil Stewardship week throughout the county. Many county churches cooperated by making use of literature distributed by the District.

District members arranged and conducted a tour of the county farms for the County Commissioners.

Director Henry Hackman was elected to the State Executive Council.

A District representative attended meetings and participated in the programs of the Lancaster County Agricultural Council.

A county plowing contest was sponsored by the District with the county winner Christ Miller, being sponsored in the State contest by the local District.

The first conservation field day at the Jay Garber farm, Lancaster R6 featured tours and exhibits.

The District sponsored a teacher scholarship for the Conservation Education Lab.

Baby Beef Club Holds Banquet

Snow and storm failed to keep 150 members of the Red Rose Baby Beef & Lamb Club and their families from their banquet last Friday.

Presentation of club awards was made after a dinner of prime roast beef purchased from the club.

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County Youth Will Attend Natl. Confab

Two delegates and two alternates from Lancaster County, this week were chosen to represent Pennsylvania at the National Youthpower Congress in Chicago later in the year.

Eleven county youths participated in the Pennsylvania Youthpower Congress at Camp Hill Tuesday.

A team of judges interviewed the candidates and chose Darwin Boyd, Ephrata R1 and Kenneth Brubaker, Mount Joy R1 as delegates to the national event. Six other Pennsylvania youth will make the trip.

Chosen as alternates were Saralee Bradley, Holtwood R1 and Paul Wolgemuth, of Elizabethtown R3.

Youthpower Congress, the second of its kind in the state, conducted in cooperation with a national movement.

FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday

Temperatures during the next 5 days may average three to five degrees below the normal range of 27 at night to 40 in the afternoon. Little day to day change in temperature is expected. Precipitation may total 0.6 to 0.7 inches, melted, with scattered areas of snow about Sunday.

The county has had a total of 56 inches of snow to date. The record for any winter season is 59.3 inches.

Celery Growers Approve H-46 For Trenching

County Celery growers generally agreed Monday that the H-46 strain of celery is the best variety available for trenching since the old Houser strain was lost during World War II.

Jay Hodecker, Lancaster R3 expressed the view of most of the dozen growers present at the farm of Amos Funk, Millersville, when he said, "H-46 looks good, but it lacks a little in taste. It keeps good though."

Noah Snader, Blue Ball, reported some black heart in his celery last year, but most growers felt the wet season held that disease to a minimum.

Snader was in agreement with other growers who said the H-46 strain will not blight.

Growers agreed that perhaps 50 per cent of the crop went into trenches for sale during the winter.

Martin Heisey, Washington Boro, has been growing Emerald. He said he liked the quality and resistance to blight, but he said, "Emerald is not true to type. If we could cross H-46 and Emerald and get the best of both, it would be worth the effort."

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