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MEMBERS OF THE GRASSLAND FFA Chorus of the Garden Spot High School are, first row left to right: Miss Alice Jane Smith, Music Instructor; Clyde Wissler, Dale Snader, David Weaver, Roy Musser, Earl Esch, John Hutchinson, Larry Weaver, Kenneth Martin, Richard Kochel. Left to right 2nd row: William Fisher, Gerald Allison, Lee Brubaker, Leon Weaver, Donald Zimmerman, John Campbell, Richard Martin, Wilmer Martin, James Sensenig.

## Farm Visits To Be Fewer County Agent Predicts

The work of the county agent will become more and more that of a coordinator, County agent M. M. Smith said Thursday night.

He said the shift to suburban living by large numbers of people will put pressures on the county agent's office to use more mass media for

dissimination of information. The demonstration method and the farm visit, long a standard procedure of the extension worker, will have to give way, in part, to the use of the press, radio, and television to reach the public.

Smith reassured the 300 farmers and families at the annual Extension Association

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## Gold Medal Won By Penn Manor Future Farmer

Melvin Dombach, Lancaster R6, this week won a gold medal in the project book contest sponsored by the Pennsylvania Association of Future Farmers of America.

Melvin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dombach, took one of the top prizes in the state contest with his records on a project of nine good sows and their litters. The nine gilts in the project last year weaned 72 pigs and averaged just over 14 pigs per litter farrowed high litter weight for the Berkshire and Landrace-Berkshire crossbred gilts in 360 pounds at 56 days. Judges in the contest scored the record high on feed efficiency as well as the pig litter weights. Melvin, who will graduate from Penn Manor High School in June, plans to enter farming in the Millersville area.

## FARM CALENDAR

Feb. 20—7:30 p.m. - Southern Tractor 4-H club meets at the shop of Cope and Weaver, in Willow Street.  
Feb. 21—7:30 p.m. - North-east Tractor 4-H club meets at the R. S. Weaver shop in Stevens.  
Feb. 22—7:30 p.m. - Lancaster area Tractor 4-H club meets at the L. H. Brubaker shop, Pittz.  
Feb. 23 p.m. - County 4-H Readers Council meets at Production Credit, Roseville Road, Lancaster.  
Feb. 22—7:30 p.m. - 4-H Electric club meets in the P&L building on the square in Lancaster.  
Feb. 23—7:30 p.m. - Solanco Young Farmers meet in

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## New Holland FFA Has Boys Chorus

Shortly after the Garden Spot High School's FFA was organized last year, several members of the Grassland Chapter expressed an interest in an FFA Chorus. With this group as a nucleus, Miss Alice Jane Smith, music instructor, worked with the group during club periods. The groups first public appearance came during the first annual FFA Parent-Son banquet last year.

This year the group added several new members and continued their rehearsals. They participated in the school's annual Christmas program with FFA member Wilmer Martin singing a solo in the program. At present the group is working on a brief program which will be presented at the annual FFA Parent-Son Banquet to be held on April 7th.

This FFA Chorus illustrates the cooperation that can and does exist between the Vocational Agriculture Department and the other departments in the high school.

## Manheim FFA Buys Top Boar At State Sale

Manheim Chapter Future Farmers purchased the champion boar at the State Yorkshire show and sale last Saturday at Kutztown.

The boar which will be used by the members of the chapter in their Supervised Farming Program was bred and consigned to the sale by Parke Thomas, Beavertown.

A litter mate of the boar was top carcass barrow at the Ohio invitational show last month. He is of the same breeding as the grand champion gilt at the National Yorkshire Show in Iowa last month.

The 6½ month old boar will be housed by Harold Hess, a sophomore student in vocational agriculture at Manheim Central high school. Harold, the son of Henry G. Hess, Manheim R3, purchased two purebred Yorkshire bred gilts for himself at the sale.

The boar will be rotated on a schedule set up by the FFA chapter.

## Control More Processes Farmers Urged By Co-op

The farmer of the future will be producing a given crop of a given quantity, of a given quality, at a given time under contract and selling through a source type of distribution, farmers were told this week.

George G. Connor, executive vice president and general manager of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Co-operative Association, speaking at the annual meeting of the county association in

the Pequea Valley High School Thursday, said he looks for more integration in the farming picture in the future.

He pointed out that not one producer-retailer sells milk in the Harrisburg area at present. He contrasted this with the possibility of total integration of the poultry industry in Lancaster county. He said a poultry man can purchase all his supplies and services through farmer cooperatives and

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## Water Runoff Is Problem of County SCD

It is not lack of water but lack of proper use of the water that is the problem, John Kitch, service forester, said this week at the regular meeting of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District.

Kitch pointed out that the city of Baltimore has only 476 square miles of watershed, an area about as large as the one feeding the Conestoga, to supply water to 1,400,000 customers.

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## Varied Program Is Reported By Lampeter FFA

Our FFA chapter has a varied amount of activities throughout the year. At present we are getting ready for our assembly program, which takes place during FFA Week. We will try to give the students a better conception of FFA and its purpose through the assembly program.

During the months of January and February we conduct our annual seed service for the farmers in our community.

In March, the members with special talents participate in the annual county athletic program. In March also we will hold our annual Father and Son banquet.

April is the month of our Scrap Drive. We take trucks to the farmers in the townships and ask for donations of their scrap metal, bale twine and paper. Our chapter

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## Unique Program At Penn Manor Is Discussed

A new program of work has been put into effect in the Manor FFA Chapter. The Penn Manor school board assumes responsibility for all expenses of a club, activity or sport; however, any money earned by the FFA or any other club, activity must be turned over to the school board.

So far as we know, this is the only school in the county with such a program. Opinions on the program are

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## Manheim FFA Public Speakers Reveal Subjects

By: Harold Myers, Reporter

It is "Public Speaking Time" at Manheim FFA. Each Member of the Manheim Central FFA is presently engaged in writing a speech to be delivered from memory to his classmates.

This single area of instruction is a part of the total vocational agriculture program at Manheim. The primary objective is to enable the student to acquire some ability in leadership and gain self confidence.

Each officer in the chapter prepared the following summary of his speech:

Richard Hosler, president: The title of my speech is "The Farmer's Challenge". In my speech I explain the farmer's challenge as I see it. The challenge is a series of problems which the farmer must overcome and at the same time make a living. Such problems are the imbalance of production, expansion of the domestic market, and expansion of production to meet the foreign demand.

Dave Graybill, vice president: My speech, One Step From Destruction, points out the destructive processes and forces of erosion. I point out that erosion is ruining the soils of Pennsylvania.

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## FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday  
Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average three to five degrees above the normal range of 25 at night to 42 in the afternoon. Mild temperatures are expected over the week end, cooler Monday and mild again Tuesday or Wednesday. Precipitation may total between 0.1 and 0.4 inches water equivalent, falling as snow or rain Saturday and Sunday and possibly again towards the end of the period.