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LOOKING AT THE MOSAIC and wildfire resistant strain of tobacco, Penbel 69, released for trial to Lancaster County growers this week, is T. R. Terrill, instructor in agronomy and Superintendent of the Southeastern Field Research Laboratory near Landisville. The picture, taken in 1960, shows part of the experimental plots where the new strain, formerly known as Bel 2-69, was tested for resistance to mosaic. —L. F. Photo

County Farmers To Try Two New Tobacco Strains

Lancaster County tobacco growers now have the opportunity to try out two new disease-resistant varieties of cigar-filler tobacco, U. S. Type 41, as a result of a cooperative breeding and research project of the Pennsylvania State University and the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

These varieties are the Pennleaf 1 and Pennbel 69 are the new varieties released by the Pennsylvania State University Committee on Introduction of New Varieties and Strains of Plants. Seed will be immediately available to county growers. Penn leaf 1, known experimentally as S-1A, is highly resistant to wildfire (rust), and moderately resistant to near Landisville. (Turn to page 16)

Farm Price Decline Noted For Third Straight Month

HARRISBURG, April 3—Prices received by Pennsylvania farmers for their agricultural products declined for the third consecutive month, the State Department of Agriculture said today.

According to tabulations of the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service, the average price received for all agricultural products in mid-March was nearly 3 per cent lower than a month earlier. However, the average level of farm prices was the same as a year ago.

Seasonally lower prices for wholesale milk (down 15 cents per hundredweight to \$4.80) and eggs (down 3 cents to 41 cents) combined with generally lower prices for hogs, calves and potatoes to cause the drop in the index of prices received.

The index of prices received, which is the barometer of farm income, was 230 per cent of the 1910-14 base of 100 in mid-March. It was 237 in mid-February and 230 a year ago.

Slightly higher prices were recorded for steers, heifers, sheep, lambs, soybeans and feed grains.

In comparing livestock and livestock product prices with those of a year ago, it is evident that higher egg prices are mainly responsible for an over-all increase in the average prices in this field. At 41 cents a dozen, eggs were 5 cents a dozen more valuable this year than last.

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Delaware Swine Embargo Lifted

Harrisburg, April 5th — Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture William L. Henning today advised farmers of an embargo which had been placed on swine from the state of Delaware has been removed. Secretary Henning said Dr. W. R. Teeter, Delaware's State Veterinarian, advised that a slaughter serum treatment program has ended the threat of spread of swine cholera in the state. The embargo was placed in effect September 19. However, swine being imported into Pennsylvania from Delaware or any other state for breeding or feeding purposes still must be certified as disease-free and vaccinated with an attenuated virus and sermon against swine cholera.

Changes Made In Penna Seed Labeling Law

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture William L. Henning today announced provisions of a change in seed mixture labeling requirements.

The new regulation says: "When labeling seed mixtures only components of 5 per cent or more shall be named on the label. The only exception shall be in the case of white clover where as little as one per cent may be listed. All other components of less than 5 per cent shall be totaled and this sum listed as 'other crop seed' — any other listing shall be considered as misleading."

This new regulation, made under provisions of the Pennsylvania Seed Act of 1947, will become effective January 2, 1962.

Secretary Henning said that advantage has been taken of buyers by the use of such terminology as "Contains Merion Kentucky Bluegrass" by printing this statement in large type on the bag or box of seed when actually the content of this seed was only a small fraction of the total seeds in the package.

"Every bag or box of seed mixtures—lawn or field crop—must be labeled to show the contents of the mixture, and the purity and per cent of germination of each portion of the mixture," Secretary Henning pointed out.

"Seed buyers should keep in mind that if the desired seed variety is only 5 per cent pure and germinates at 70 per cent, the amount of (Turn to page 5)

County Boy Wins FFA Speech Contest

Wilmer Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Martin, New Holland R1, took top honors in the York-Lancaster Area Future Farmers Public Speaking contest this week. The vocational agriculture student from the Eastern



WILMER MARTIN

Lancaster County Joint High School in New Holland, won the judges' approval with a speech entitled, "Our Land—Man's Greatest Resource."

Martin presented his talk on conservation at the annual area FFA public speaking contest Monday at Spring Grove in York County.

In the Parliamentary Procedure portion of the contest, the team from Lampeter-Strasburg High School tied for first place with the Dover entry. The contest will be rescheduled at a later date.

Senior Extension Holds Election

James A. Hess, Strasburg R1, was elected president of the Lancaster County Senior Extension Club Thursday night at the reorganization meeting. He replaces Harold Musser, Mount Joy R1.

Hess is a former delegate to Peru in the International Farm Youth Exchange program.

Other officers elected include vice president, Warren Miller, Columbia R1; secretary, Joan Michael, Lititz R2; treasurer, Roger Thome, Mount Joy R2.

New Holland 4-H Elects Officers

Richard Leaman, 2554 Creek Hill Road, was elected president of the New Holland 4-H Community club at the reorganization meeting Thursday night.

Also elected were vice president, Tony Folker; secretary, Sandy Smucker; treasurer, John Eby Jr.

Adult leaders will be elected at the next meeting.

Manheim YFA Plans Banquet

Elmer Rock of Clay will show pictures and describe his recent hunting expedition to British Columbia at the annual banquet of the Manheim Young Farmers' Association next week.

The committee has invited the public to attend the banquet in the Penryn fire hall April 11 at 6:45 p.m. Reservations may be made by calling Eugene Weaver, Manheim.

FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday

Temperatures during the next five days will average near the normal range of 39 degrees at night to 59 degrees in the afternoon. Cool weather is expected with moderating temperatures during the early part of the week. Precipitation is likely to average less than 0.1 inch occurring as rain late Tuesday or Wednesday.

FARM CALENDAR

April 8 — 2 to 6 p. m. - Chicken Barbecue at the Lancaster County Poultry Center, Roseville Road and 90 bypass.
10:00 pm - Senior Extension Club District Square Dance at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion, Lincoln Highway East of Lancaster. All invited.
April 10 to 12—County Agriculture conference at Penn State.
April 10 — 7:00 p. m. - Soil Conservation District meets at the Lancaster County Court House.
10:00 pm - County wide 4-H club meeting at production credit. (Turn to page 14)