

Co. Corn Demonstration Plots To Continue, Planting Done

The Lancaster County corn demonstration plots, begun by former county agent, Floyd S. "Dutch" Bucher, and continued by former associate county agent, Harry S. Sloat, will be continued for at least another year. The plots, called by Penn State agronomists, "The most significant corn demonstration plots in the state," have been planted every year since they were begun in 1943.



PLANTING CORN BY HAND is slow and tedious, but it must be done that way in a demonstration plot to be sure of accuracy. Here Arnold Lueck, assistant County Agent left, and M. M. Smith, county agent, plant the county hybrid corn demonstration plots at Lime Spring Farm on Running Pump Road. All plots are planted at the rate of 20,000 stalks per acre. More than 20,000 stalks are planted, but the plots will be thinned later if necessary. — L. F. Photo

by Bucher.

One significant change in the plots this year will be the elimination of the population checks. All plots will be planted at the rate of 20,000 plants per acre. In former years, replicates of the variety plots were planted at 16,000 and 18,000 plants per acre, but research has shown increased production at the higher rate of planting in the county. Since all tests have shown better yields at the 20,000 population, all plots will be planted at that rate, County agent Max Smith said this week.

The plots this year will be located at Lime Spring Farm, on the Running Pump Road, Lancaster R1, and on the farm of Glen Wissler, Ephrata R1.

On Lime Spring Farm, owned by Mrs. Gertrude Stauffer, and tennanted by Glen Brubaker, the plots will be located on Conestoga Silt Loam, while on the Wissler farm, Berks Silt Loam is the soil type.

The plots, four replicates

of 30 commercial and experimental varieties, were planted this week by Smith and assistant county agent, Arnold Lueck.

Resistance to disease, insect damage, wind, drouth, and wet weather, as well as yields of the varieties can be compared when the rows stand side by side. County farmers are invited to inspect the plots during the growing season and at harvest time.

Horse Show Is Planned

Over \$10,000 in prize money will be on the line when the 1961 Lancaster Horse Show opens for a three day stand June 9, 10 and 11 at the Riding club, Lincoln Highway West of Lancaster.

Sponsored by the Junior League and the local riding club, the show will feature, in addition to classes for hunters, saddle horses, fine harness horses and ponies, a

fashion show, a magic show and the famous Russian Troika.

Several times daily, according to co-chairmen Mrs. Thomas R. Nunan, Jr and John J. Burkholder, the ring will be cleared as the white stallions move into the spotlight to present their flawless, intricate maneuvers. The Troika, which visited Lancaster in 1959, are returning by popular demand. The horses were a gift of the Soviet government to Cyrus Eaton in recognition of his services to Soviet agriculture.

Adventures in Magic with Hertzler will be presented on Saturday and Sunday afternoon, while the Carousel of fashion will be presented each evening during the three days.

Profits from the show will benefit the community and charity projects of both the Junior League and the Lancaster Riding Club.

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WED., MAY 24th

LOCATION:

Lancaster Poultry Center

ON THE U. S. 230 BY-PASS

TIME: 1:30 P. M. SHARP

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