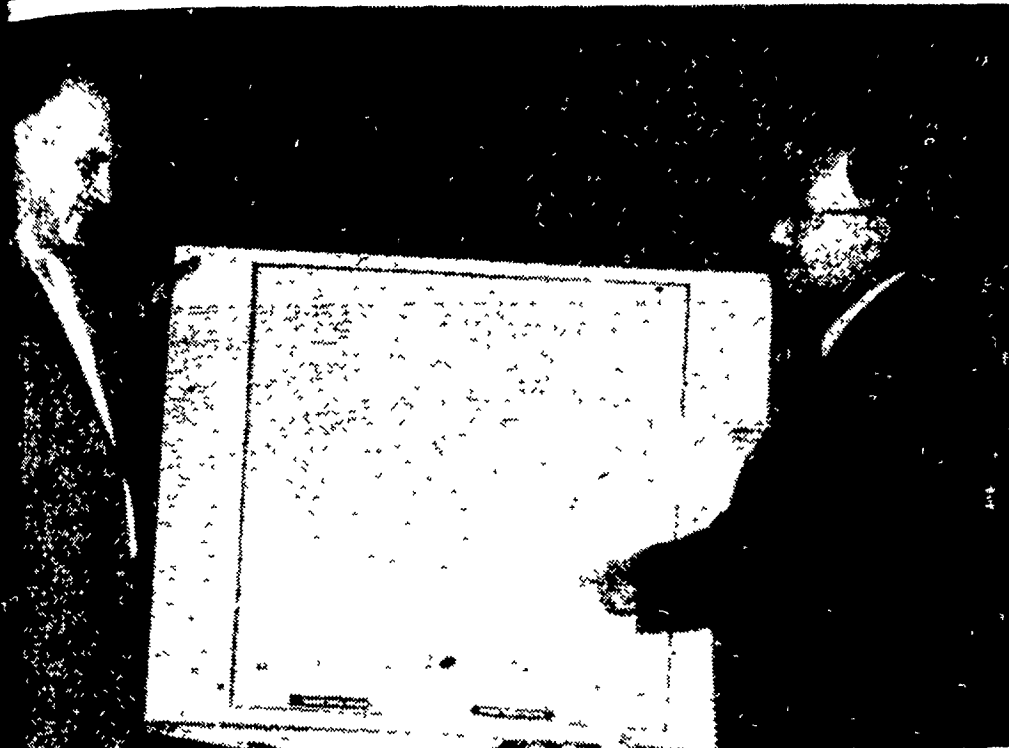


Lancaster Farming

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Albert Van Wagenen, director of research for the Northeast Poultry Producers Council (NEPPCO), right, explains the form used in the new record keeping and data processing system for poultrymen. Looking on is Mark Myer, Lampeter, president of the Lancaster County Poultry Association. NEPPCO presented the new system to poultrymen at a meeting in the Poultry Center on Wednesday. —LF Photo

NEPPCO's Record Plan Presented To Poultrymen

A system of record keeping, similar in intent and procedure to the well known Dairy Herd Improvement Association system, is being offered to egg producers by the Northeast Poultry Producers Council, county poultrymen were told this week.

At a meeting Wednesday afternoon in the Lancaster County Poultry Center Albert Van Wagenen, director of Research for NEPPCO, at the fifth of six regional meetings scheduled by the poultrymen's group, told county poultrymen, feed dealers and university extension personnel the fundamental purpose of the program is to establish a uniform language which will give comparable data for flocks in any area.

Van Wagenen cited the example of one flock which had production records of 250 eggs and 197 eggs. The same flock had records 51 percent production, 60 per cent production and 75 per cent production. All the records were for the same flock and for the same period of time, all were accurate and true records, but the method of computation was different in each case.

The new record system is a record of performance only, Van Wagenen pointed out. It is not merely another pen record, but a method by which the poultryman can analyze his program. "There

are plenty of pen record forms now available from commercial firms and experiment farms" he said.

Under the proposed program, the poultryman would keep pen records on forms supplied by NEPPCO. At the end of a four-week record period, the data would be mailed to NEPPCO for processing on electronic equipment. An analysis of the report period would be returned. (Turn to page 7)

Pequea FFA Holds Election

John W. Eby, Jr. Gordonville R1, was elected president by the Pequea Valley chapter Future Farmers of America at a recent meeting in the high school. Eby, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Eby, is a student in vocational agriculture at the Pequea Valley High School. He was named outstanding



JOHN W. EBY, JR.

Masonic Homes Has Top Heifer In Nat'l. Sale

A purebred Ayrshire heifer consigned by Masonic Home Farms, E'town to the 1961 Grand National Sale at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Building recently was third high animal in the sale.

The open heifer, Masonic Homes Polly Ann 2nd, was purchased by F. Ambrose Clark, Cooperstown, New York for \$1,050.

Thirty-five head sold for an average sale price of \$711.14 with a top price being paid for a four-year-old cow, Oakmore Fashion's Queen. Consigned by Raymond C. Bloom & Son, Oak Harbor, Ohio, she was purchased for \$1,125 by Joel Eidson, Madison, Ga. Six head sold for prices of \$1,000 or more and cattle in the sale were purchased from states of Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont, as well as Canada

swine producer in the county FFA last summer, and exhibited a gilt at the 1961 Pennsylvania State Farm Show.

Glen E. Esbenshade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elias B. Esbenshade, Paradise R1, was elected vice president of the group. Other officers elected were as follows: secretary, Benjamin L. Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. David R. Clark, Kinzers R1; treasurer, Dale B. Hostetter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eby; reporter, Richard S. (Turn to page 11)

FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday
Temperatures during the next five days will average 2 to 6 degrees below the normal range of 57 at night to 79 in the afternoon. Cooler weather is expected Saturday and a bit warmer Sunday. Cool again Monday and Tuesday then warm about Wednesday. Precipitation may total one tenth to six-tenths of an inch occurring as a few showers late Sunday.

Chick Damage Varies Hardists Reveal

"Half a crop" is all Lancaster County peach growers are counting on this year, growers indicated at a Monday night.

Hardists, meeting in so bad, he does not plan to follow a spray program. "In one two-acre block, I don't think I saw one bloom," he said.

On the other hand, Ray Hahn, Columbia R1, reports an excellent "set" on his hillside orchard. He says he will probably have to thin the crop.

Amos Rutt, president of the county fruit growers and manager of Shank's Peach orchards at New Danville estimated there will probably be half a crop in that orchard. We will follow a normal spray schedule, he said. We want to save all the peaches there are.

Bittner told the 50 beekeepers at the meeting. (Turn to page 14)

County 4-H Schedules 3-Day Camp

Lancaster County 4-H members will camp at Chiquetan again this year, Winthrop Merriam, assistant county agent said this week.

Local 4-H'ers, for the second consecutive year have reserved the Boy Scout camp in the Susquehanna River hills for a three day camping period.

Registration of interested county 4-H members between the ages of 10 and 21 years will begin at 1:00 p.m. June 13 at the camp.

The program this year will include first aid, handicraft, swimming, riflery, and nature study. Recreation, evening programs and campfire sessions will also be featured Merriam said.

Advance enrollment must be made at the office of the County Agent before June 7.

Clear Skies And Warmer Days Push Corn Planting And Haying

Clear skies and warm days encouraged a few farmers in Lancaster County to begin haying operations this week, however, haying is still on a very limited scale. Some pastures have been clipped.

The main activity on most farms this week was corn planting. With the absence of rain for over a week, many farmers virtually "caught up" with corn planting schedules. Very little field corn throughout the county is up, but a few very early crops appear to be making satisfactory growth. More warm weather is needed for normal growth.

Pastures in the Garden Spot continue to furnish good supplies of feed, but many dairymen are not making full use of pasture because of cool nights.

Tomatoes for the canning crop are fair but are growing slowly because of cool temperatures. Peas are making

excellent growth. Prospects for strawberry yields are excellent, the snows of the past winter apparently provided some protection during the cold weather and despite the cool nights there has been almost no blasting of the exceptionally heavy bloom. (Turn to page 11)

Officers Elected By Donegal FFA

Glenn Musser, Mount Joy R1, was elected president of the Witness Oak chapter of Future Farmers of America at a recent meeting. Musser, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Musser, is a junior in vocational agriculture at the Donegal Joint High School, Mount Joy R D. The president elect is following in the footsteps of an older brother, Donald, who was a former president of the chapter and holder of the (Turn to page 11)

FFA Chapter Buys Truck

The Witness Oak chapter Future Farmers of America recently purchased a new 3/4 ton pickup truck for use in chapter activities, Grant Miller, advisor of the group said this week.

The truck will be used primarily in chapter work, the farming program and for transportation on the annual FFA senior trip.

CALENDAR

8 p.m. - Chick-Soup supper at Hill Elementary

8 p.m. - Meeting of the Lancaster County Poultry Association. Director of the Farm Bureau, Dillerville Rd.

Memorial Day - Lions Club at Valley Lea, Quarryville R2.

8 p.m. - Senior Extension meets at the new building, Dillerville Rd.

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8 p.m. - Lancaster Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association at Lampeter. (Turn to page 14)