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JOHN YOCUM, NEWLY APPOINTED DIRECTOR of the southeastern field research laboratory farm near Landisville looks over the new beardless barley held by the retiring director, T. R. Terrill, right. The new barley called Awnless Hudson has outyielded Wong tests and may be released to farmers this fall. Yocum, a native of Catawissa, will replace Terrill in September. Terrill plans to work on his PhD degree at North Carolina University. —L. F. Photo

## New Research Director At Field Laboratory

John Yocum, a former resident of Catawissa, will replace T. R. Terrill as director of the Southeastern Field Research Laboratory farm in September, it was learned this week.

Yocum, a June graduate in agronomy at the Pennsylvania State University, will move onto the farm near Landisville on September 1 and begin his duties as director of the station at that time. At present time he is assisting Terrill on the farm and learning procedures of the laboratory.

The 21 year old agronomist was reared on a general farm near Bloomsburg and graduated from Roaring Creek Valley Joint High School in the vocational agriculture curriculum.

At the University, Yocum was president and vice president of the Agronomy Club, president of Coalby Society (Agri. honorary), treasurer of the Agri. Student Council, and held membership in Phi Epsilon Phi and Gamma Sigma Delta fraternities.

Terrill has resigned as director of the station to accept a position at North Carolina State University where he plans to complete work for his PhD degree in agronomy.

## Three New Small Grains Look Good In Tests

Three new small grain varieties, two of them released to Pennsylvania farmers and one not yet released, received glowing reviews Tuesday at the small grains field day held at the Southeastern Field Laboratory.

Redcoat wheat and Norline oats, both released for production within the past two years are both living up to expectations, agronomists from the Pennsylvania State University told seedsmen at the field day.

A new variety of barley, not released but slated for recommended release this fall if results this summer bear out expectations, combines some of the best qualities of Wong and Hudson. Called Awnless Hudson, the new variety is the result of irradiating Hudson seed.

In an experiment to find a beardless barley resistant to scald, researchers exposed the seed of Wong and Hudson to radiation, hoping to produce a Wong strain with the desired resistance. The Wong barley did not develop the resistance, but the Hudson came out beardless and with the scald resistance retained.

In yield checks at the university, the new Awnless Hudson has outyielded Wong by several bushels per acre, Dr. Robert P. Pfeifer, agronomist from PSU said. This is mainly because Awnless Hudson is scald resistant and more winter-hardy than Wong, he said. Pfeifer cautioned against the use of Dayton and Decatur barleys in Pennsylvania because they are not winter-hardy.

In speaking of the recently released Redcoat wheat, Pfeifer said it is the stiffest strawed variety ever tested at PSU. Redcoat is very winter-hardy and is resistant to the Hessian fly. Redcoat can be planted earlier than either Seneca or Pennoll because of the Hessian fly resistance and can be used for temporary.

### FIVE - DAY WEATHER FORECAST

**Saturday - Wednesday**  
Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average two degrees below the normal range of 63 at night and 83 in the afternoon. Seasonable temperatures over the weekend will turn cooler in the remainder of the period. Precipitation may total .2 to .6 inches falling mainly Monday night or early on Tuesday.

During the first 15 days of June Rain fell in Lancaster on 11 days, but the total is almost an inch below normal for the period. Temperatures averaged 5 to 6 degrees above normal.

## County Future Farmers Win Seven Gold Medals

Twenty one Lancaster County Future Farmers this week broke into the win columns in judging contests at annual FFA week activities at the Pennsylvania State University.

Even of the youthful judges won Gold Medal awards; were in the silver medal class, six bronze medals, three honorable mention awards came to the Garden county.

Awards were presented on Tuesday morning at a mass meeting of some 1,500 blue ribbon Future Farmers and

their advisors as they ended a three day convention which included educational demonstrations, athletic events and the annual state convention of the FFA in addition to the contests.

Two gold medals went to members of the Pequea Valley chapter and Warwick

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## Overgaard Family Retains Hold Strawberry Title Third Year

Ann Overgaard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Overgaard, Lancaster R4, won all competition in the Lancaster County 4-H strawberry roundup Wednesday, carrying the blue ribbon to her Overgaard home for the consecutive year.

Runner-up in the field of strawberry growers was Walter Overgaard, brother of Ann and top winner last year Kenneth Nissley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nissley, Washington Borough. Esther Overgaard, a sister of the first and second winners and first place last year Mary Jane Herr, of

Refton, took fifth place in the exhibits.

In the total scoring of both the exhibit of four quarts of berries and the management practices described in the project record book, the placing was in the same order. Lois Ann had a perfect score of 100 points while

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## SCD Sets Date For Field Day

The second annual Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation field day has been scheduled for August 2, Chairman John Kitch announced Monday night.

Patterned after the first and highly successful field day last year which featured educational exhibits, demonstrations contests and tours, the 1961 edition will attempt to show good conservation practices on the land.

Host for the event this year will be Gerald Darling, a farmer who will welcome visitors to his Speedwell Forge farm at Lititz R1. Sponsors of the field day are the county soil conservation district directors.

In other business at their

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## Summer Assistant Home Economist In County Office

Mary E. Grube, Lititz R3, has been appointed Summer Assistant Home Economist for Lancaster County by the Pennsylvania State University.

Miss Grube, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Grube, has just completed her junior year in the home economics curriculum at Mansfield State College.

Prior to her enrollment in college, Miss Grube was an active 4-H member in the county for eight years. She was a state winner in Poultry Food Demonstration con-



MARY E. GRUBE

test and a delegate to club congress in 1957.

At Mansfield she has been elected vice president in both Kappa Omicron Phi. Home economics honorary sorority and Kappa Delta Pi, educational honorary sorority. She holds membership in Omicron Gamma Pi, Art Club (an honorary society), Women's Athletic Association, The Student Christian Association and is typing editor of The Carontawan - the school yearbook.

Miss Grube teaches a Sun-

## Ag Teachers Change Positions

Russell Drumm, teacher of vocational agriculture at Calico High School for the past 12 years will teach at Manheim Central next year, it was learned this week.

Drumm will replace Joseph McGahan who has taken a leave of absence to complete work on his Master of Science degree at the Pennsylvania State University.

A native of Lancaster County, Drumm graduated from Quarryville High School and

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## 5 County 4-H'ers At Leadership Training Meet

Five Lancaster County 4-H members will be among the club officers from all over the state attending the annual leadership training conference at the Pennsylvania State University June 19 to 23.

Those selected are Elvin Hess, son of Mr. and Mrs. Titus Hess, Bareville R1;

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day school class at the E.U.B. Church at Neffsville. She was a junior leader in 4-H work in the county for three years. She will assist Mrs. Norma DeLellis, associate home economist with both adult and 4-H extension work in Lancaster

## FARM CALENDAR

17-4 to 8 p.m. - Strawberry festival at the Congregational Methodist Church.

18-7.00 p.m. - County 4-H entomology club meeting at Long's Park, Harrisburg Pike.

19-21 - State 4-H Leadership Training Conference at The Penn State University.

20-8.00 p.m. - Drum 4-H community club meeting at Chestnut Level church house.

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