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TOMATO GROWERS INSPECT NEW VARIETIES for size and quality at a meeting of tomato farmers from the Washington Boro area Monday. Left to right are Martin Heisey, Washington Boro R1; his son Robert Heisey, Amos Funk, Millersville R1, on whose farm the meeting was held, and Henry Heisey, Washington Boro R1. Robert Heisey, who has accurate records on the tomatoes in his father's plots reported good quality and quantity of fruit on the Pa. 167 strain with the 159 strain coming on a little bit earlier but with less weight. Funk and Henry Heisey agreed with the results of his test and Henry Heisey's tests bear out his results reported last year when the growers met on his farm. He is 12 years old and will enter eighth grade at Penn Manor this fall. —L.F. Photo

## Staked Tomato Growers Seek Improved Strains

Lancaster County's staked tomato growers this week asked Dr. Roy Creech, plant breeder at the Pennsylvania State University, to work for the release of two experimental varieties.

Growers meeting with university experts at the Farm of Amos Funk, Millersville R1, Monday were in general agreement that two strains grown in small quantities by several farmers in the Washington Boro area this year are definitely superior to any commercial variety now available.

Experimental strain, number 167, lived up to expectations from the preliminary reports of last year. Most of the growers present agreed it was the most outstanding of all the strains tested, but there was general agreement that number 159 was a little earlier and definitely had a place in the Washington Boro producing area.

Producers voiced fear that loss of acreage in that area is putting the early market

in jeopardy. Because of the amount of work involved in transplanting the big plants from the cold frame to the fields, producers have regulated their acreage to conform to the amount of family labor they could count on. Only about 35 acres of staked tomatoes were planted this year where formerly over 85 acres were put out each year. The market, because of the reputation for high quality of the Washington Boro tomatoes, could absorb over twice as many fruit, growers say.

Martin Heisey, Washington Boro R1, who has kept accurate records on his acre of staked plants figures at least half and perhaps two thirds of the value of the fruits is realized before July (Turn to page 13)

## All Champs To County Second Day Of Show

Lancaster County entries made a clean sweep of the championships in the second day's judging at the Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeders show Thursday at Cooperative's bull barns.

Mowery Frey and Son, Lancaster R7, collected both Senior and Grand Championship with Fultonway Del Ann by beating out Junior champion, a senior-yearling named Blossom Zsa Zsa, exhibited by Mill Lindel Royer, 2025 Pike, Lancaster.

Edwin Brubaker, Lititz collected his second consecutive purple rosette in the Ayrshires with Mountain Dixie Kate, a half-yearling. The Senior and Junior Champion got judge John L. McKittrick's nod for the Junior Champion, a yearling, Glenhurst Ruth owned and exhibited by Edwin Harnish, Christ-

the Ayrshire champion to the winner last year, relationship to former winners showed up in the Holstein event. The Holstein champion is the daughter of Wightwick Glenafton Rachel, a winner at many shows in the past and still a high producer in the Frey herd. Osbornedale Ivanhoe showed that bloodlines pay as his gets carried off a major portion of the ribbons in that competition.

The Ayrshire winner has been classified Excellent by the official classifier for the breed association. She was purchased by Brubaker at the dispersal sale of the Abram Flory Herd.

Following are the results of the judging in the Ayrshire and Holstein judging Thursday.

### AYRSHIRE

Junior Calf — 1, John B. (Turn to page 13)

## Compromise Reached On Farm Bill

A joint Senate-House committee this week resolved the differences of the two bodies to come up with a revised farm bill which bears little resemblance to the so-called Omnibus bill asked for by Secretary of Agriculture, Orville Freeman.

Working late into the night Wednesday the joint session hammered out a bill aimed at reducing the huge surpluses of wheat, corn and other grains, according to Senator Allen J. Ellender, D-La., who called the bill a "Catch all".

After a series of compromises had been worked out, (Turn to page 5)

## Guernsey Men Set Field Day

The Annual Field Day of the Lancaster County Guernsey Breeders Association will be held at the farm of Harry S. Mumma, August 9.

The meeting will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. with a sketching and a judging contest and prizes being awarded to the winners.

John Smith of the Milk Control Commission is scheduled to speak. Additional features of interest include committee reports and inspection of the Mumma herd and farm.

The Mumma's have a well-managed and successful farm operation with a number of outstanding cattle, including quite a few Resolute daughters. The farm is located off route 230, near Landisville.

The field day committee includes J. Rohrer Witmer, Robert Breneman and Samuel Myer.

## Two Cow Championships To Lancaster County

Lancaster county entries carried away two of the three grand championship rosettes in the first day's judging of the two-day dairy cattle show at the Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeders Cooperative Tuesday.

Raymond and Louise Witmer, Willow Street R1, showed their Penn-Del Kings Polly Anna to her second consecutive purple ribbon in the Guernsey show while William Arrowsmith, Peach Bottom R1, guided Judy's Jennifer G. to the top spot in the Jersey competition.

Adrienne Luckenbaugh, of Spring Grove R1, (York Co) climaxed a two year assault on the Brown Swiss championship with Hyble's Sue, the Sr. Yearling heifer which took junior championship honors last year.

Junior championship honors in the Guernsey classes went to a senior yearling exhibited by Rutter Brothers, York. Runner up in Jersey judging was the junior yearling exhibited by Mary Louise Herr, Lionville. The second place animal, and senior champion in the Brown Swiss

competition was, also from York County, a two year old heifer shown by Wilson W. Glatfelter, York RD.

Fierce competition marked most of the classes as high quality cattle was the order of the day. In the three-year-old Guernsey cow class, the judge, James R. Nichols, working under the Danish system of scoring gave each of the seven cows in the class a blue ribbon. Nichols, Associate Professor of Dairy Science at the Pennsylvania State University commented several times on the quality of cattle on exhibit at the show.

In addition to the double win of senior and grand champion repeated from last year, Witmer entries also carried off the Get of Sire trophy. Runner up was the three cow entry of Rutter Brothers. Brown Swiss Cot of Sire honors went to the herd of Bette Ahren, Westtown, while Jersey Get of Sire was awarded to the en-

## Plowing Meet Set Next Week

The date of August 10 has been selected for the staging of the 1961 Lancaster County Plowing contest, County Agent, M. M. Smith said this week.

Smith, chairman of the event announced the contest will be held on the farm of Roy H. Garber, Lititz R3, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Rain date will be the following day at the same place.

Sponsors of the event is the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District who last year sent a representative to the state contest.

The county champion will represent the Garden Spot in the state finals in Lehigh County August 18. The county (Turn to page 12)

## FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday  
Temperatures for the next five days are expected to average two to six degrees below the normal range of 65 at night to 85 in the afternoon. Generally cool temperatures are expected except for seasonable weather about Saturday and again Wednesday. Precipitation may total more than .6 of an inch falling mainly as showers about Saturday night or on Sunday.

## Farm Calendar

- 5—Solanco Fair Chick-Barbecue in the Leighton Memorial park, Quarryville. Proceeds to go to Fair Board.
- 6 p.m.—State Sheep Show at Carlisle fairgrounds.
- 8—Deadline for entry in the Lancaster County Plowing contest.
- 10 p.m.—Lancaster County Farmers Association Meeting at the Bureau Cooperative Building on Dillerville Rd.
- 8—10:00 a.m.—Guernsey Breeders Field Day on the farm of Harry Mumma, near Landisville. By Pass.
- 10—12:30 p.m.—County (Turn to page 14)

## Farmers Assn. Holds Meeting In Lancaster

Lancaster County had eight members attend the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association District meeting held at the Stock Yard Inn on August 1, according to Harold G. Rohrer, president of the Lancaster County Farmers' Association.

Other members in attendance from the county were James Garber, Ray Young, Herman Shirk, Robert Brinton, Isaac Miller, Lewis Bixton. (Turn to page 12)