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ACCEPTING A CHECK AS HIS PRIZE for placing first in the Lancaster County plowing contest is Christ Miller, Elizabethtown R1. Henry Givler secretary of the County Soil Conservation District, sponsors of the event, makes the presentation. Miller beat four other contestants to score the win and secure a shot at the Keystone title when the contest is held at Macungie next Friday. Miller represented the county in the contest last year and was runner up in the level land contest.

County Plowing Crown Again To Christ Miller

"That young Miller is going to be hard to beat," proved to be prophetic words spoken by one of the spectators at the annual County plowing contest on Thursday.

Christ S. Miller who farms with his father Christ N Miller on a 125 acre general farm at Elizabethtown R1, eased the hand clutch forward and turned a better furrow than the four other contestants.

Miller, just turned 21, will be no novice at the wheel when he represents the Garden Spot at the state next Friday. At the 1960 county

meet, Miller was nudged out by the plowing of Mervin Shelly, but when Shelly could not attend the state meet, Miller went on to become runner-up in the level land phase of the matches.

But that does not tell the complete story. Before the county contest was sponsored by the Soil Conservation District, it was staged as part of the Mount Joy Fair. Miller turned a furrow in three of the contests; he was champion once and placed third once.

When Miller enters the state this next week he will be working for a chance at the national plowing crown. The national contests this year will be held September 14, 15 and 16 at Melrose, Minnesota.

5 Acre Contest Draws 31 Plots From County

One of the 31 county entries in the five acre corn contest may put himself out of the contest until 1967 if he does a good job.

According to the rules, the corn club winner having the highest yield will be declared the "CHAMPION" for 1961, provided that his yield is at least three bushels higher than the next highest yield. A "Champion" will not be named if a three bushel differential does not exist. If a "Champion" is named in 1961, he will not be eligible to compete again until 1967.

County Agent M. M. Smith said 31 Lancaster County farmers had entered the contest at the time entries closed on Thursday.

The contest sponsored by the Pennsylvania State University Agricultural Extension Service and the Penna. Crop Improvement Association is open to producers of corn for feed but not for seed producers. Experiment-

In Thursday's plowing, Miller scored 440 out of a possible 600 points. His closest competitor Wilmer McDonald, Lancaster R2, had a total of 413 points. In a third place tie was Richard Groff, (Turn to page 13)

President Signs Revised Bill

President Kennedy signed a revised farm bill into law this week after the Senate and House passed a compromise version of the omnibus bill asked for by Secretary of Agriculture, Orville Freeman.

Freeman expressed disappointment that he did not get the bill passed in the form originally presented, but said, "I regard the Agricultural Act of 1961 as the most constructive and promising farm legislation in many years."

The President said of the act, "Of particular significance is the extension of the use of marketing orders to additional farm commodities." He said this will offer producers an opportunity to influence the market and offer the consumers advantage in quality, regularity of supply and stability of prices.

The president expressed his pleasure with the fact that the school lunch program was extended which he said will "assure millions of our children better nutrition and better health." Freeman said, "We expect to learn from our experiences under these programs, to the end that they may be improved and perfected."

FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday
Temperatures during the next five days will average 3 to 5 degrees below the normal of 64 at night to 84 in the afternoon. It will be warm throughout except slightly cooler near the end of the period. Precipitation may total .5 to .8 inches occurring as scattered showers and thunder-showers at times through the period.

Pennsylvania Dairymen In Enviably Position

Pennsylvania dairymen are in an enviable price position when compared to the dairymen of surrounding states, they breeders were told Wednesday at their annual day at the farm of Harry Mumma, Manheim R1.

A. A. Smith of the Pennsylvania Milk and Cream Control Commission, one of the originators of the control law in 1935, said the nearly 100 dairymen the milk control law has been a good investment.

Smith said it worked to the advantage of the producer in providing a higher price for Pennsylvania farmers but it has been a good investment for the consumers as well.

Smith cited a study in the United States which showed that in Pennsylvania dairymen pay less and Pennsylvania consumers receive more than their neighbors.

Smith quoted the share of the Pennsylvania dollar which went to Pennsylvania dairymen in several cities. A comparison was as follows: Erie 51.5%; Pittsburgh,

Philadelphia 49.5; Camden 44.2; Atlantic City, 41.2; Albany, 42.5; New York City, 40.3; Wilmington, 41.8, and Baltimore, 43.2.

"In Ohio where publicists say we have an ideal situation because milk sells for 25c or less, farmers shipping into the Cleveland market receive only 38.7 per cent of the consumer's dollar and in Cincinnati, 38.6 per cent," Smith said.

"This year, taking the position that the dairy industry should finance the administration," (Turn to page 13)

Louise Witmer Scores 100% In Judging

Mrs. Raymond F. Witmer, Willow Street R1 was the only contestant present Wednesday to agree entirely with the placings of official judge, Donald Brown, Manager of Applebrook Farm, West Chester.

A total of 61 persons placed the three classes of Guernseys in the herd of Harry Mumma, Manheim R1, at the annual County Guernsey Breeders Association Field Day.

Peter, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Witmer, tied for first place in the children's division with his cousin, James Myer, Lancaster (Turn to page 10)

4-H Leaders Plan Barbecue

A county wide chicken barbecue is planned as a fund-raising campaign by the County 4-H leader's club.

Each year the club finds itself in need of funds to carry out the work of the county 4-H. At present time the organization is in need of approximately \$1,700 to pay for trips and other organized activities. Formerly business firms in the city and county were asked to contribute to meet the expenses of the clubs, but the leaders hope to raise some of the needed funds.

Each club in the county is asked to have a representative present at a planning meeting August 14 at 8:00 p. m. in the basement of the Production Credit building on Roseville Road, to plan final details of the barbecue.

Date of the barbecue is on September 16 in the Lampeter Community park. Tickets will be available from any members of the 4-H leaders club or from the county's agent's office, Lancaster

4-H Wildlife Club Builds Feeders

State Game protector, Richard Curfman of Potter County was the main speaker on the program of the Lititz 4-H wildlife club at its August 5 meeting.

The club, meeting in a hunting camp in Potter County heard the game protector explain the state game commission's turkey feeding program. He also told the group of the overbrowsed conditions which exist in some sections with large deer. (Turn to page 6)

ARM CALENDAR

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- 12—all day - tour of Elm Penryn 4H club members. All club members will be visited at their homes.
- 14-16—4H Judging & demonstration days at the Pennsylvania State University.
- 14—8:00 pm - Soil Conservation District directors meet in the Lancaster County Court House.
- 15-16 pm - 4H leaders barbecue committee meet in the basement of the Production Credit Bldg. on Roseville Road. (Turn to page 14)