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HANDLING OF CORN IS CUT TO A MINIMUM with the set up on the Zeigler Hess farm at Quarryville R3. Shelled corn from the picker-sheller is hauled from the field in a dump truck. It flows by gravity into a pit and is elevated by auger to a holding bin over a batch drier. Talking over the operation are, left to right, Hess, William Fredd, teacher of vocational agriculture at Solanco, and Henry Hess, son of Zeigler. Fredd is working with Hess on corn growing and yield checking. —L. F. Photo

## Yield Shows Value Of Wheeltrack Planted Corn

"We will definitely plant our corn in the wheeltrack next year." Zeigler Hess, a Quarryville R3 poultryman said this week after analyzing his success with the method this year.

With a good portion of his corn crop harvested with a picker-sheller and dried with hot air to about 12 per cent moisture, Hess is in a position to look at his experiment and compare it with the conventional way he grew corn for years.

A series of events beginning last winter makes the statement of Hess a significant one. During the winter, Hess served on a panel of corn growers at a meeting of the Solanco Young Farmers Association. At that meeting, another panel member reported on the success of several "Wheeltrack" plantings of corn in the county.

At that meeting Hess explained that he had always

tried to cultivate his corn several times during the year, but he added, "Maybe we have been going about it all wrong. I guess we are never too old to learn something new in this business of farming"

Deciding to try the minimum tillage system, but not ready to go all the way, Hess "plowed and planted" some of his 70

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## Farmers and C.D. To Be Subject Of Meeting

A meeting of vital interest to farmers of Martic and Providence Twps. has been scheduled for next Tuesday, October 24 at 8 p.m., according to Colonel John Kenderdine, Deputy Director of Civil Defense in Martic Twp. The meeting will be held in the Rawlinsville fire hall.

Dr. George L. Smith, veterinarian of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, stationed at the Lancaster Stockyards, will address the meeting on the subject, "The Danger to the Farmer and What Can Be Done About It".

Richard Hoover of the Lancaster office of the Farmers Home Administration will also be on the program. Subjects under discussion will include: What can be done before an enemy attack to minimize the effects of radiation and other potential hazards?; What can be done after the attack?; Will farm land be usable after an attack?; and will dairy products be marketable? Questions from the floor will be welcomed, Colonel Kenderdine said.

The program will begin with brief reports from the township C.D. directors, Norman Wiggins and William Goodman, and a brief analysis of the present situation by Col Kenderdine.

All farmers in Martic and Providence Townships, as well as surrounding areas, are invited to attend

## To Pick Corn Variety Plots

The Lancaster County Agricultural Extension Service corn variety plots, called by a Penn State corn researcher, "the most significant corn trials in the state" will be harvested next week, assistant county agent, Arnold Lueck said this week.

The plots, begun by former county agent Floyd (Dutch) Bucher and continued for many years by former associate county agent, Harry S. Sloat, originally contained many open-pollinated varieties of corn. The two plots in the 1961 season include 30 varieties, some new and some established varieties, but they are all hybrids.

Originally the plots tested varieties as well as population differences, but the current plots were all planted at the 18,000 plants per acre rate since research has shown this to be the most ideal thickness for stands in the county.

Farmers of the county are invited to inspect the varieties for differences in adaptability, yield, soil type, ear placement, length of season,

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## 4-H Honey Club Has Roundup

A 14 year old Lititz R2 beekeeper finished his third year in the county 4-H bee club by taking grand prize in the project contest at the club roundup Thursday night at the honey house of Ralph Gamber, 910 State Street, Lancaster.

Daniel Hershey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Hershey scored a total of 92 out of a possible 100 points. Wilma Wenger, 76 Greenfield Road, Lancaster was runner-up in the contest, which considered the honey exhibit as well as the project book, with a score of 91.

Judge William Clarke, Extension Beekeeping Specialist from Pennsylvania State University made the follow-

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## FIVE - DAY

### WEATHER

### FORECAST

#### Saturday - Wednesday

Near normal temperatures are expected during the next five days with quite a bit of day to day variation. Cooler temperatures Saturday are expected to give way to warming Sunday. Cooler again on Monday and warming again through Wednesday. Normals for the week range from 43 at night to 63 in the afternoon. Precipitation during the period may total 1/2 inch or more falling mainly as showers part of Saturday in most areas and again on Monday.

## Poultrymen Tell Board To Move To Ag Center

Members of the Lancaster County Poultry Association gave their board of directors a vote of confidence Thursday night when the members voted to back the board in a proposed move to the planned Agriculture Center.

The decision came in the wake of a two hour discussion which ran the gamut of arguments for and against such a move.

After a 29 to 2 paper ballot vote approving a proposal by the directors to move the facilities of the Poultry Center at 340 W. Roseville Road to the proposed Agriculture Center on the opposite side of the Rt. 230 Bypass, the membership passed a resolution confirming the power of the board to act for the membership.

The resolution as passed

was, That the board of directors be authorized to complete all negotiations for the move to the Agriculture Center. "All negotiations", the secretary, Charles Warfel explained, "Includes the collection of land damages from the state when approximately .8 of an acre of land belonging to the Poultry Association will be used for construction of the proposed east-west bypass, the disposal of the present building when the Agriculture Center is completed, and dispersal of any funds remaining after

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## State Grange Announces Annual Meeting

The 89th annual convention of the Penn State Grange will be held in Washington, Pa. next week, Monday, October 23rd through Thursday, October 26th, according to information received this week from J Collins McSparran, Master of the State Grange.

At this convention representatives of the 73,500 members of the 56 Pomona and 685 Subordinate Granges will hear reports of Pennsylvania Grange activities for the past year, elect members to the Executive and Finance Committees, and adopt policy positions for the coming year, McSparran said.

Awards for the 1961 Pennsylvania State Grange Community Service Contest will be presented, along with numerous other awards for Grange activities during the past year. A Youth Conference will be held Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 25.

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## Fulton Grange Elects McSparran

Charles G. McSparran was elected Master of Fulton Grange 66 at a recent meeting in the Grange Hall.

Other officers elected included Gyles Brown, Overseer; Marie M. Murphy, lecturer; Ambrose Giffing, Steward; Clair Murphy, assistant steward; Maurice Gregg, chaplain; Walter Wood, treasurer; Mrs. Laura B. McSparran, secretary; George Lamborn, gatekeeper; Cathy Gilbert, Ceres; Betsy Sinclair, Pomona; Geraldine Arrowsmith, Flora; Mary Lou Wesley, lady assistant steward; Robert Reed, executive committee; Thomas Galbreath, finance committee Maurice Gregg and Philip Giffing, trustees; Anna Armstrong and Mary Giffing, flower committee; Lila Gregg, pianist; Charles G. McSparran, purchasing agent; Dorothy Walton, hospitalization, and Mrs. Ann Giffing, juvenile matron.

Installation of the new officers will take place Oct. 23 when Fernwood Grange, Chester County will be in charge. Norman Maule will be installing officer.

## Seventh Annual Feeder Calf Sale Is Next Week

October 27 has been announced as the date of the seventh annual feeder calf sale at the Lancaster Union Stockyards. Sale is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

Grading and grouping of the calves is scheduled to be done on the previous day with County Agent M. M. Smith and Arthur McArthur representing the breeders & consignors, and William McCoy representing the Lancaster Livestock Exchange

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## FARM CALENDAR

Oct. 20—7 p.m. - Meeting of the Lancaster County Farm Equipment Dealers Association at Kauffman's Tea Room, East Petersburg

Oct. 21—7 p.m. - 9 p.m. - Halloween party for county 4-H members between 10 and 13 9 p.m. - Halloween Square Dance for 4-H members over 13, at the farm of Clarence Keener, Manheim R3.

Oct. 23-26—Annual Convention of the Pennsylvania State Grange, Hotel Washington, Washington, Pa.

Oct. 24—8.30 a.m. - Harvesting of Extension Service corn variety plots on Lime Spring Farm on Running Pump Road between the Columbia and Marietta Pikes.

8 p.m. - Civil Defense for farmers. Meeting in the Rawlinsville fire hall.

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