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ACCEPTING THE GAVEL AFTER HIS ELECTION Wednesday night is Henry E. Givler, left, newly elected president of the Lancaster County Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association. Reinquishing the symbol of the office is Herbert Heberlein, second from left, retiring president. Other officers elected, L to R, are Garland Gingerich, vice president, and Louis Ayers, secretary.

## Agriculture Teachers Elect Henry Givler President

Henry E. Givler, teacher and elected to a three-year term on the board of advisors of the county Future Farmers of America chapter Wednesday night was elected president of the Lancaster County Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association.

The association, meeting in the agriculture department of the new Solanco high school named Givler to succeed Herbert Heberlein, teacher at Solanco.

Garland Gingerich, teacher of vocational agriculture at Penn Manor high school was named vice president

and elected to a three-year term on the board of advisors of the county Future Farmers of America chapter. The other two members of the board are Givler and Robert Henney, teacher at Warwick High School, Lititz. Henney is serving the last year of his term while Givler has two more years to serve.

Louis Ayers, vocational agriculture teacher at Ephrata high school was named secretary.

Howard Siglin, teacher (Turn to page 14)

## Alfred M. Overly Named Outstanding Young Farmer

A gain in net worth from about \$4,000 to over \$39,000 in just five years has earned the title of Regional Outstanding Young Farmer for a county dairyman.

Alfred R. Overly, Quarryville R2 was so honored last week at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Young Farmers' Association at the Pennsylvania State University.

Overly, who purchased his 140 acre farm last year, has been an actual farm operator

only five years but he has managed to make some remarkable advances.

After a four year tour in the United States Air Force, Overly began farming in partnership with his father on the family farm at East (Turn to Page 6)

## Pennsylvania Farm Prices In Nov. Will Follow Down Trend

Prices received by Pennsylvania farmers during mid-December failed to follow the national trend which dropped nearly one per cent.

Prices for agricultural products received by Keystone farmers remained virtually the same as the previous month. The trend as by the past five years, indicated that farmers should normally expect a price increase for their products ending November with December prices tending to show a slight decline, the Pennsylvania Crop Report-Service statistician said last week.

The price level in Pennsylvania now stands at seven percent below last year's level, due in part to the fact that wholesale milk prices ending November showed a half the normal seasonal increase.

The index of prices received, which is the barometer of farm income was 100 per cent of the 1910-14 base. This compares to

the 225 a month earlier and the 243 a year earlier.

The mid November prices received for livestock products were slightly lower than a month earlier. Leading the decline were lower prices for hogs, slaughter cows, calves, lambs and eggs. Nearly offsetting the drop were slightly higher prices for whole sale milk, milk cows, steers, heifers and sheep.

## Farm Price Index Drops 1 Per Cent

During the month ending November 15, the index of prices dropped nearly one per cent, the United States Department of Agriculture reported this week.

The drop, according to the USDA report, was largely due to lower prices for meat animals, citrus fruit, corn, cotton and eggs. Partially offsetting were price increases for some vegetables, poultry, soybeans, and milk, the Crop Reporting Board announced.

The index of prices paid by farmers remained the same as for the three preceding months. Thus, with farm product prices off one per cent, and the index of prices paid by farmers unchanged, the parity ratio declined one point to 79, from the October 15 figure.

## FARM CALENDAR

9-2 to 6 p.m. - Chicken barbecue at the Poultry Center, 230 bypass and Roseville Road. Take out only. Sponsored by Lancaster County Poultry Association.

10 to 14 - Annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation at the Hotel Sherman, in Chicago.

11 - 15 - Annual extension Service Conference at the Penna. State Univ.

11 - 7:30 p.m. - Soil Conservation District Directors meet in the Court House. Planning banquet and program of work.

10 p.m. - County Ayshire - Jersey 4-H club meets at the home of R. Edwin Harsh, Christiansia R1. Christmas party.

12 - 7 p.m. - New Holland (Turn to page 14)

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## Guernsey Assn. Gives County Boy Scholarship

PETERBOROUGH, NEW HAMPSHIRE - Harry Robert Mumma, a sophomore at Pennsylvania State University, has been named as one of the three national winners in the 1961 Guernsey Scholarship Training Program, sponsored by the American Guernsey Cattle Club.

Mumma was one of eighteen young men participating this year, working at Liseter Farm, Newton Square, Pennsylvania, under the supervision of Winslow Towle. He will receive as



H. ROBERT MUMMA

his award a \$300 scholarship to be applied toward his 1961-62 college expenses.

Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mumma, Manheim R1. He was active in county Guernsey 4-H club activities during the time he was in high school.

## County Corn Borer Population Greater Than State Average

Lancaster County's corn producers paid rather heavily for the deep snows last winter, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Plant Industry said this week.

Damage from the European Corn Borer, was much heavier in the county in the 1961 crop than in last year's corn. In surveys made by the bureau, 34 out of each 100 stalks examined in 1960 were infested with the borers. In the current crop, the number had gone up to 63. In 1959 only 25 stalks per 100 were attacked.

Along with the more widespread damage, the borers per infested stalk was up this year. In 1960, research-

ers found an average of 2.16 worms per stalk compared with 3.44 in the current crop.

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## Guernsey Assn. Elects Officers

Harry Mumma, Manheim R1 was elected president of the Lancaster County Guernsey Breeders Association at the reorganizational meeting Wednesday night at the home of Harold Herr, Kirkwood.

Mumma succeeds Paul Ankrum of Peach Bottom R1. Ellis Denlinger, Gordonville R1 was named vice president and James Lefever, Quarryville R3 is the new secretary-treasurer. John Landis, Witmer, was elected publicity director.

K. Deiter Linde, Kirkwood, was appointed chairman of the Spring Tour Committee. Serving with him will be Raymond Witmer, Willow Street R1, and Richard Maule of Quarryville R2.

Denlinger will chair the Field day committee composed of himself, Jesse Balmer, Lititz R4 and Herbert Myer, Lancaster R7.

## Future Farmers Confer Degrees On 39 Members

Thirty-nine Future Farmers were chosen this week to receive the Red Rose Farmer degree in the second year the award has been made.

The degree, awarded to not more than 15 per cent of the membership in the county association of the Future Farmers of America, is based on class work in vocational agriculture, supervised farming program and leadership ability of the applicant.

Recipients of the degree will be honored at a special meeting of the county FFA on January 29 in the high school at New Holland.

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## FIVE - DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average near the normal range of 28 at night to 44 in the afternoon. Milder on Saturday and turning cooler on Sunday and again near the end of the period. Precipitation may total 0.1 to 0.6 inch or more occurring mainly as scattered snow flurries over the week end and as more general rain with snow in the higher elevations on Tuesday.