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Farm Outlook Ranges From Bright For Cattle To Dreary For Milk

County Agriculturists Look At Farming In '62

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"What can the farmer look forward to in 1962?, you ask. Well, not a great



HERBERT HEBERLEIN

deal of change - if world conditions remain on a cold war basis, and we don't have a widespread drought, or continuous rains throughout the nation. Barring catastrophes of one kind or other Lancaster County farm

Guernsey Assn. Gives Prize To County Boy

HARRISBURG, Dec. 28—The Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeder's Association today announced the winners in its Junior Project for High Production. Awards in the contest will be presented at the Guernsey Breeders' banquet during the 1962 Farm Show.

The Southeast District certificate will go to Richard R. Ankrum of Peach Bottom Lancaster County, for a two year old Guernsey which in 364 days produced 9,556 pounds of milk and 416 pounds of butterfat. Ankrum entered the contest as a 4-H Club member.

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FARM CALENDAR

Jan. 2—8 p.m. - County Extension Executive Committee meets in the Production Credit building, Roseville Road.

Jan. 3, 4, 5—Northeast Weed Control Conference in the Hotel New Yorker, New York.

Jan. 3—7:30 p.m. - County 4-H Guernsey club meets in the Farm Bureau Building Dillerville Pike.

Jan. 4—12 noon - County tobacco show in the Farm Bureau building, Dillerville Road.

4:30 p.m. - County teachers of vocational agriculture meet in the high school at Ephrata.

ers probably won't see much change in their economic position. For them there continues to be - hope and hard work.

It is traditional that a farmer is an optimist, or he wouldn't continue to plant, expecting a harvest to follow in due time. He wouldn't continue to produce milk, eggs or other farm commodities if he feels there will be no gain. Therefore, farmers hope - and pray - knowing that ultimately their labors will be rewarded.

Hard work is also traditional among farmers, and while farm life is exceedingly better than in the "good old days" it still requires strong application of the back and brain to make a living at the business of farming.

From where I stand it seems that any guess at what is in store for the

farmer in '62 depends upon the individual farmer. For some farmers every year isn't good; for others every year is more-or-less better than others. The enterprising farmer makes out "some-how" in most any year. It appears to be a problem of management.

One farmer I know states that he sometimes makes more money working at his desk with a pencil than if he were out doing hard labor on his farm. In fewer words, he thinks, figures and plans. The farmer of 1962 will have to be a better businessman than the farmer of 1961 or any previous year. Planning, learning where to cut costs, how to increase net income - lets call it management - are what will make a good year for many of Lancaster Counties' farmers in 1962. It is my wish that it will be a peaceful, prosperous year for all.

Robert Groff, president of the County Extension Association.

During the past year, a problem Production costs will continue to increase each year rather than decrease, and this makes the squeeze on the farmer even worse.



ROBERT GROFF

Members of the Lancaster County Extension Association Executive Committee made a survey in each community regarding Extension Service activities and some of the problems facing co-

unty farmers. Mentioned the greatest number of times were high production costs, low farm income, disease and insect control, and limited farm land.

Entomology Club Roundup Winner Is Lititz Lad

A student in the eighth grade at Warwick Junior high school won both the exhibit competition and total project book score in the Lancaster County 4-H Entomology club roundup, Wednesday at the Farm Bureau building in Lancaster.

David L. Wenger, who says he might become an entomologist after he completes his education, exhibited 210 different kinds of mounted insects.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wenger, David led

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Changes In Operation Reported By State Farm Bureau Official

Seed corn by the kernel count rather than by the pound will be on sale in Lancaster County during the next growing season.

This was only one of the changes in operation mentioned by Lester M. Shughart, Director of Distribution for the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Cooperative Association, when he addressed the annual meeting of the county affiliate of the state organization.

Shughart said seed corn would be available in bags containing 60,000 kernels by count. He said this will make more accurate planting and planning possible.

He also reported Pre-inoculated legume seed will be available through the cooperative with no involvement in royalties for the process.

Shughart told the 400-plus members meeting at the Manheim Central High

School on Thursday, "We are looking into a type of liquid protein for livestock feeding. The type now being used in the area has some disadvantages, but we are looking into a different type, and you will be hearing more about it in the next six months."

Complete contracting service for farm buildings and automation is now available through Farm Bureau, he said. In other types of contracting, Shughart said the cooperative is experimenting with feeder pigs and is considering the commercial production of veal calves.

Shughart said the cooperative is planning to expand its marketing program in one way or another. He mentioned the proposal made to the Producers Cooperative Exchange at Coatesville in which Farm Bureau would

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Much emphasis must be placed on marketing and on distribution rather than upon production.

Extension service has a big job ahead and as the work load increases on each of the workers, the time spent on individual assistance is no more and farmers will have to be reached through groups "Dairy Day and Soils Day" were held successfully during the early part of last year and are in the planning for this year. One reason for the success of such programs in the past has been the high calibre and qualifications of extension personnel both in the

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Trimbles Win Corn Show Again

Donald and Paul Trimble continued their winning ways in county corn competition Thursday when they split the two top positions in the 4-H Corn club roundup.

Donald, the older of the two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Trimble, Quarryville R1, took first place in the exhibit of 10 ears phase of the contest while Paul finished in second place. In the project book scores, Paul took the top spot with his brother filling the runner-up spot.

Daniel Brubaker, Ephrata R1 was third in the exhibit contest. Annette Long, J R3, and Mark Nestlerot, Manheim R3 were third and fourth respectively in project book scoring.

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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 25 at night to 40 in the afternoon. Cold at the beginning of the period is expected to warm up a bit about the middle of the period and turn moderately cold at the end of the period. Precipitation may total over 3/4 inch, melted, occurring as rain or snow toward the end of the period.

The weather during the past year had several periods of unusual conditions. Snowfall last winter broke all existing records. February was the coldest for 6 years, but the snow ended rather abruptly on February 12 and there was only about an inch in March.

Two tornados during the year added to the unusual weather picture. The first of the two occurred on May 26 and did relatively light damage. On July 29 more severe damage was inflicted in a restricted area south of the city. Hurricanes this year did not affect the county.



WINNERS AND JUDGE POSE WITH EXHIBITS at the Lancaster County 4-H Entomology club roundup Wednesday at the Farm Bureau Building. Left to right are, Steven Rannels, 123 S. Spruce Street, Lititz; Harry Sloat, former Associate County Agent and judge of the contest; Linda Porter, Washington Boro R1; and David L. Wenger, 435 Linden Street, Lititz, winner of the exhibit contest. —L.F. Photo