



# Lancaster Farming

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**FUTURE FARMERS FROM THE CLOISTER CHAPTER** at Ephrata High School honor Rural-Opportunity by making good use of the facilities in the school shop. Harold Wood, Ephrata R1, second from left, brought his father's tractor to the shop where he enlisted the help of his classmates to overhaul and paint the machine. Work such as this helps the Future Farmer to be better able to keep his farm machinery in good working order and gives him good training in the value of equipment. Working on the partially dismantled tractor are, L to R, Gary Sweigart, Stevens R1, a sophomore; Good, a freshman; Kenneth Spade, East Earl, a junior, and Donald Diem, Stevens R1, also a freshman. Many other repair jobs as well as construction of farm equipment are a part of the farm mechanics program at the school. —LF Photo

## County Future Farmers Mark National FFA Week

Lancaster County Future Farmers of America will join with blue-jacketed farm boys all over the nation next week in celebration of National FFA week.

Theme of the week this year is "Honoring Rural Opportunities and Responsibilities." The phrase is part of the opening ceremony of all FFA meetings and comes in response to the president's question, "Future Farmers, why are we here?"

The week is set each year to include George Washington's birthday since he was the future farmers believe, one of the first American farmers to use scientific methods on his farm in Virginia.

Throughout the county, the 10 chapters of FFA will be presenting special programs and making displays to call public attention to the work of FFA and vocational agriculture in the rural high schools.

The Future Farmers is a national organization of farm boys studying vocational agriculture in public high schools.

The ten chapters in the county are as follows: Elizabethtown chapter at Elizabethtown Area High School; Witness Oak Chapter at Donegal Union High School, Mount Joy, Manheim Chapter at Manheim Central High School, Cloister Chapter at Ephrata High School, Warwick Chapter at Warwick Union High School, Lititz; Grasslands Chapter at Gardenspot High School, New Holland; Solanco Chapter at Solanco High School, Quarryville. (Turn to page 16)

## ASC Answers Questions On Tobacco Referendum

Lancaster County tobacco growers will set their own program, farmers were told Tuesday at the first of three county meetings called by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee to explain the upcoming referendum on tobacco quotas.

"We have often heard Lancaster County farmers complaining that western farmers set the policy for the eastern farmers, but the decision to accept or reject tobacco marketing quotas will be up to the farmers in Lancaster County and no where else." Raymond Connolly, Jr., told the 40 farmers meeting at the New Holland fire hall.

Connolly, program specialist in charge of Production Adjustment Programs of the United States Department of Agriculture, working out of the state Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office in Harrisburg said, the tobacco grown in Kentucky and Tennessee and called cigar filler tobacco has been labeled nondescript by the USDA.

Since the southern-grown leaf is not classified Type 41, the southern growers will not be eligible to vote in a referendum, nor would there be any allotment provided for those states.

The referendum for county tobacco growers has been set for February 20.

In answer to a question on voter eligibility, Connolly said, "Where both husband and wife have their names on the deed to the farm,

both will be eligible to vote. Minors who farm tobacco as a 4-H or FFA project will also be eligible to vote as will the landlord of any farm growing tobacco. The wife of a sharecropper will not be eligible to vote unless her name appears on a cropping agreement along with that of her husband."

Will a vote for or against (Turn to page 6)

## Secretary Henning To Be Speaker At Soil Conservation Banquet

Dr. William L. Henning, Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture will be the main speaker at the annual banquet of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District.

The banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. on March 6 in the Quarryville Memorial Methodist Church, located at the corner of Second and Mess Streets, Quarryville.

Tickets for the annual affair are available from the county district directors, associate directors and Soil Conservation Service personnel.

Other features of the program will include a report of the work of the district during the past year and a film, "Fallout and Agriculture."

In addition to seven Conservation Achievement Awards, the district will name the Outstanding Conservation Farmer for the year. A plaque will be presented to the associate director who has signed up the most new cooperators during the year.



**WILLIAM L. HENNING**

## FARM CALENDAR

Feb 16 and 17 - 8:00 p.m. - 4-H play at the Manheim Central High School. Put on by the county 4-H council.

Feb 19—1:30 p.m. - Meeting of celery growers at the farm of Amos Funk, Millersville R1.  
6:30 p.m. - Annual banquet and meeting of the Lancaster County Extension Association. Speaker to be Philip Alampi, New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture.

Feb 20—7:30 p.m. Northeast 4-H Tractor club meets at the shop of A. B. C. Groff New Holland.  
8:00 p.m. - County 4-H Council meets in the Farm Bureau Building on the

## Celery Growers Meet Monday

A county-wide meeting on celery growing will be held in the packing room at the farm of Amos H. Funk near Millersville on Monday, February 19, starting at 1:30 p.m.

Growers are requested to bring along about a half dozen good stalks, with roots attached, of the H-46 varieties for comparison and possible selection in seed production. Any promising varieties or lines which a grower considers good will be examined.

On the program will be three men from The Pennsylvania State University to discuss breeding problems, selection work, fertilization and growing practices Mr. J. O. Dutt, Vegetable Extension Specialist, Dr. Roy Creech, Plant Breeder, and Dr. Ernest Bergman, Plant Nutrition Research will discuss their respective work and answer questions from growers.

All vegetable growers are invited to attend.

## Potato Growers Meeting Is Set

The current national problem of over abundance of potatoes will highlight the 11th annual Pennsylvania Potato Growers Institute to be held March 7 and 8 at Potato City Hotel near Coudersport.

Other major problems also will be up for discussion at the educational session on Wednesday, March 7. The 46th annual meeting of the sponsoring Pennsylvania Co-operative Potato Growers (Turn to page 7)

for the following: Jay J. Buckwalter, Manheim R4, 105 acres in Rapho Twp.; J. S. Smoker, New Holland, R2, 29 acres in Salisbury Twp.; Clyde Wivell, Columbia R1, 113 acres in East Donegal Twp., and P. Mervin Myer, Manheim R4, 86 acres in Rapho Twp.

Honoring Rural Opportunities and Responsibilities

**FFA WEEK**  
FEB. 17-24

## Manheim YFA Holds Election

Vincent Becker, Lititz R3, was elected president of the Manheim Young Farmers Association Thursday night at a meeting in the Manheim Central High School.

Other officers elected were vice president, Mervin Shelly; secretary, Paul Kline; treasurer, Eugene Hoover, and director of public relations, Forney Longenecker.

Next meeting of the association will be held March 15 in the high school agriculture room when the subject will be radioactive fallout and the Farmer.

## FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

**Saturday - Wednesday**  
Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average 2 to 6 degrees below the normal range of 26 at night to 41 in the afternoon. Cold is expected over the week end with moderating temperatures Monday and Tuesday turning colder about Wednesday. Precipitation may total over .4 inch melted falling mainly about Monday night and Tuesday.

## 4-H Banquet Is Rescheduled

The Red Rose 4-H Baby Beef and Lamb Club Banquet originally scheduled for Friday evening, Feb. 9, postponed due to the snow storm, is re-scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Armstrong Cork Company, Lancaster.

Ticket holders are urged to note this new date at which time the planned banquet and program will be presented.