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A NEW STRAIN OF HOUSER-TYPE CELERY will be available to growers in 1963. Here, looking over some of the samples of the newly-released Pen-II-46 strain taken from a trench on the farm of Amos Funk, Millersville, are left to right, Funk, James Dutt, Extension Vegetable Specialist from the Pennsylvania State University, Cy F Campbell, in charge of Seed Certification Service in the Bureau of Plant Industry of the Penna. Department of Agriculture, and William L. Yount, Plant Pathologist with the Bureau of Plant Industry. The men were inspecting the new variety for growth habits, disease resistance and keeping quality at a meeting of celery growers Monday in the vegetable preparation room on Funk's farm. Funk will produce the foundation seed and certified seed for commercial growers.

—L. F. Photo

Celery Growers Develop New Houser Type Strain

The long search to find a replacement for the Houser line of celery has come to a successful conclusion.

Dr. Roy Creech, plant breeder from the Pennsylvania State University, told 35 celery growers Monday afternoon, the years of crossbreeding and selection for a high quality variety has resulted in the release of the H-46 strain by the University.

Seed of the new variety, western seed growing areas labeled Pen H-46 will be available to growers for the 1963 season.

Release of the new variety is the culmination of a search which began shortly after World War II when growers realized the Houser strain had been lost.

The loss came about when Japanese seed producers in the

western seed growing areas were sent to relocation camps during the war. Foundation stocks became lost and before growers realized that no more seed would be available, all stocks of commercial Houser seed were used.

At the request of Lancaster County growers, Dr. Bernard Pollock, then plant breeder at

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Farmers Honor Smith For 25 Years Service

Lancaster County farmers and their wives turned out 350 strong Monday night to honor County Agent M. M. Max Smith for 25 years of service in agriculture extension work.

Using the occasion of the annual banquet of the Lancaster County Agricultural and Home Economics Extension Association, the rural residents of the county paid tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

Main speaker of the evening was Phillip Alampi, New Jersey secretary of agriculture, who called Smith, "a great agricultural agent."

Abe Bucher, a well known figure in Lancaster County agricultural circles showed a series of slides depicting Smith's life and career since

coming to the county in 1937.

Others recalling incidents in Smith's career were Harold McCulloch, of the Pennsylvania State University Extension Service Staff, Harry S. Slout, the former associate county agent, and Levi Brubaker, a farmer from Rohrertstown. Brubaker presented Smith a

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Maternity Stalls Unclean Dr. Guss Tells Dairymen

Maternity stalls for dairy cows are usually not fit for a cow to calve in, Dairymen were told Thursday night.

Dr. Samuel Guss, extension veterinarian of the Pennsylvania State University, speaking at the Lancaster District meeting of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeders Cooperative, said, unless the walls of the box stalls are clean enough that you could scrape peanut butter off them for your sandwich they are not clean enough for a maternity stall.

Dr. Guss recommended having the cow calve in her own stall. He suggested putting a bale of straw behind the cow to keep the calf out of the gutter, but he said this practice is much better sanitation-wise than holding the cow in a box stall.

Dr. Guss speaking on the subject, "Raising Healthy Heifers", said, "A calf is born

with little protection except the skin she is born in." She must get the gamma globulin into her blood from the colostrum, or first milk, during the first few hours of her life. After the first day of life, the calf has lost most of her ability to absorb the substance from milk. By six weeks of age, he said, the calf must make her own antibodies to fight infection in her body.

Guss also recommended that dairymen send for plans for individual calf pens available from the University. He said one important feature

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Hog Show, Sale Are Scheduled

March 14 has been reserved by the Lancaster County Swine Producers Association as the date for their annual market hog show and sale.

Hogs will again be judged according to the breed of the sire with prizes awarded to champions of each class.

The sale will be a feature eagerly awaited by those who saw all the champions of the show last year go to one local butcher at all-time-high prices.

The show committee of the Swine Producers includes James Z. Martin, secretary, Earl Fisher, show manager, and Warren Leminger, president of the Assn. Conducting the sale at the Lancaster Union Stockyards for the Livestock Exchange will be Justin Plank, chairman, John Stoudt, Norman Barley and Walter Dunlap, Jr.

The annual banquet of the Association will be held March 22 in the Blue Ball fire hall.

TWO SECTIONS

Because Lancaster Farming is in two sections this week, the women's features will be found on pages 14 and 15 of the second section.

Young Farmers Hold Regional Meet At Solanco

YFA members will discuss "The Purposes of Our Young Farmers Organization" at a meeting of Region II of the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association on March 6.

The meeting, scheduled to begin with a tour of the new Solanco High School on Route 222 south of Quarryville, will get under way at 10:30 a.m.

After a short business session the morning program will take up discussion of the problem of purposes of the or-

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Extension Assn. Elects Directors

Four directors were returned to office and one new one elected to a one-year term Monday night by the Lancaster County Agricultural and Home Economics Extension Association.

Farmers voting at the annual meeting and banquet of the county extension association returned the following district directors to office: Northwest, J. Clayton Sangrey; Northeast, Willis Z. Esbenshade; Southeast, Mrs. J. Robert Hess; and Southern, Richard P. Maule.

Elected to the board from the Southwest district was Mrs. Kenneth Musser, Columbia R2.

Robert Groff, president of the association, conducted the election.

Farm Calendar

Feb. 26—7:30 p.m. - Lancaster County FFA meets in the Garden Spot High School, New Holland. Awarding of Red Rose Farmer degrees.

8 p.m. - Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association directors meet in the Farm Bureau Building. Election of officers.

Feb. 27—7 p.m. - Interstate Milk Producers District meeting at the Blue Ball fire hall.

7:30 p.m. - Northeast 4-H Tractor Club meets in the shop of A. H. Matz, Denver.

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Lancaster County Soils Day To Feature Local Experts

Local farmers will team up with University experts to present a program of interest at the annual Lancaster County Soils Day next Thursday according to M. M. Smith, County Agent.

The Soils Day is sponsored by the Lancaster County Extension Service and is open to all farmers and land owners in the area.

A panel on "Improved corn production" will be moderated by James H. Eakin of the agronomy extension staff at the Pennsylvania State University and will feature the 1961 Corn Contest winners as panel members. Names of the panel members will be announced on the day of the meeting.

There will be on hand a very worthwhile group of ex-

hibits and displays presented by local lime, fertilizer and seed dealers Smith said.

For the second consecutive year, the Soils Day will be held in the Pennsylvania Guernsey Association's sales pavilion located about six miles east of Lancaster on Route 30.

The schedule of events for the day is as follows:

10:00 a.m. - "Recommended Weed Control Practices" George Berggren, Agronomy Extension, Pennsylv-

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FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average near normal except for cooler periods Sunday and Monday. Normal temperatures for this time of year range from a low of 27 at night to a high of 45 in the afternoon. Precipitation may total .3 to .6 inches, melted, falling as snow or rain Saturday and again about Wednesday.

OFFICE MOVED

The Editorial offices of LANCASTER FARMING have been moved from Lancaster to Lititz, Lancaster Farming will retain the same phone number and Lancaster mailing address, but can be reached additionally by dialing the office of the Lititz Record Express.