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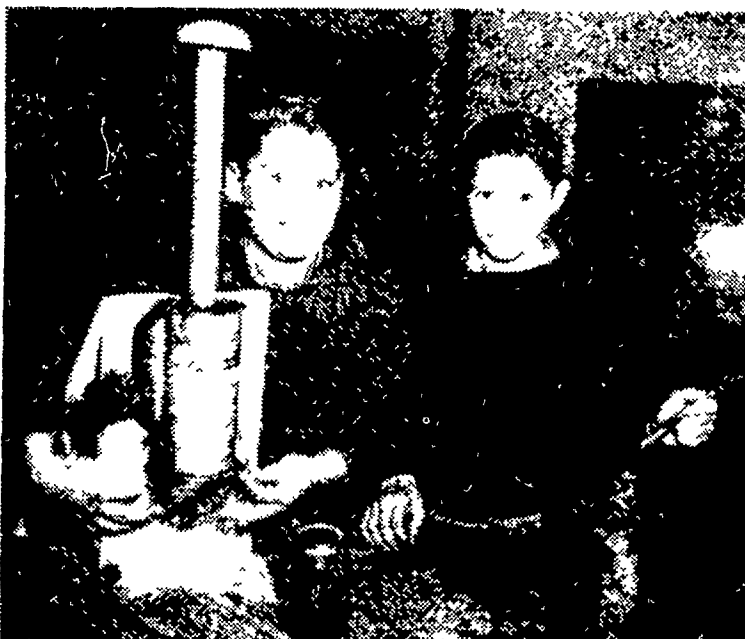
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## Tractor Club Roundup Won By Buckwalters

A demonstration team of cousins named Buckwalter put down all competition in the 4-H Tractor Maintenance Club roundup Tuesday night at the Farm Bureau Cooperative building.

Fred Buckwalter, 12 of Latimer R2 and Jay Buckwalter, 13 of Manheim R2 put on a demonstration called Clean Air Starts Down on Wear to capture the first prize donated by the Lancaster County Farm Equipment Dealers Association.

It was the first year of competition, and indeed the (Continued on Page 9)



WINNERS OF THE 4-H TRACTOR maintenance club demonstration contest this week were this team of cousins named Buckwalter. On the left is Richard, Lititz R3, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Buckwalter. Jay, on the right, prepares to clean part of the tractor air cleaner which Richard is removing. Jay is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Quenten Buckwalter, Manheim R2. They are both first year tractor club members.

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## Tractor Wins Handyman Prize

A homemade garden tractor won first prize in the Lancaster County 4-H Handyman club for Glenn Hess, Washingtonboro R1, Tuesday night.

The 17 year-old vocational agriculture student at Penn Manor High School built the tractor from scrap materials and a discarded automobile transmission and differential.

Glenn, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hess, is a first-year member in the handyman club, but he has had projects in the (Continued on Page 10)

## Penn Manor FFA Public Speaking Won By Junior

Fred Herr, Millersville R1 won the Public Speaking contest sponsored recently by the senior chapter of Future Farmers of America.

Herr speaking on the subject, 'A Comparison of American and Russian Agriculture' took top honors in a field of six future farmers at Penn Manor High School.

The 17 year old junior in vocational agriculture is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Herr.

In second place, speaking on artificial insemination for swine was Robert Balmer, who yes with Mr. and Mrs. E. Lore Witmer, Columbia R2.

Jerry Bieneman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bieneman, Lancaster R2, speaking on (Continued on Page 12)

## Farm Calendar

- April 2 - 1 p.m.—meeting of the DHA Supervisors at the home of the treasurer Jacob Houser, Lampeter.
- April 3 - 1 p.m.—York-Lancaster area FFA soil judging contest at the farm of Mallon Fry, Elizabethtown R. Also horseshoe pitching contest.
- April 4 - 3 p.m.—Red Rose (Continued on Page 10)

## Educational Poultry Meeting To Feature Leucosis Expert

Dr. Robert F. Gentry, well-known authority on Leucosis will be the principle speaker at the poultry education meeting.



DR. GENTRY

The meeting is being held at the Lancaster Poultry Center on Thursday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m.

## Herr Is Elected FFA President

Joe Herr, Lancaster R3 Monday was elected president of the Manor Chapter Future Farmers of America at Penn Manor High School.

Herr the 17 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Herr is an 11th grade student in vocational agriculture. His term of office will run through the 1962-63 school term.

Other officers elected include following: Vice president, Harold Herr son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron (Continued on Page 12)

Dr. Gentry, who is presently in charge of the Poultry Disease Research and Diagnostic Laboratory at the Pennsylvania State University will speak on the causes and control of fowl leucosis related poultry diseases and a general vaccinating program.

The meeting sponsored by the Lancaster County Poultry Association, will also include the county 4-H Poultry roundup with displays by the members and presentation of awards.

All poultrymen are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

## Water Moves 10,000 Tons Down Conestoga

HARRISBURG — Melting snow and spring rains are flushing tons of topsoil down Pennsylvania's rivers according to the State Soil Conservation Commission.

As an example Commission officials report that during a recent three-day storm 10,000 tons of soil washed down historic Conestoga Creek past Lancaster. This amount of sediment would have filled 1,000 dump trucks that would extend four and one-half miles if placed bumper to bumper.

Soil lost through lack of conservation practices injures downstream residents according to David G. Unger, Commission secretary. He said that erosion of this scale damages fish habitat and impairs reservoirs and water supplies.

Much sediment originates from construction sites and (Continued on Page 9)

## Muslin Tobacco Bed Cover Requires Sterilization

Tobacco seed bed muslin needs to be sterilized just as much as seed and soil tobacco growers were told at a tobacco seed treating and cleaning demonstration this week.

Sterilization of the muslin noted in three county fields is especially important if there is a disease problem in the last year.

Black Shank, an imported bed last year Henry B. Engle, Research Agronomist at the Southeastern Pennsylvania Field Research Laboratory said. The disease is spread by water from the infected plant.

Engle said the sterilization could be done by dipping the muslin in a 5 per cent solution of formaldehyde, or by steaming the muslin under a pan when the tobacco bed is steamed. The muslin should be steamed for the same length of time as the soil, he said.

Engle cautioned county farmers to be on the lookout for a virus disease which was (Continued on Page 12)

## Farm Tax Law Changes Urged By County Planner

Farmers should push for a law to allow agricultural land to be taxed on a disproportionate basis with other property in the same area. C. Beckley Foster, county planner, said Thursday.

Speaking at the meeting of the Lancaster County Agricultural council, Foster outlined four ways he said farmers could help maintain their position in areas threatened by urban sprawl.

He said at present time farm land is assessed on the market value or speculative value whether it is being developed for building sites or being farmed. He said a more equitable method of taxation would be to assess the land on the basis of agricultural production until such time as it is sold out for non-farming uses. It and when the farm land is sold for development, it could be re-assessed. He gave one example of a farm that has been assessed \$30,000 for frontage on a sewerage disposal line.

Foster asked farmers to support a bill introduced late last session of the general assembly and defeated by a slim margin. The bill would de- (Continued on page 7)

## SPABC Sires Resummarized

Two Guernsey sires in the stud at the Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeders Cooperative have been officially designated "Resummarized Sires" by the American Guernsey Cattle Club.

The two bulls are Sterlinggold Lamont King and Lake Louise Royal Superb.

"Kings" most illustrious daughter is Meadow Springs Mollivetta, that had a production record of 12,730 pounds of milk and 553 pounds of fat in the 305-day division.

"King" now has 12 daughters with 22 official production records. Their average production is 9,324 pounds of milk and 470 pounds of fat when converted to a twice-daily milking, 305-day mature equivalent basis. (Continued on Page 9)

## FFA Contest Won By Manheim

Winners of the Lancaster County Future Farmers athletic tournament were announced at the meeting of the county FFA Monday night.

The trophy for basketball was won by the Manheim Central chapter. Pequea Valley chapter won the elimination contest in volleyball and the ping-pong championship went to the Garden Spot chapter at Lampeter-Strasburg High School.

Each of the 10 chapters in the county competed for the plaques awarded by the county association.

## FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday  
Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average near normal to a few degrees below the normal range of 37 at night to 50 in the afternoon. Turning colder Sunday and becoming milder towards the end of the period. Precipitation may total 1/2 inch falling as showers Saturday and as more general rain Sunday or early Monday.