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WINNERS OF THE YORK-LANCASTER AREA FFA parliamentary procedure contest pose after their victory over the other five competing teams Tuesday night. Seated, left to right, are Kenneth Denlinger, Lancaster R7, Paul Welk, Strasburg R1 and Kenneth Meck, Willo v Street R1. Standing, left to right, are James Shertzer, Lancaster R7; James Houser, Lampeter; Melvin Breneman, Strasburg R1; Earl Livingood, Lancaster R7 and Donald Kraybill, 599 Lampeter Road, Lancaster R7. The team represented Garden Spot Chapter Future Farmers of America L. F. Photo

County Future Farmers Win Speaking Contest

Lancaster County Future Farmers made a clean sweep of the York-Lancaster Area Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure contest on Tuesday night. A contingent of eight blue jacketed farm boys from the Garden Spot Chapter at Lampeter-Strasburg High School outpointed five other teams from the two county area to advance to the regional chapter procedure contest. Kenneth Martin a sophomore from the Grasslands Chapter at New Holland was top scorer in the public speaking contest. His subject was "Keep the Knife Dull". Following Martin in the speaking contest were Stanley Muschelmann of the Lancaster National Bank, James Leamer, guidance councillor at the Kennard Dale High School in York County and F F Bailey Assistant Lancaster County Superintendent of Schools. Second place in the Parliamentary Procedure contest was the Dover Chapter from York.

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Mechanization Surprises Visitor From Poland

Two years ago an invitation to visit America was extended to the manager of a Polish collective farm. This week the invitation was accepted and the visitor is in Lancaster County for a three week stay. When Henry Hackman, Manheim R12, was in Poland, two years ago on a mission for his church organization, he lived for a time in the home of Edmund Apolnarski near Poznan. He invited his host to visit in the Garden Spot of America, but had no idea he would accept so soon.

Apolnarski, who manages a 7,000 acre combine (farming and manufacturing) south of Poznan, arrived in Quebec, Canada last week where he was met by Hackman. "When I was coming to America," he said, "I expected to see mechanized farming, but what I have seen has surpassed my fondest expectations."

Apolnarski hesitated to compare American and Polish agriculture or to compare the agriculture of Poland with that of Russia except to say, through an interpreter, Nicholas Skryzalin, 116 E High Street, Manheim, "In Poland there is enough to eat."

He said about 87 per cent of the land in Poland is under private ownership while the other 13 per cent is state owned.

On the eight farms under his direction are 600 cows, 3,000 sheep and 2,000 pigs. About 750 acres of potatoes and 300 acres of sugar beets are processed on the farm. Some 600 workers under the direction of Apolnarski produce the crops, turn the beets to sugar and their tops into silage for the cattle. Two factories in the collective manufacture alcohol as well as livestock feed and potato chips from the potatoes. Also on the farm is an alfalfa dehydrating plant.

While much of the work is still done by hand, the farm has 50 tractors and 200 horses. Apolnarski explained that much of the work of state-owned farms is experimental in nature. Certified seed is produced on the government farm and made available to the private farmer on an exchange basis. The private farmer pays a 10 per cent bonus for the certified seed.

The dairy cows are bred from the state-owned artificial insemination directed by the brother of Apolnarski. Until this year the 600 head of cows were milked by hand. Recently milking machines were purchased in Sweden, Czechoslovakia.

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FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday
Temperatures for the next five days are expected to average two to six degrees below the normal range of 41 at night to 62 in the afternoon. Milder weather on Saturday and Sunday will give way to cooler next week. Rain is expected about Monday and may total up to 1/2 inch.

Soil Conservation District Sets Dates For Two Meetings

Directors of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District Monday night set tentative dates for two summer meetings. The annual plowing contest will again be held on the farm of Roy H Garber, Lititz R3. Date of the meet has been set for July 23 with the rain date one week later, July 30 at the same place. Date of the annual Conservation Field Day will be August 1 at the Gerald Darlington farm, Lititz R2. Rain date for the event, which was rained out last year, will be the following day, August 2. In other business, the directors approved conservation plans for 17 new cooperators bringing the total of cooperating farmers to 2044 since the district was formed. Plans covering a total of

1826 acres were approved for the following: James R Graybill, Lititz R2, Penn Twp, 118 Acres, Elmer G Martin, Washington Boro R1, Manor Twp, 27 acres, Francis L Kirk, Peach Bottom, Fulton Twp.

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Quality Hay Is Subject Of Two Meetings

Two Quality Hay meetings have been scheduled in the county next week. The meetings will be similar to the meetings which were so well received last year. Joseph McCurdy, Agriculture Engineer from the Pennsylvania State University will

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SCD Directors Make New Film Available

A new motion picture film, "Beyond Tomorrow", depicting the work of Pennsylvania's soil conservation districts, has been purchased by the local district directors.

Educational organizations, service clubs, sportsman's groups and other clubs are invited to use the film free of charge.

The 16 MM sound, color, film was written by Robert G. Struble, formerly with the Brandywine Valley Association and now employed by the State Soil Conservation Service, and was filmed in rural Pennsylvania.

The film, suitable for showing to 4-H club groups, high school classes and clubs, may be borrowed by contacting Henry E Gwyler, Eastbrook Rd., Ronks R1.

Young Farmers Set County Meet

All the Lancaster County Young Farmer Association chapters will hold a county-wide meeting next week.

Roger Grout, Extension Agriculture Engineer from the Pennsylvania State University will discuss dairy barn construction and remodeling in the Manheim Central High School on Thursday April 19 at 7:45 pm.

The Manheim Chapter Forney Longenecker, president, will be host chapter for the meeting. Longenecker invites all Young Farmers in the county to attend the meeting.

Grasslands FFA Takes Prizes In Meat Contest

Future Farmers from the Grasslands chapter at New Holland swept the two top prizes in the two-county Meat Identification and Judging contest Thursday at Dallsstown, York County.

Fred Lando, Churchtown, fifth place winner in the contest last year, led all competitors this week. His schoolmate Dale Houck, Narvon R1, was runnerup.

In 1961 the Grasslands contingent garnered four of the five top placings in the con-

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Farm Calendar

- April 14 — 2 to 5 p.m. - Chicken Barbecue at the Lancaster Poultry Center Roseville Road and 230 Bypass. Take outs only.
- April 16 — 7 a.m. - Holstein Tour leaves the bus station 825 E Chestnut St., Lancaster.
- 7:30 p.m. - Witness Oak Chapter FFA meeting in the Donegal Union High School, Mount Joy.
- 8 p.m. - County 4-H Council meets in the Farm Bureau building, Dillerville Road. Anthony Guarna, Sr. clerk of the probation office.

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