

● Now Is The Time (Continued from Page 4)
 Add to the conformation and sanitation of the lambs and the altering of the buck lambs will keep them more quiet and improve their market value after mid-summer. The docking should be done when 3 to 7 days of age and the altering when 2 to 4 weeks of age.

Barberry Bush Eradication Plan Mapped

The work of eradicating rust-spreading barberry bushes to control the stem rust disease of wheat, oats, and barley in Lancaster is progressing according to plan, according to W. R. May, District Supervisor of Penna. Plant Pest Control Division. This work was started last

August and already 145 bushes have been found and destroyed in the 100 square miles of area checked in the townships of East Donegal, West Donegal, Mount Joy, Rapho, Elizabeth, Penn, Clay West Cocalico, East Cocalico, Ephrata, Manheim, Warwick, West Earl and Upper Leacock. As a matter of fact more of the rust-spreading bushes have been found than expected in the area.

A few years ago the stem rust disease was a limiting

factor in the small grain production parts of Lancaster County. This situation was partially corrected by the eradication of numerous barberries from those areas.

That work was never completed and now the disease appears to be on the increase again. The current work is expected to complete the areas not checked originally and to recheck the infested territory.

Stem rust of small grains is a parasitic fungus disease that spends part of its life cycle on susceptible barberry bushes and part on the small grains on other host plants.

Without the spring stage which appears on the barberry, there would be no spores to infect the spring grains. Spores over-wintered on grass-

es and stubble cannot infect the spring grains without first infecting the barberry.

Eradicating rust-spreading barberry bushes is and has been a practical and economical method of controlling this disease.

The crew, under the direction of Mr. Clyde McGinnett, is now working in Salisbury Twp. It is likely they will be in this and the adjoining township of Paradise for the next month or so.

Property owners are urged to assist these workers by helping in the inspection and by providing any helpful information requested.

Performance will be checked on these farms, measuring both the planted corn and sorghum, and the diverted acreage.

Final payments will be made after it has been determined that the farmer has complied with all provisions of the program, Seldomridge said.

● Peace Corps.

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Countries that have requested farmers and agricultural specialists include India, Malaya, North Borneo and Sarawak, Philippines, Thailand, Trust Territories in the South Pacific, El Salvador, Colombia, Bolivia, Brazil, Venezuela, Peru, Tunisia and the Ivory Coast.

The Peace Corps provides all expenses for men and women who are accepted for men who are accepted for the service. This includes transportation, housing, clothing, food, medical care, vacation, and incidentals. Volunteers also receive \$75 a month for each month with the Peace Corps, of a total of \$1800 after two years' service.

Grain Acreage Signup Reported

A total of 136 Lancaster County farmers have enrolled in the 1962 Feed Grain Program, according to Fred G. Seldomridge, chairman of the Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

Total base acreage for these farms is 8092.0 acres, with intentions to divert 5510.2 acres of corn and 5.0 acres of sorghum. Advance payments totaling \$101,297.91 have been

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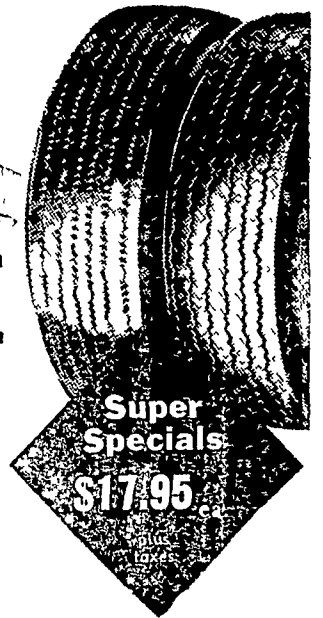
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