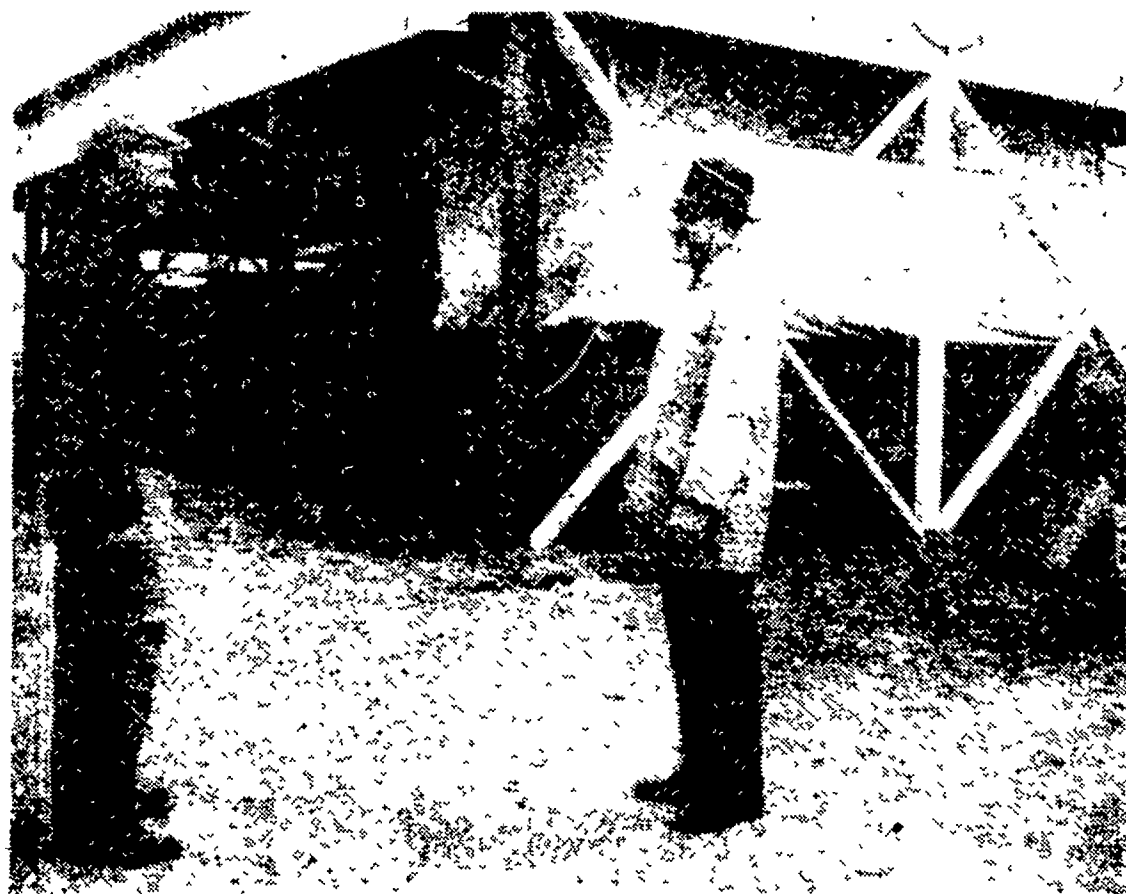


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A HEAT DRYING SYSTEM on the farm of Clarence Keener, Manheim R3, produced high quality hay for his herd of Holstein cows. Keener, left, discussed hay drying with Joseph McCurdy, Pennsylvania State University Extension Agriculture Engineer, during a hay drying demonstration Thursday. Keener used the drying system on cube bales last year for the first time. He said he would not like to have to go back to the large bales
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Hay Drying Not For Everyone, Expert Says

Hay drying is not for everyone, farmers were told Thursday at a hay drying meeting.

Joseph McCurdy, Extension Agriculture Engineer from the Pennsylvania State University, told the 62 farmers at the farm of Clarence Keener, Manheim R3. "Unless a farmer has more than 200 tons of hay to put up during the season, he can not afford to buy a hay drying system that uses heat."

It will cost about \$3.00 per ton for the fuel and electricity to dry a ton of hay, he said, but when the price of equipment is considered the cost per ton goes up to about \$6.00 per ton. With a natural air drying system of ducts and a fan, hay can be dried for about \$1.00 per ton.

McCurdy said the most common mistake in installing a fan

system in a barn is too little fan for too big a mow. He said it takes about 30 cubic feet of air per minute for every square foot of floor space in the mow.

Heat drying of hay has not been accepted quicker by the farmer because more moisture has to be moved from the field to the barn, and this causes more work, he said.

To avoid the extra work, McCurdy suggested using cube bales. A cube bale, put on exhibit by McCurdy, measured 1' X 16' X 16'. "Some of you might not even call it a bale of hay," he said. "But it has some definite advantages."

In experiments at PSU last summer, one man with a tractor, baler, bale thrower, and wagon could bale and load one ton of hay in 9 1/2 minutes. When one man was put on the

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Warwick FFA Honors Two At Banquet

Two "Honorary Chapter Farmer Degrees" were presented by Warwick Future Farmers at their first annual parent and son banquet at the Brunnerville Fire Hall on Friday night.

Mr. Forney Longenecker was presented an award for his outstanding interest in the young farmers in this area and for his help to the FFA Harold Swisher was also given an award for his interest in the organization.

Farm Calendar

Apr 24 — 7 a.m. - Vegetable growers tour of Mifflin and Northumberland Counties
7 p.m. - Manor Young Farmers Banquet in the Penn Manor High School cafeteria for members and families
7:30 p.m. - New Providence 4-H community club meets in the elementary school
7:30 p.m. - Manor 4-H Community club meets in the Penn Manor High School

Apr 25 — 7 p.m. - Extension meeting for teachers of vocational agriculture at Penn Manor High School Selection of weed sprayers
8 p.m. - Parents' Night of the Cloisters Chapter FFA at the Ephrata High School

Apr 27 — 6:30 p.m. - Beekeepers and fruit growers banquet at Hostetters banquet hall, Mount Joy.

National FFA Foundation awards were also presented to the Agriculture students by Robert C. Henney, teacher of vocational agriculture.

The highest award for a first year student, Star Greenhand, was awarded to Rlokey Fritz. Jim Nuss won the Foundation's highest award, Chapter Star Farmer.

Other awards were Livestock Farming to James Boll, Poultry Farming to Mel Martin, Crop Farming to Douglas Zell, Farm Mechanics to Bob Herr, Farm Forestry and Wild Life to Ned Bushong, Farm Electronics to Glenn Keebler, Public Speaking to James Boose, Soil and Water Management to Cletus Bucher, Outstanding Salesmanship to Ben Wenger, and Dairy Farming to Glenn Groff.

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Apple Hearing Date Postponed

HARRISBURG — A change in the previously announced date for the forthcoming hearing on the proposed apple marketing order was released today by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. The hearing, originally scheduled for May 9 and 10, has been shifted to May 24 and 25. The hearing sessions will start each day at 10 a.m. in Room 323, Main Capitol Building in Harrisburg.

The unexpected change in the dates was brought about by an error made by the newspaper publishing the official notice of the hearing.

The proposed marketing or-

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DHIA Tester Wins Honor

Wilbur Houser, Lampeter, has been named Pennsylvania's outstanding Dairy Herd Improvement Association supervisor.

The honor was presented to the Red Rose DHIA tester at the annual meeting of Pennsylvania DHIA supervisors at Macungie last week.

Eleven other testers were honored at the Lehigh County meeting by the Pennsylvania Artificial Breeding Cooperative Association.

Houser, in being named "Outstanding Supervisor" by the Pennsylvania DHIA Directors Association, was commended for his accuracy. He has not had a report returned for corrections in two years.

Clarence Crider, Manheim R4, was elected secretary-treasurer of the supervisors group.

Fifteen of Lancaster County's 16 testers attended the all day meeting near Allentown.

It was the first time a Lancaster County tester had won the outstanding supervisor award.

Holstein Cow Makes Record

Brattleboro, Vt. — Roaring Maples Gay Echo, a registered Holstein owned by J. Mowery Frey & son, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, has become the 1,041st cow to compete a yearly record of more than 1,000 lbs. of butterfat in the official

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Spring Weather Spurs Work, Rainy Days Bring A Halt

Ed. Note: This is the first of the 1962 weekly series of crop and weather reports to be issued from the Penna. Crop Reporting Service.

Farm activities in Pennsylvania as well as Lancaster County were at a virtual standstill last week as a result of abnormally low temperatures and heavy precipitation. This was in marked contrast to the fast start in field operations brought about by the unseasonably warm temperatures of late March and early April.

A surge of abnormally high temperatures during the last week of March and the first week of April pushed farm activities in Pennsylvania off to a fast start in most areas. However, abnormally low temperatures accompanied by heavy precipitation following this period brought field work to a virtual standstill in most areas during the past week.

Wildlife Club Elects Officers

Marvin Long, Litz R4, was elected president of the 4-H Wildlife club at a meeting Wednesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Long.

Long succeeds Jay Foreman who was named junior leader along with Mr. and Mrs. Long and Raymond Stoner.

Other officers elected were vice president John Erb, secretary, Annette Long, treasurer Roger Stoner, news reporter, Mark Stoner, game leader, Eric Stoner, song leader, Jay Foreman, and delegate to County council, Roger Stoner.

The club planned an outing along Hammer Creek for May 6.

Soil moisture is currently adequate to surplus in most areas.

By April 16 some farm activities were completed in southern and central areas of Pennsylvania. Nearly one-fifth of the spring plowing was completed which is equal to the rate of progress up to the comparable date of last year. Oats planting was about 15 percent complete which is slightly ahead of progress made last year at this date. Seeding of winter grain fields was about two-thirds complete as compared to one-half completed last year.

Although there was a general lack of protective snow cover during the past winter months, fall seeded wheat and barley fields except for occasional brown spots are now showing good color, and freeze damage is not as serious as generally anticipated. Meadows and pastures are also "greening up" rapidly but very few cattle have been turned out to pas-

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FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average near the normal range of 43 at night to 64 in the afternoon. Temperatures will be on the cool side through Saturday moderating somewhat Sunday and turning cooler again Monday or Tuesday. Precipitation will total 1/2 inch or less falling as scattered showers Sunday night or Monday with more general rain Tuesday.