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EARLY MORNING START INTO THE FIELD is standard procedure for Abner Houseknecht, left, Soil Conservationist in the Lancaster office of the Soil Conservation Service. Beginning his duties this week in the same tradition is Carl Dressler, right, newly assigned Conservation Aid in the county. Dressler began work in the county on Monday. L. F. Photo.

## Govt. Officials Divided On Farm Bill Chances

By Jack Owen

Washington — Government officials and members of congress varied sharply this week in their opinions on how much effect the Billie Sol Estes case would have on the chances for passage of the farm bill voted out of the House Agriculture Committee last week by a one vote margin.

The case of Estes, the Texas financier indicted for fraud in collection with illegal maneuvering with cotton acreage allotments and government feed grain storage, came up several

times during the day as members of the national Newspaper Farm Editors met first with the Secretary of Agriculture and later with members of both the House and Senate Agriculture committees.

In general, the Democrats tended to discount the effect the case would have on passage of the proposed legislation, while Republicans felt the case would have a decided bearing on the outcome of the vote.

Senator Allen Ellender, Democrat from Louisiana and

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## President Calls Farm Bill Most Realistic Approach

Washington — President Kennedy this week called the administration backed farm bill a "most realistic approach to the farm problem but declined comment on its chances of passage in congress.

Speaking at a reception for members of the Newspaper Farm Editors Association on the White House lawn Monday, the president said he was hopeful that congress would move ahead on the legislation which he called "the best hope for a balance between farmers and consumers."

and different production problems in different parts of the country.

Past programs of unlimited production and relatively low price supports have not been realistic and offers little hope, he said.

Our program is most realistic and offers the best hope of a balance between the farmer and consumer, he said.

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## Soil Conservation Aid Assigned To Lancaster Work Unit Of SCS

Ivan McKeever, State Conservationist of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service announced the appointment of Carl G. Dressler as Soil Conservation Aid at Lancaster, Pa. He will serve on the staff of W. Martin Muth who is in charge of the Service's work in Lancaster County.

Dressler is a native of the Thompsonstown section of Juniata County, and is a graduate of the Juniata High School.

Born and reared on a 65 acre general farm, Dressler was formerly employed by the American Viscose company in

Lewistown, but acted as a deputy game protector with the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

In his new position, which he began on Monday, he will provide technical assistance to farmers in the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District. Technicians from the Soil Conservation Service work with farmers in the development of conservation plans for their farms. They also give technical assistance to farmers in the installation of the more difficult conservation practices.

Dressler is married and is the father of two daughters, Sylvia Ann, 14 and Jennifer Carlye, 10. He plans to move his family to the Lancaster area in the near future.

## Clean Streams Forum Planned

A "Clean Streams Forum" has been planned next week by the Conestoga Valley Association. It was announced this week by the president, John Kitch.

The forum open to the general public, has been called for 8 p.m., May 22 in the Armstrong Cork Co. Auditorium, Liberty Street in Lancaster for the purpose of presenting a survey made by Dr. Ruth Patrick.

"We hope to stir into action our Watershed Association and the public into restoring the Conestoga Creek and Watershed to its more original condition for future use," Kitch said.

## Farm Calendar

- May 21—All day—Southeast District County Agents tour Chester County.
- 7 p.m.—Pequea Valley FFA meets at the High School.
- Softball game with Garden Spot FFA before the meeting.
- 7:30 p.m.—Witness Oak FFA meets at the Donegal High School.
- May 22—7:30 p.m.—Penn Manor 4-H club meets at the high school.
- 8 p.m.—Conestoga Valley Association "Clean Streams Forum" meets in the Armstrong Cork Company Auditorium.
- May 24—7:30 p.m.—County Holstein 4-H club meets at the home of John Shelly, Manheim R1.
- May 27—Rural life Sunday. Services at many county churches.

## Freeman Sends Attache To Common Market

Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman said today that the Department will establish an agricultural attache's post to the European Common Market.

"The move is one of a series of steps the Department is taking to gear up for the critical and fast developing events in this area so that we may act effectively and swiftly to protect and expand farm exports in our largest dollar market. Last year the United States exported over \$11 billion in farm products to the nations which make up the Common Market," the Secretary said.

The attache, stationed in

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## 4-H Dairy Club Hosts County Club Members

Larry Hart, Quarryville R1, was elected delegate to State 4-H Club Congress at a meeting of the county Ayrshire, Jersey, Brown Swiss club Monday night.

The meeting, at the home of Milton Brubaker, Lititz R1, featured a judging contest for members and guests with Dr. William Kelso of the Pennsylvania State University acting as official judge and speaker of the evening.

Members of the Guernsey and Holstein 4-H clubs of the county were guests at the meeting.

The next meeting of the club will be a fitting and showing demonstration at the farm of J. Everett Kreider, Quarryville R1.

## Ralph Fired For Connections With Estes Case

Former Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, James T. Ralph was fired this week in connection with gifts he received from the indicted Texas financier, Billie Sol Estes.

Secretary of Agriculture, Orville Freeman, in announcing the dismissal of Ralph, who had been in training for a post as Agricultural attache in the Philippines, that he had acted on basis of reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation which probed Ralph's connections with the Texas

Ralph became the third department official to either resign or be fired in connection with the case. The others are Emery Jacobs, Deputy Administrator of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, who resigned, and William E. Morris, a former assistant to Ralph.

Assistant Secretary of Labor, Jerry R. Hollman also has resigned in connection with the case.

Estes has been indicted for fraud in connection with al-

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## Editor Meets Pres. Kennedy

Among the members of the National Farm Editors Association who met with President Kennedy this week at the White House was Jack Owen, Editor of Lancaster Farming.

The President received the farm editors in the "Rose Garden" just outside the executive offices on the south side of the White House, and after a handshake with the editors, spoke with them for approximately 10 minutes. His remarks are reported elsewhere on this page.

## FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday

Temperatures during the five day period are expected to average 7 or more degrees above the normal range of 54 at night to 75 in the afternoon. It will be very warm throughout the period. Precipitation is expected to total less than 0.2 inches falling as scattered showers towards the end of the period. Rainfall in the county since April 1 is about 1 3/4 inch below the normal of 5 3/4 for this time of year. During May only 0.6 inch of rain has fallen compared to the two inches normal for this period.