

2 From County On State Tour

John Henry Hess Jr., Manheim R1, and his teacher of vocational agriculture, Russell Drumm will go on a tour for three days next week as an award for the first place win in the state land judging contest.

Hess turned in the top performance in the state during FFA week at the Pennsylvania State University last month. Drumm will conduct the tour and chaperone Hess and the second and third place winners.

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The tour will include stops at the Eastern States, Butler Seed Plant, the Drake oil well at Titusville, a state fish hatchery, Niagra Falls, Corning Glass works, LaFiance Fire Engine works, and perhaps a research farm, a fruit testing laboratory and a rose farm. Dates of the trip are July 18, 19 and 20.

Farm Women 6 Plan Social

Society of Farm Women 6 met recently at the home of

Mrs. Meile Ruhl, Elizabethtown R3. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Ray Hinson and Mrs. Charles Nissley.

Devotions were led by Mrs. Ruhl and members responded to roll call with a joke. Entertainment included piano solos by Miss Jean Ruhl and an illustrated travel talk by Mrs. Walter Landis.

The Society has plans to hold a covered dish social for members and their families at 6:30 p.m. on August 4, at the Milton Grove Sportsmen's Club.

Tentative arrangements were made for a bus trip in September or October. Societies

5 and 6 will entertain guests at the Lancaster County Home on Thursday, July 19. It was announced that the annual Homemakers Camp will be held at Camp Swatara from Sunday, Aug. 26, to Tuesday, Aug. 28.

Farm Women 14 Entertain

Approximately 75 persons were in attendance at the mother-daughter luncheon of the Society of Farm Women 14

Wednesday at the Rhoades Spanish Tavern, Quarryville.

Mrs. Clarence Grott presided at a short business meeting and Mrs. Leon Thomas introduced the speaker, Mrs. Helen Bushong.

Mrs. Bushong gave an illustrated talk on her visit to Sierra Leone West Africa. Mrs. Amos Ranck was in charge of devotions.

Next meeting of the club will be held at the West Lappeter Community Park on August 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the form of a family picnic.

• Rains

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favorable weather comes soon. Corn, showing some afternoon wilt in most of the county, is shorter than normal but farmers believe yields of this crop, too, might be near normal if rains soak the ground within the next week.

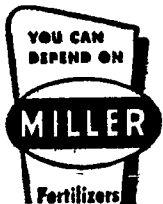
Pastures are burned brown and some farmers report less than a half a crop on second cutting of alfalfa.

The extreme southern portion of the county appears to be least hard hit by the drought, and corn crops are making good growth; however, even there hay and pastures are short.

In Harrisburg State Agriculture Secretary William L. Henning said Thursday that renewed reports of drought damage indicated additional counties would seek classification as emergency disaster areas.

Henning said that his Department was working closely with the United States Department of Agriculture's Disaster Committee for Pennsylvania to determine what counties should be added to the 22-county list certified last Tuesday for the disaster classification by Governor David L. Lawrence. The request awaits action by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman.

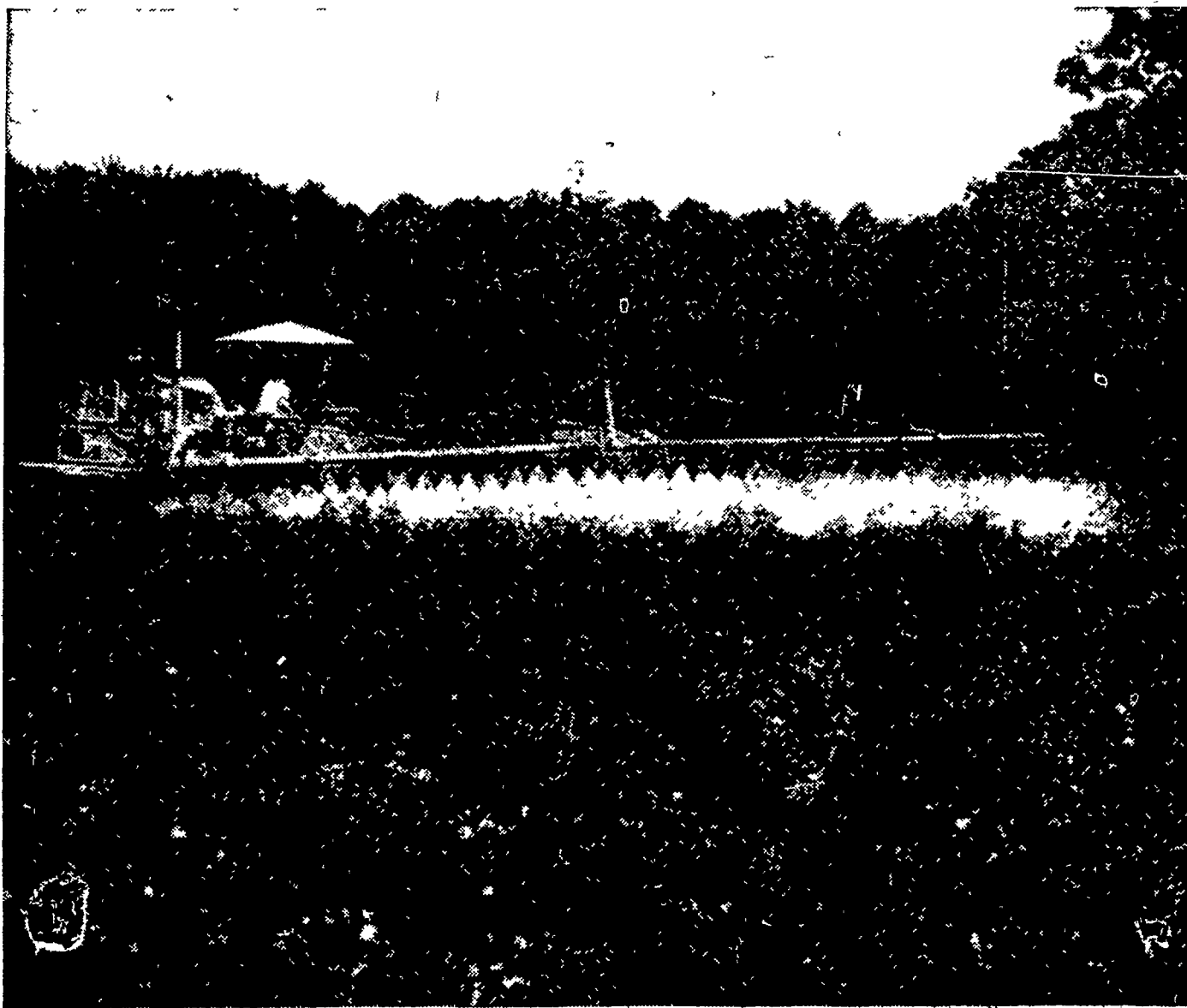
Designation of a county as an emergency disaster area will permit farmers to request permission to cut hay or graze cattle on acreage which has been set aside under the Conservation Reserve, Wheat Stabilization and Feed Grain Programs. The classification will also satisfy a major condition for special loans from the Farmers Home Administration.



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