

Lancaster Farming



NINE FARM YOUTHS FROM LANCASTER COUNTY were among the 164 in attendance at the summer institute of the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives this week at Lock Haven State College. Front row, l to r., are Carl Troop, Quarryville R3; Leon Weaver, New Holland R1; Dale Hostetter Gap R1; Glen B. Shultz, Pequea R1, and Marlin Myer, Manheim. Back row, l. to r., Thomas Spittler, Sheridan; Harold Brubaker, Mount Joy R1; David L. Keener, Elizabethtown, and Dale Leaman, Bird-in-Hand.

Spotty Rains In County Leave Some Areas Burned

For the most part, Lancaster County remained in the grip of a severe moisture shortage this week. The light rain and drizzle which fell on three days near the beginning of the week failed to do any good toward supplying the much-needed moisture to corn and tobacco crops and to hay and pasture.

The notable exception was a belt through the southern end of the county extending from just south of Quarryville to south of Kirkwood. Thunder-showers in the area dumped up to a half inch of rain in some spots.

While farmers in the southern section of the county say a good, soaking rain is needed, crops continue to make satisfactory growth and are not in danger of failing. From Lancaster north, ground is drier and some corn crops are being pushed into tassel at two or three feet shorter than normal. Tobacco crops are push-

ing flowers in some instances with the plants much below normal size.

However, farmers interviewed late in the week felt that most corn and tobacco crops could be saved by a good soaking. Most felt that the critical point in rain within the next week is approaching beyond which corn crops will not recover satisfactorily.

Cool nights have been sufficient to refresh the corn crop, but with hot afternoons forcing the crop into pre-mature blooming, there was some concern that the tassels may produce sterile pollen.

No Disaster Area

The three-man local agriculture disaster committee met early this week and decided that the county was not an emergency drought area and would not ask for federal aid funds at this time.

Most farmers interviewed this week were in agreement.

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County Youths Attend Cooperative Institute

Nine farm youth from Lancaster County returned late Thursday from a three-day annual Summer Institute of the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives.

The young people, accompanied by Cranford Brantley of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeders Cooperative and Simeon Holton of the Mount Joy Farmers Cooperative, spent the three days, July 15 - 19 on the campus of the Lock Haven State College.

Eight of the youth represented local chapters of Future Farmers of America and one represented the county 4-H clubs. They are Carl Troop, Quarryville R3, Solanco FFA,

Leon Weaver, New Holland R1, Grasslands FFA; Dale Hostetter, Gap R1, Pequea Valley FFA, Glen B. Shultz, Pequea R1 Penn Manor FFA; Marlin Myer Manheim, Manheim FFA, Thomas Spittler, Sheridan, Ephrata Cloisters FFA, Harold Brubaker, Mt. Joy R1, Witness Oak FFA; David L. Keener, Elizabethtown, Elizabethtown FFA, and Dale Leaman, Bird-In-Hand, County 4-H.

These young farm leaders were selected by the local cooperative council to participate with about 170 similar youth in the Institute, which was sponsored by 32 local cooperative councils in 43 Pennsylvania counties and the Pennsylvania Association of (Continued on page 7)

Nine Entrants Registered For Plow Matches

A total of nine contestants will slice a furrow on the Roy Garber farm at Lititz R3 on Monday as the annual Lancaster County plowing contest gets underway.

The Soil Conservation District sponsored event will feature only level land plowing with the winner representing the county in the level land division of the state contest at Hershey next month.

Last year's winner, Christ Miller of Elizabethtown R1, failed to take top spot in the state competition but was in contention all the way to the end. In the 1960 state matches Miller was runner up in the level land contest. Miller will defend his crown again this year.

Farm Calendar

July 23 - 1 p.m. - County plowing contest on the farm of Roy Garber, Lititz R3. 8 p.m. - County 4-H Leaders council meets at the home of Kenneth Musser, Columbia R2.

July 24 - all day - New Holland 4-H Baby Beef club will tour Gettysburg battle-field and farm of President Eisenhower. Tour for all day - District 4-H Demonstration day at Allentown Fairgrounds. 5 p.m. - Summer meeting of

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Max M. Smith, Publicity chairman for the contest, says the matches will be held on the same field as last year when only 5 contestants demonstrated their skills.

Shares will begin to sink into the soil shortly after 1 p.m. on the farm located just east of the Fruitville Pike on a township road at Lititz R3.

State Ayrshire Field Day In County

Future Farmers and 4-H club dairy judging teams will compete for prizes totaling \$60 at the State Ayrshire Breeders Field Day next Saturday.

Three classes of Ayrshires will be judged by the youth on the farm of Ellis Mentzer, New Holland R1, beginning at 10:30 a.m. July 28.

Prizes will be awarded to youth groups only, but adults are being invited to observe the judging contest in the forenoon and participate in the afternoon program which will feature a speaking program headed by Dr. William Kelso, Dairy Extension Specialist from the Pennsylvania State University.

Visitors to the field day will bring a picnic lunch and ice cream and drink will be furnished by the hosts.

New Holland machine company will have on hand some of their hay drying equipment as well as a feed grinder and mixer which will be demonstrated.

The field day is sponsored by the State Ayrshire Breeders Association.

Holstein Men Hold Annual Field Day

Donald Seipt of Keystone Farm, Easton, Penna., will be the speaker of the afternoon at the annual Field Day of the Lancaster County Holstein Breeders Association.

The Field Day program will be held on the Red Rose Research Farm 242 Pitney Road Lancaster on July 26. A judging contest with awards being made in Junior, ladies, and men's divisions, will begin the activities at 10 a.m.

The afternoon program will get underway at 1:30 p.m., and will include remarks by county agent, Max M. Smith.

The field day is open to all Holstein breeders and their families.

House Passes Stripped Down Farm Bill

The House of Representatives passed a farm bill Thursday that does little more than continue existing legislation for another year.

On a roll call vote of 229-163 the house voted to continue voluntary wheat and corn programs for another year.

A joint Senate-House committee will now attempt to iron out differences in the house version and the Senate-passed program which was (Continued on page 5)

Judging School At Witmer Farm

An invitation to dairymen to attend a judging school has been sent out by the Lancaster County Guernsey Breeders' Association.

The school will be held on the farm of Raymond Witmer, Willow Street R1, on July 25 at 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Lee Yost, manager of Wyo Farms, a long-established Guernsey breeding farm, will be the instructor.

James B. Lefever, secretary-treasurer of the county association said this week, "We can all learn from this competent judge of the Guernsey cow."

The Witmer farm is located on route 222 just south of Pequea Creek.

FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average two to four degrees below the normal range of 66 at night to 87 in the afternoon. Warmer weather Saturday will be followed by cooling Sunday and Monday, and warmer Tuesday turning cooler again by Wednesday. Only small amounts of precipitation are expected during the period with scattered showers or thunder-showers likely late Saturday or early Sunday and again about Tuesday.