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MR. AND MRS. LLOYD G. FLORY, Lititz R2, look over the flock of 12 ewes and the lambs they dropped in late August and early September. The normal lambing time for most breeds of sheep is from December through February, but the Dorsett breed sometimes produces two crops of lambs a year. L. F. Photo

Two Lambs This Year In Lititz Sheep Flock

A dozen sheep on a farm north of Lititz got their calendar mixed up this year and produced two sets of lambs.

The unusual double lambing occurred on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd G. Flory, Lititz R2, who purchased the ewes last February with lambs at their sides.

The Florys weaned the lambs in March and fattened them for market. Late in August the ewes began lambing again and by the first week in September every ewe in the flock had dropped at least one lamb. Four sets of twins were included.

Last week some of the ewes had already weaned their lambs and have been rebred, an extremely unusual occurrence.

Farm Calendar

Oct. 17-19 — Fifteenth annual conference of Soil Conservation District directors at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Reading. At 8 p. m. on the 17th officers and agency heads will meet. The annual banquet is at 6:30 p. m. on Oct. 18. At 8:30 a. m. on the 19th, a tour of Lancaster County will begin.

Oct. 18 — 7 p. m. — County 4-H beekeepers roundup at 910 State Street, Lancaster. County Honey Producers meeting to follow.

7:30 p. m. — Manheim Young Farmers meet in the high school building. Discussion of Farm Laws.

7:30 p. m. — County Agricultural Council meets at the Production Credit Building, Roseville Road. Final reports on Business-Farm day.

ence with most breeds of sheep. Normally the lambs have to be taken away from the ewes to complete the weaning process.

The sheep, 10 Dorsetts and two grade Suffolks, were put (Continued on Page 6)

Business-Farm Day Is Counted Huge Success

Business men went "down on the farm" Thursday and from all reports about the only thing that suffered were some diets.

The fourth annual observance of Business-Farm day sponsored by the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce arranged for city and county industrialists to spend the day as the guests of their country cousins. The day included, not only discussions of the farmers' problems and problems of mutual interest, but sumptuous "lunches" prepared by the good farm wives of the county.

The day of festivities concluded with a panel discussion in the auditorium of the Conestoga Valley High School. The panel of Levi Brubaker, Rohrers-town, Mark Myer, Lampeter; Amos Funk, Millersville, and Melvin Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, and was moderated by county agent Max M. Smith.

The panelists emphasized that the cost-price squeeze is still a potent factor in today's complex farming set-up with labor representing one of the biggest cost problems.

The panelists said they believed that the family farm (Continued on Page 9)

Judging Teams Return Home With Honors

Harold J. Brubaker, Mount Joy R1, returned home this week from the National Dairy cattle congress in Waterloo, Iowa with a blue ribbon for judging and two head of purebred cattle for his farm.

Brubaker, who won first place in the Pennsylvania Future Farmers of America dairy judging classes at the annual state convention in June, was a member of the three-man



HAROLD BRUBAKER

team representing the state in the national FFA contest. The team, competing under a Danish scoring system, ranked in the top 10 teams and received a gold plaque.

The two head of cattle for Brubaker's herd were purchased from the purebred Brown Swiss herd of Dr. John A. McKittrick, Dublin, Ohio. The cows, one a three-year-old and one an aged cow, have both been classed Excellent. Dr. McKittrick's herd is reported to contain a greater number of Excellent cows than any other herd in the nation. (Continued on Page 6)

PFA President Predicts Fight With City Cousins

The biggest battle farmers face in the future is with city people, the president of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association told 170 county members at their annual banquet Tuesday night.

In concluding a speech which attacked the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Gerald A. Biggs said, "We have turned the legislative tide now let's let the tide roll away from these socialistic trends. At the state level the biggest battle of the future will be between city people and us in Washington. It is the battle of big government against the people."

The legislative tide of which Biggs spoke included the poultry referendum which the American Farm Bureau Federation, parent organization of the PFA, opposed. Biggs said the poultry referendum was "the most disastrous defeat known in the history of farm legislation."

Biggs said in Russia today people live in fear because they have no religious freedom and a lack of plentiful food.

"We have a great fear," he said "because there are interests in our all-powerful central government that would destroy our Christian principles and our plentiful supply of food."

Biggs called Secretary of Agriculture a smooth politician and said the secretary admits he is no farmer.

He (the secretary) is geared to his job by Dr. Willard Cochran, an expert," Biggs said.

Dr. Cochran, a former professor of Agriculture economics at the Pennsylvania State University, came in for more abuse when Biggs said, "Dr. Cochran says you do not own the land on which you live. You only have title to it."

Continuing, Biggs said, "It (the land) belongs to all the (continued on page 7)"

Tobacco Experts Predict Stable Market Prices

Tobacco Co., representatives expressed cautious optimism Thursday night at a meeting of the Lancaster County Young Farmers Association at Lampeter-Strasburg High School.

A panel of three men representing tobacco leaf operations in Lancaster generally agreed that the situation may not be as bad as it appears on the surface. Even though inven-

tories of Pennsylvania seed-leaf filler tobacco are at a 10 year high, there are other circumstances which alter the situation toward a more favorable picture for the grower.

While none of the three would say just how much influence the Cuban situation will affect the local market, there was general agreement that the lack of imports of Havana leaf would probably be substituted in part with type 41 seedleaf.

Frank T. Greenstein, manager of the leaf division of Consolidated Cigar company said buyers would like to see more tobacco hand-suckered, but he added that the buyers realized that the use of M.H.-30 to control suckers would probab-

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Marketing Co-op For Vegetables Is Proposed

Formation of a Fruit and Vegetable Marketing Cooperative for Lancaster County will be the subject of a meeting next Wednesday evening.

Such a cooperative has been suggested, but producers have asked for a meeting to discuss the need for the organization, possible market outlets, finances, producer interest and support, and other factors. County Agent Max M. Smith said this week.

The meeting, scheduled to begin at 8 p. m., October 17 in the Farm Cooperative building, Dillerville Pike, is open to all vegetable and fruit producers and other interested persons in the county, Smith said.

Smith said this open meeting will be a good chance for producers to meet and discuss some of the marketing problems of the industry.

FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average four to seven degrees above the normal range of 46 at night to 67 in the afternoon. Cooler temperatures are expected on Saturday giving way to warmer weather Sunday and cooling somewhat again by Monday. Precipitation may total 0.1 to 0.5 inch falling as showers and possible thundershowers the latter part of Sunday and again Tuesday.