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**BEEF COMES OUT OF THE PIT READY TO EAT**, and hungry citizens of southern Lancaster County soon took care of seeing that it was eaten. Here the committee from the Solanco Fair board examines one of the first roasts. Left to right are committee chairman Jason Weaver, Fair board president, John Hoffman, Fred Linton, Everett Kreider (face in shadow), and Fred Frey. Three hundred pounds of beef was cooked for 12 hours over a bed of coals in the pit covered with roofing and soil.

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## Barbecued "Beef In A Pit" Cooked By Solanco Fair

Three hundred pounds of beef, and we served every scrap right down to the table top, said John Hoffman as he described the first "pit barbecue" sponsored by the Solanco Fair Association last Saturday.

Volunteers from the fair

board were so pleased with the response to their first attempt at this new venture that they are hoping to make it an annual affair. Hoffman, who is president of the board said this week

Several of the local farm fair boards finding it increasingly more difficult to finance the exhibitions, have turned to one or more fund-raising activities outside of fair season. The West Lampeter Fair association has sponsored chicken barbecues for several years, but it appears that Solanco is alone in trying the idea with beef.

Fred Frey, Quarryville R2, a breeder of purebred angus cattle, serving as "pit fore-

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## Livestock Tour Will Inspect Maryland Farms

Lancaster County's annual livestock tour will take in four stops on the Eastern Shore of Maryland this year. County agent Max M. Smith said this week

The tour is scheduled to be held on November 1, but any interested person should make reservations with the county agent's office by Monday, October 29, Smith said.

Stops will include visits at two steer feeding operations, one beef breeding farm and one swine feeding program.

At Andelot Stock Farms, Worton, Md., the visitors will see 300 Angus cows and 100 brood sows on a 3,000 acre

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## Poultry Banquet Date Announced

The annual banquet of the Lancaster County Poultry Association will be held next Thursday at Hostetter's banquet hall in Mount Joy. Joe Wolgemuth, committee chairman said this week

On the program will be Paul F. Osborn who will present a color movie with comments on points of interest on his three month trip around the world.

Entertainment will be furnished by the Garden Spotters quartette

The meal is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. on October 25.

## Vegetable Growers Reject Proposed Market Co-op

Vegetable and fruit growers of the county turned thumbs-down on the formation of a proposed marketing cooperative Wednesday night.

Meeting in the auditorium of the Farm Bureau cooperative, the growers unanimously opposed the forming of a cooperative to market more than one commodity. Individuals in the group expressed the desire to see some kind of marketing arrangement between producers of some particular commodities.

Grower sentiment, as expressed in the meeting was overwhelmingly opposed to the idea despite the obvious urging of H. H. (Chick) Brody, a vegetable broker who had requested the county extension service to call the meeting.

Paul Rowe, president of the Lancaster County Vegetable Growers Association made it clear from the beginning that the producers had not requested the meeting but were there by invitation.

John Gauss, Farmer Cooperative Specialist from the Pennsylvania State University led off the discussion by outlining four basic essentials of a cooperative. He said there must be an economic need and a demand and asked "What can a cooperative do for you that you can not now do for yourself?"

There must be membership support he continued, explaining that two thirds of all cooperatives formed soon fail because members do not support their organization. They

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## Commissioners Would Initiate Surplus Food Program For County

Lancaster County Commissioners would be willing to initiate a surplus food program for the county if there were enough interest expressed by the local political subdivision officials. Abram Snyder, County Commissioner told members of the Lancaster County Agricultural Council Thursday night

Snyder said there has not been very much enthusiasm for such a program to the present time. "We have had no more than four or five inquiries per year" about such a program he said.

In nearly all cases the requests have come from persons who have moved into the county from an area where a surplus food program is in operation. Lancaster County is

He said he believed the program should be given serious consideration, but that township supervisors and other local subdivision officials would be in a better position to know one of the few in the state

without such a program.

Last year more foods were added which make the program more attractive, but there are problems connected with such a program. Snyder stated

Snyder said eligibility for the need for such a program.

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## Dist. Hay Show Date Announced

Dates of the 1962 South-eastern Pennsylvania Quality Forage Conference and District Hay Show were announced this week.

The Pennsylvania Grassland Council will begin at 9 a.m. on November 7 and continue through November 8.

Judging of the hay exhibits will begin in the Garage of the Hotel Hershey, Hershey, at 1 p.m. on November 6.

Hay may be exhibited from the counties of Adams, Berks, Bucks, Chester, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, Schuylkill and York.

## FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average near the seasonal normal of 43 at night to 63 in the afternoon. Temperatures will range slightly above normal over the week end and slightly below normal for the remainder of the period. Precipitation may total 1/2 inch or less falling mainly as showers about Sunday.

## Farm Calendar

Oct. 20 — 9 a.m. — 4-H Entomology Club roundup at the Farm Bureau building, Dillerville Road.

Oct. 22 — 8 p.m. — 4-H Leaders Council executive board meeting at the home of Mrs. Herbert Royer, 2025 Oregon Pike.

Oct. 22-23 — Regional Land and People Conference sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in cooperation with state and local governments Sheraton Hotel, Philadelphia.

Oct. 25 — 2:30 p.m. — York-Lancaster Area Future Farmers of America Leadership Training Conference in the Solanco High School.

7:30 — Lancaster County Poultry Association Banquet at Hostetter's Banquet hall in Mount Joy.

8 p.m. — Halloween party for the combined 4-H dairy clubs of the county, at the Lampeter Community grounds.

Oct. 27 — Eastern District 4-H tractor driving contest at Schuylkill Haven.