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## Amos H. Funk Is President Of State SCD

Amos H. Funk, chairman of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District for the past 10 years, has been elected president of the Pennsylvania Soil Conservation District Directors.

Funk, who succeeds Charles Gillette of Townville, Crawford County, was installed last week at the annual meeting of soil conservation district directors in Reading.

A former president of the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association for five years and president of the Conestoga Valley Association, a watershed improvement group, for five years, Funk has served as first vice president of the state soil conservation group for the past year.

Speakers at the 60-district meeting emphasized the importance of cooperation between rural and urban dwellers in accomplishing the whole job of conservation.

Changes in land use caused by population increase and shifts will bring about new programs of soil and water conservation, the state delegates agreed. Programs must be adapted to serve a wider variety of land users.

David G. Unger, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Soil Conservation Commission, urged the transformation of soil conservation districts into natural resource districts that could help coordinate all resource programs at the local level.

## Farm Calendar

Oct. 29 — 6 p.m. — Elizabethtown Kiwanis club to honor Elizabethtown area 4-H club members at their regular meeting in Aunt Sally's Kitchen.

Oct. 30 — 11:30 a.m. — Ground Breaking Ceremonies for New Office and laboratory building of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture opposite the Farm Show Arena, Harrisburg.

10 a.m. — 4-H capon club roundup in the Hotel Brunswick, Lancaster.

7 p.m. — 4-H capon club roundup at the New Holland American Legion Home.

Nov. 1 — 7:30 p.m. — Interstate local meeting at the Lafayette fire hall Lincoln Highway, east of Lancaster.

8 p.m. — Senior Extension club meeting at the Franklin and Marshall College museum.

8 p.m. — Southern 4-H electric club meets in the Little Britain Elementary School.

Nov. 2 — 7 p.m. — Annual banquet of the Lancaster County Guernsey Breeders

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RECENTLY GRADUATED FROM Practical Nursing school, Mary Jane Herr is caught in the act of cleaning some test tubes at the Lancaster General Hospital. She hopes to continue her training in Physical Therapy in the near future. L. F. Photo.

## Twenty Seven County Showmen Enter 78 Head In Stock Show

Twenty-seven showmen from Lancaster County will exhibit 78 head of livestock in the sixth annual Pennsylvania livestock Exposition which begins November 5.

According to a report from Ben Morgan, general superintendent of the show, of the 22 states represented in the entry lists, Pennsylvania leads with 1,396 animals out of a grand total of 3,126 head.

Keystone State exhibitors, totaling an even 200, come from 35 counties. They will

show 364 head of beef cattle, including breeding stock in the four principal breeds — Angus, Hereford, Polled Hereford and Shorthorn, feeder steers, carcass steers, open class market steers and 4-H and FFA baby heaves.

Host state swine exhibitors will include 354 head of brood stock in seven breeds — Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Poland China, Spotted Poland China and Yorkshire Swine entries from this state will include also 260 market barrows and 89 carcass barrows.

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Producers Cooperative Exchange with headquarters in Coatesville this week announced signing a lease for the balance of the idle Poultry dressing plant facilities.

The plant, idle since the cessation of poultry dressing operations last fall, has been leased to the Dairy Sales Corporation for an undisclosed price.

The firm plans to begin using the facilities for a butter processing plant about the first of the year, according to officials of the exchange.

Officials also announced that the board of directors has authorized rental of more efficient egg sizing and packaging equipment which will include an electronic blood spot detector and "scanner", better

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Farmers Invited To Help Harvest Co. Corn Plots

The well known and widely acclaimed Lancaster County Corn Variety plots will be harvested next week and yields checked.

Farmers and seedsmen are invited to come to either or both of the two plots next Tuesday October 30, to assist with the harvesting and yield checking according to Arnie Lueck, assistant county agent.

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## Mary Jane Herr Wins Trip To Club Congress

Turning a flair for entertainment into a recreation project has won a state award and an expense-paid trip to Chicago for Mary Jane Herr of Refton.

Mary Jane will be among twenty four 4-H club members from the state who have been selected to represent Pennsylvania at the 41st National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, Nov. 24 to 29.

Starting her club work eight years ago with a steer, Mary Jane has won some 14 trophies in county, district and state competition with her beef projects. She has won ribbons in strawberry and capon project competition, clothing construction and food preparation, in addition to holding most of the offices in

her local community club and the county beef club.

"My first great thrill in 4-H work came in my second year in the beef club," Mary Jane says. In that year, 1955, she showed the champion Hereford of the district show, and went on to show the calf to reserve champion and win the showmanship trophy for herself.

Perhaps the thrill was greater because Mary Jane beat out her brother, Donald, who had been in club work for six years. This keen competition between brother and sister seems to have been one of the spurs to success for both.

Donald is now in his final year at the Cornell School of Veterinary Medicine, and Mary Jane has recently graduated

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## Livestock Men Hope For Scabies-Free Rate For Pa.

Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture officials hope to see the state officially declared "Scabies Free" by the first of the year, a US Department of Agriculture Veterinarian told stock yards men and farmers Wednesday.

At the fourth meeting between members of the Lancaster Livestock Exchange and local livestock farmers, sponsored by the exchange as part of the National Terminal Livestock Markets month celebration, Dr. George L. Smith, US DA veterinarian assigned to the Lancaster Stock Yards, said officials hope the state will be declared Scabies free after completion of the second round of treatment for the disease this fall.

## 150 FFA Boys Take Part In Leadership Meet

More than 150 blue jacketed Future Farmers of America took part in the annual Leadership Training Conference of the York-Lancaster Area FFA, Thursday afternoon in the Solanco High School, Quarryville.

Chapter officers from the local clubs in the two counties took part in parliamentary procedure and public speaking drills and discussions of the official duties of each office.

Chapter Sweethearts elected by seven local groups joined in a panel discussion to bring the girls' point of view to a meeting dominated by boys.

Paul Trimble, Quarryville R1, state FFA treasurer, and

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Smith said second round inspections and dipping treatment of sheep flocks in the state are beginning now that weather has begun to get cooler and the certification should be forthcoming about January first. If the state is not declared scabies free, a third round would then be planned.

He said that Pennsylvania was "in a bad way" concerning the shipping of sheep to other states before the eradication program was instituted earlier this year. The eradication program, he said, is part of the federal government's program of standardizing livestock health regulations.

Smith said he sees the role of the terminal livestock market increasing in importance in the event of a national emergency.

In each terminal livestock market a radioactivity mon-

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## FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average seven or more degrees below the normal range of 41 at night to 60 in the afternoon. Cold temperatures during Saturday and Sunday are expected to give way to more moderate readings on Monday. Tuesday will be cooler again followed by a warming trend Wednesday. Precipitation will probably be less than 0.1 inch falling as light rain Monday and again late Wednesday.