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OFFICERS OF THE LANCASTER COUNTY Association of Future Farmers assembled after their election at a meeting in the Donegal High School. Seated, left to right are Kenneth Martin, president; Carl Ginder, secretary; Jay Mylin, treasurer. Standing, left to right are Ray Kline, chaplain; Gerald Waltz, Parliamentarian; Bill Hackman, corresponding secretary; R. Edwin Harnish, reporter; Glenn Esbenshade, vice president, and Fred Hess, sentinel.

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County Future Farmers Ass'n Elects New Holland Student

Kenneth Martin, the six-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron H. Martin, Deneshade, Paradise R1, a student at the Lancaster County Future Farmers of America a recent meeting. The 11th grade vocational agriculture student from the Highlands Chapter FFA at New Holland High School came into the office from the presidency in his local chapter. He has also held the office of chaplain and junior president in the local of Martin was the area FFA public speaking contest winner last spring and went on to place fourth in the regional contest. He was named star enhand of his chapter during his freshman year. The future farmer has a farming program of twelve projects in swine, poultry and tobacco.

Elected vice president at the meeting in Donegal High School was Glenn Esbenshade, Paradise R1, a student at the Pequea Valley High School.

Other officers elected were secretary, Carl Ginder, Mount Joy R2, treasurer, Jay Mylin, Willow Street R1, Chaplain, Ray Kline, Denver R2; parliamentarian, Gerald Waltz, Manheim R2; corresponding secretary, Bill Hackman, Elizabethtown R3, reporter, R. Edwin Harnish, Christiana R1; and sentinel, Fred Hess Bareville R2.

The newly elected officers will begin their duties at the next regular meeting.

Tobacco Show Is Won By Roy M. Rohrer

All three grand champion hands at the Lancaster County tobacco show Thursday came from the same Strasburg R1 farm.

Roy M. Rohrer had the top hands in both the wrapper and binder classes, while Eugene Rohrer showed the grand champion filler exhibit. Roy also exhibited the runner-up hand in the filler division.

Judge Ben Mann, tobacco broker, said the exhibits showed unusually good quality considering the growing season. He said the judges were hard put to decide on the top placings in some of the classes, and suggested that the present standards of judging are outmoded.

Mann said it is fairly easy

The annual FARM SHOW section will be found on pages 5 through 12 of this issue of Lancaster Farming. The section includes a preview story of the farm show, a story on Lancaster County's state degree winners in both FFA and FHA, the complete Farm Show schedule, and other interesting Farm Show features. We suggest you hit this section out and take it to the Farm Show with you. Other regular features of Lancaster Farming will be found in their accustomed spots in the paper.

SCD Directors Schedule Meet

Amos Funk, Millersville R1, president of the Pennsylvania Association of Soil Conservation District Directors, Inc., will present a summary of the year's 1963 program at the closing session of the Executive Council meeting next Saturday.

Beginning at 10 a.m. in the Autoport, State College, the session will plan activities and a calendar of events for the coming year. A report on arrangements for the annual meeting will be given and bids will be received for the 1964 meeting.

to prepare an exhibit if the grower can sort through a large number of leaves, but it is much more difficult to select a stalk with all good leaves. He expressed the belief that a contest in which the grower exhibited a stalk of tobacco which would be stripped at the time of judging would be of much more value and much more indicative of the quality of the crop. He said he believed this type of contest would have more value at the Farm Show than the contest that is now conducted. All entries in the

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MH-30 Still Best Bet For Tobacco Sucker Control

The chemical, MH-30, properly and wisely used is the best method of tobacco sucker control yet devised, a research scientist told members of the Lancaster County Tobacco Growers Association Thursday at the group's annual meeting held in conjunction with the annual tobacco show.

Speaking in the Farm Bureau Cooperative's auditorium, Henry B. Engle, U.S. Department of Agriculture tobacco expert stationed at the Southeast Pennsylvania Field Research Laboratory farm near Landisville, told growers that, "men in the trade have consistently rated MH-30 sprayed leaves higher in quality than hand suckered leaves."

Engle said there are some objections to the use of the growth retarding chemical, but he believed most of the damaged leaves were a result of spraying at the wrong rate or at the wrong time.

He said yellowing of the top leaves on the plant will occur if sprayed too soon after topping. Three to five days should elapse between topping and spraying to allow the top leaves to mature slightly. Three days time is sufficient if the crop is in a rapid growing condition, but the longer period is better if the plants are growing slowly.

Research at the experimental farm this year tested three other chemical sprays for sucker control, but in each case quality of the leaf was effected. Some of the new chemicals had a bad effect on the appearance of the leaf as well, causing some leaf curling, puckering and coloring. "We have not yet come up with any chemical as good as MH-30, which is still used at the U.S.D.A. experimental farm at Beltsville, Md. as a standard to judge other chemicals," Engle said.

Oils and oil mixtures are still being used for sucker control in the experiments. "Oils, especially some of the vegetable oils, have given good results as far as they go," Engle said, but the cost

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Tobacco Ass'n Retains Officers

The Lancaster County Tobacco Growers Association returned all officers to office during an election Thursday afternoon in the Farm Bureau building, Dillerville Pike.

Harold B. Endslo, Marietta R1, was reelected to his tenth term as president.

At the meeting, held in conjunction with the county tobacco show, other officers reelected were J. C. Stehman, Lancaster R6, vice president; Marlin Cassel, Manheim R1, secretary, and Willis Hackman, Elizabethtown R3, treasurer.

FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average two to ten degrees below the normal range of 24 at night to 39 in the afternoon. Cool weather at the beginning of the period will give way to milder temperatures Monday or Tuesday and turn cooler again near the end of the period. Precipitation may total up to 0.1 inch (melted) falling as snow or rain about Tuesday. A storm forming on Friday morning in the Rocky Mountain area may bring the possibility of some snow Saturday or Sunday.

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Farm Calendar

7-11—Pennsylvania State Farm Show all week at the Farm Show Building, Cameron and McClay Streets, Harrisburg.

8—8 p.m.—Meeting of the Pennsylvania Agriculture Reporters Association in the Farm Show press room.

11—Noon—Carl Bittner, extension horticulturist from the Penna. State University will speak to Elizabethtown Rotary Club. Subject is Agriculture behind the Iron Curtain.

11—7 p.m.—New Holland Young Farmers Association banquet in the Garden Spot.