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REPAIR AND PAINTING OF TRACTORS and other farm machinery constitutes a large portion of the winter shop program at Manheim Central High School. Vernon Martin, Lititz R2, left, brought the tractor into the shop for reconditioning. Helping Martin with the work are, left to right, John Wagner, Manheim R1; James Hess, Manheim R1; Glenn Metzler, Manheim R2, and Lee Hershey, Manheim R4. All the boys are seniors in the vocational agriculture course
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Manheim Future Farmers Study Machinery Care

Future Farmers of America believe in being prepared when spring planting season rolls around.

In preparation for the spring season, vocational agriculture students at Manheim Central High School are busy reconditioning and painting tractors and other farm machinery in the school shop.

Under the direction of Joseph H. McGahan, teacher of vocational agriculture, the senior class has undertaken a series of lessons on tractor maintenance in the school agriculture shop.

McGahan says, "we do not encourage major overhauls of tractors, but stress preventive maintenance such as adjusting carburetors, cleaning spark plugs, servicing the air cleaner system and the battery system."

Beginning with the general principles of the operation of internal combustion engines, the class has studied, with actual service to tractors brought in by the boys, care of the air cleaning system, the cooling system, the cooling

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Farm Calendar

Feb. 4 — 12 noon — Pennsylvania Egg Industry promotion campaign kickoff luncheon in the Hotel Harrisburg.

Feb. 5 — 4:30 p.m. — Meeting of the Lancaster County Teachers of Vocational Agriculture at Penn Manor High School.

7:15 p.m. — New Holland Young Farmers meeting at the high school. Subject — Dynamometer testing of tractors.

Feb. 7 — 3 p.m. — Solanco Young Farmer class meets in Solanco High School, Quarryville. Third in a series of classes on Farmers' Personnel Problems.

Feb. 8 — 8 p.m. — 13th annual stockholders meeting of the Lancaster County Tobacco Growers Cooperative at Farm Bureau Building, Dillerville Road, Lancaster.

Jack Grey Is Named Deputy Agri. Secretary

HARRISBURG — Appointment of Jack R. Grey, 42, York, as Deputy State Secretary of Agriculture, was announced this week by Gov. William W. Scranton. Grey's appointment becomes effective February 1. He will have charge of program as the department's No. 2 man under Secretary Leland H. Bull. He will receive \$16,127 annually.

A native of Winburne, Clearfield County, Grey has been identified with Pennsylvania agriculture nearly all of his adult life. Since 1954 he has been with the Pennsylvania Canners Association, for the last three years as President and prior to that as Executive Secretary.

During World War II he served from 1943 to 1946 with the U. S. Army in Europe as tank platoon leader and administrative officer. He held the rank of First Lieutenant.

Grey has been active in a (Continued on Page 16)

Richard Wenner Is ASC Head

D. Richard Wenner, Harrisburg, has been appointed to the post of executive director of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, it was announced this week.

In announcing the appointment, Howard R. Porter, chairman of the state ASC committee, said Wenner will replace Harry A. Peters, Scotland, who has been appointed northeast area director for ASCS in Washington, D.C.

In his new post, Wenner will

Complete Water Study Set By County Planners

Lancaster County Commissioners announced today that they have earmarked \$10,000 in the proposed General Fund Budget for 1963 towards the initiation of a Comprehensive Water Resources Study for Lancaster County.

Commissioner C. Abram Snyder said, "The findings and recommendations of the Water Resources Advisory Committee of the Lancaster County Planning Commission and the many comments made to the Commissioners by citizens and local officials indicated to us the definite need for such a study. The Commissioners were much impressed by the well attended meeting in Ephrata on January 17th which indicated the growing concern for water and the County-wide interest."

"We take note of the fact that the County Soil Conservation District has passed a reso-

lution supporting such a study and the Conestoga Valley Association has shown a continuing concern over the years in our increasing water problems."

The study as proposed by the Water Resources Advisory Committee would be multipurpose in scope. It would take into consideration the water needs for agricultural, domestic, industrial, and recreational uses.

Meeting with the County Commissioners to report on the water resources meeting in Ephrata were Carl W. Fuehrer, Borough Manager of Ephrata and organizer of the public officials meeting, Amos H. Funk of Millersville, member of the Water Resources Commission and President of both the State and County Soil Conservation

Districts, John H. Kitch, President (Continued on Page 16)

Amos Funk Is Featured Speaker At Vegetable Growers Meet

Amos Funk, Millersville R1, was one of the featured speakers this week at the two day educational conference of the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association at the Pennsylvania State University.

Vegetable growers and canners' fieldmen from all over the

state, who braved snow, wind and sub-zero weather to attend the annual conference heard Funk say timing irrigation of celery fields can not only increase yields, but can help protect the crop from frost damage.

Funk, a well known vegetable grower and conservationist, said, a field irrigated before an expected frost can protect the crop from damage despite a 28 degree temperature.

He said solar heat absorbed by irrigated soil is released at night and raises the temperature around a plant enough to protect it from temperatures four degrees below the freezing point.

Effectiveness of the control can be increased, he said, by irrigating immediately following transplanting and just prior to weed control spraying.

Weeds were controlled effectively in the Funk plots by spraying with five quarts of Vegetex as soon as a tractor can go through a field which was irrigated after planting.

Funk said a crop can be expected to use 0.6 inch of water a week in May, an inch a week (Continued on Page 5)

Two Countians Re-elected By State Ass'n

The Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association this week reelected two countians to offices in the organization.

Paul Rowe, Strasburg R1, will serve his second consecutive term as president of the state association, and Rudy O. Grob 2063 Stone Mill Road was named to his fourth term as secretary.

In the election, held in conjunction with the annual meeting at the Pennsylvania State (Continued on Page 16)

CVA Elects Funk President

Amos Funk, Millersville R1, Thursday night was elected president of the Conestoga Valley Association, a post he held for five years prior to the election of John Kitch in 1961. Kitch served as president for two years.

Funk, president of the state association of Soil Conservation District Directors, is also chairman of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District.

The association also elected Harry Althouse, Denver, secretary, succeeding Benjamin M. (Continued on Page 12)

FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average near the normal range of 24 at night to 39 in the afternoon. The weather is expected to turn somewhat colder Sunday and Monday, and moderate again towards the end of the period. Precipitation will probably total less than 0.1 inch (melted) falling as light drizzle near the beginning of the period.