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den Spot High School.  
 7:30 p.m. — Garden Spot 4-H club meets in the Smoke-town Elementary School.  
 7:30 p.m. — Elizabethtown-Donegal 4-H club meets in the Donegal High School, Mount Joy.  
 9:30 a.m. — Quality hay meeting on the farm of Donald Newcomer, Mount Joy R1.  
 1:30 p.m. — Quality hay meeting on the farm of J. Robert Hess, Strasburg R1.  
 Apr. 10 — 7:30 p.m. — County Guernsey 4-H club meets at the home of Elmer Lapp,

Kinzers R1.  
 Apr. 11 — All Day — Pennsylvania Association of Artificial Breeders to meet at the Pennsylvania State University. Governor Scranton to speak at banquet.  
 6:30 p.m. — Manheim Young Farmers banquet at the Brunnerville fire hall.  
 7:30 p.m. — Lititz-Manheim 4-H club meets at the Fair-land School.  
 meets in the Bart Colerain School.  
 Apr. 12 — 7:30 p.m. — Hoops and Saddles 4-H horse and pony club meets at the Lancaster Riding Club, Lincoln Highway, west.  
 Apr. 15 — 8:00 p.m. — Lancaster county Senior Extension Club Executive Board meeting at the home of Darlene Bucher, Lititz, Pa.

**County Soon To Be Scabies Free, Veterinarian Tells Sheep Growers**

Hopes that Lancaster County can be declared a "scabies-free" area by April 15 were expressed by a state Department of Agriculture veterinarian Tuesday night at a meeting of county shepherds.

Dr. George B. Smith, in discussing the state's sheep scabies eradication program said the first two inspections totaling nearly 2,000 flocks and 14,500 sheep turned up 32 flocks with scabie mites present or suspected.

All the infected or suspected flocks were dipped and the third round of inspections is now underway.

Livestock specialist Ben Morgan from The Pennsylvania State University told the sheep producers it is generally more profitable to low grade lamb crops for slaughter rather than selling them as feeder lambs.

Morgan used the example of a western lamb feeder who bought a flock of 1,200 utility lambs at about 65 pounds for \$8.50 per head.

The lambs were put on a self feeder, after dipping and drenching, and fed a mixture of grain and corn cob roughage. The lambs made a pound of grain on five pounds of feed.

The feeder realized a gross return of \$6,000 on sales of 21 cents and better. The producer who sold the lambs in the pool could have made this profit if he had fed the lambs himself.

He said the trend toward feeding utility grade lambs to slaughter weights is gaining popularity in the state. Farmers can turn an \$8 potential feeder lamb into an \$18 slaughter lamb, after you have developed a good breeding and management program, he said.

The increased trend toward farm feeding was reflected by the drop of utility grade lambs at state graded pools from 33 per cent in 1961 to only seven per cent last year.

Morgan advised the feeders to aim for a 90 to 95 pound slaughter lamb by getting more crossbred vigor in the breeding program. In a recent test where double and triple crossbred ewes were bred to purebred lambs, the resultant lamb crop was larger and weaned at heavier weights.

He urged farmers to try to develop 150 ewes and the use of a good meaty purebred ram. He said a good ram is the cheapest ram you can buy in the long run.

County Agent M. M. Smith also reviewed pasture renovation and forage crop production for producers.

He said it is possible to get "one or two hay crops" this year from alfalfa or clover band seeded now without an oats nurse crop if chemical weed spray are employed.

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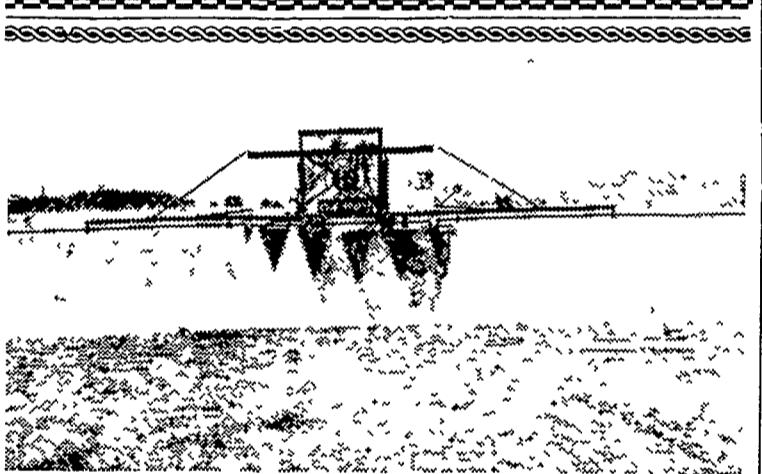
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**Sr. Extension Elects Officers**

The Lancaster County Senior Extension Club met at the Farm Bureau Building Lancaster on Thursday evening, April 4.

Dale Shuk, Quarryville R1, was elected president.

Other officers elected were V. Pres., Darlene Bucher, Lititz; Sec., Donna Garner, Willow Street; Ass. Sec. Ruth Shriver, Lititz; Treasurer, William Eby, Mt. Joy.

Committee Chairmen appointed were Publicity, Joan Michael, Lititz; R. E. Coa, Karen Lutz, Lititz; and co-chairman, John Wolgemuth, Mt. Joy; Music Carol Great-house, Lititz; Refreshments, Shirley Kreider, Quarryville; Community Service, Patricia Bucher, Lititz.

Speaker was Rev. Wm. Brown from Willow Street.

Roger Tome, retiring president was in charge of the meeting.

The Annual Square Dance will be Saturday, April 27 at the Mt. Joy Annex, 8:00 P.M. Marshall Decker is caller.

Absence of work is far from rest.

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