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WINNERS OF THE AREA FFA PARLIAMENTARY Procedure contest Monday night were the members of the Solanco team. They are, seated 1 to r., Robert Wenger, Quarryville R1, president; R. Edwin Harnish, Christiana R1, vice president; Kenneth Whiteside, Kirkwood R1, secretary; and Jay Ranck, Quarryville R2, treasurer. Standing, 1. to r., Larry Trout, New Providence R1, chaplain; John Frey, Quarryville R2, student advisor; Charles Craig, Nottingham R2, reporter, and William Ulrich, Peach Bottom, sentinel. Advisor of the group is William M. Fredd, teacher of vocational agriculture. L. F. Photo

## Solanco Future Farmers Sweep Area Competition

Solanco Chapter Future Farmers made a clean sweep of the York-Lancaster area FFA Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure contest Monday night at Dover, York County.

Robert Wenger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wenger, Quarryville R1, speaking on "The Farmer and Rural Zoning" topped a field of eight public speakers and then teamed with seven of his classmates to place at the top of a field of eight in the chapter procedure contest.

Manheim Central Chapter took fourth place. Other competing teams were from Dover High School, Red Lion High School, Dallastown High School and Kennarddale High School, all in York County.

In the public speaking contest Glenn Weber of the Grasslands chapter was runner up with his speech on the "Race Between Food and People". George Hanna of the Garden Spot Chapter, speaking on "The Challenge of Conservation" took third spot, and James Dombach, Manheim Chapter was fourth with "Flirting With Danger".

Donald Ranck of Pequea Valley FFA and three speakers (Continued on Page 6)



ROBERT WENGER

Exuding confidence, the Solanco team breezed through a 24 minute demonstration of parliamentary practices and FFA ceremonies to narrowly outpoint three other Lancaster County teams.

In the hard fought contest The Garden Spot Chapter from Lampeter-Strasburg High School was second; third place was taken by the Grasslands Chapter at New Holland, while

tions, selling farm machinery and general auction selling.

We are hopeful that we can get an auction established in the county, because we believe the tobacco market system locally is one of the poorest ways to sell farm produce, Murry said.

## Guernsey Tour Is Next Week

The annual tour of the Lancaster County Guernsey Breeders Association will be held next week.

Most of the one day tour will be spent in the state of Delaware, but one stop will be made at a famous Guernsey farm in Chester County

Leaving the Conestoga Transportation Company bus barns at 825 East Chestnut Street, Lancaster at 7 45 a.m. and stopping at the Guernsey Sale Barn at 8 05, to pick up passengers, the tour will make its first stop at Spar Hill Farm, Chadds Ford This farm, under the management of Kenneth Berry has the All-American four year old, Spar Hill Cecelia and several "Jolly Vern" Daughters

In Delaware the group will tour a refining plant and an automobile assembly plant before going to the University of Delaware

The modern dairy plant, research projects and other points of interest will be explained by Dr. George Haenlein, Research Associate, who will act as guide for the countians Haenlein is in charge of the university dairy herds.

The Wednesday, April 17, tour is expected to conclude in Lancaster by about 5 p.m. Tour committee is Robert A. Breneman, Roy Breneman and Raymond F. Witmer.

## FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average two to four degrees below the normal range of 41 at night to 61 in the afternoon. No important day to day changes in temperature are expected. The weather pattern of the past week is expected to continue with very little rain expected. There is a possibility of light showers about Monday or Tuesday.

## Tell Your Own Story, Editor Tells Farmers

Farmers must learn to tell their own story, Manheim Young Farmers were told at their annual banquet Thursday night at Brunnerville fire hall.

Jack Owen, Editor of Lancaster Farming, said many organizations claim to be speaking for the farmer when in reality they are speaking for a special commodity or interest group.

Such national organizations as The Grange, American Farm Bureau Federation, National Farmers Organization and National Farmers Union, all claim to represent the farmer, but most of the time the groups can not agree among themselves what is best for the farmer. In instance after instance, he said, the national groups are directly opposed in prin-

ciple or action. Many commodity groups are doing a good job of promoting and selling the product they represent, but all too often they have to trample on the

## Scranton Lauds Farmers As Important Cog

Governor William Scranton called agriculture "One of the most important cogs in the effort to establish a well balanced economy and high standard of living in Pennsylvania"

Speaking at the annual meeting of the states Artificial Breeders meeting in State College Thursday, Scranton pointed out that 43 per cent of all employed persons in the commonwealth receive part or all their annual salary from some form of agriculture or agribusiness

"When the financial welfare of so many persons hinges on the success of failure of any one segment of our economy, the importance of that segment to our whole economy becomes quite obvious"

Scranton also called attention to the role of research and education played by Pennsylvania State University in the development of the state's agricultural industry.

"In developing the highest agricultural productivity the world has ever known," he said, farmers have profited from research and education,

## Tobacco Auction To Be Started

A Lancaster County Auctioneers firm has announced plans to establish an auction market for tobacco

The Garden Spot Equipment Auction at Lincoln sold one lot of two-year-old Lebanon county tobacco at the April 2 sale and is accepting samples to be auctioned at the April 16 sale on their auction floor in Lincoln.

The crop sold at the last sale went to a farmer who baled the crop and has resold it.

Elmer Murry, representing the auctioneers, said a 400 pound sample should be brought to the auction floor by interested farmers. The farmer will have the option of refusing bids or of selling only part of his crop if he so desires

The firm has had a year's experience in the machinery auction at the present location and the three auctioneers are experienced in automobile auc-

## Operator Causes Mowing Machine Problems, Agri. Engineer Says

The mowing machine operator is probably responsible for half the clog-ups in the hay field, a Penn State Agriculture Engineer said Tuesday.

Speaking at the second of two quality hay meetings sponsored by hte county extension service, Burton Horne said agriculture engineers at the Pennsylvania State University had found that 50 per cent of the times when a mower clogs, the trouble could be traced to poor operation of the machinery.

In tests of 18 mowing machines of various makes on extremely heavy hay crops, he said field conditions and mech-

anical conditions of the machine accounted for about 28 per cent of the clogging, and only 22 per cent could be charged to the basic design of the machine

At a barn meeting on the farm of Robert Hess, Strasburg R1, Horne advised farmers who are growing extra thick hay crops to consider the double sickle bar mowers. This is not a new design, he said. One company produced a mower with a double sickle bar as early as 1912, but for most cases it was not needed. The basic design of mowing machines has changed very little (Continued on Page 8)

## Farm Calendar

Apr. 15 — 8 p.m. — County Soil Conservation District Directors to meet with Township Supervisors to discuss mutual problems, in the Production Credit building, 411 Roseville Road. Directors and cooperating agencies to meet at 7 p.m.

Apr. 16 — 7:15 p.m. — New Holland Young Farmers to meet in the Garden Spot High School. Farm mechanics instruction.

7:30 p.m. — Lincoln community 4-H club meets in the Mount Airy fire hall.

7:30 p.m. — Drumore community 4-H club meets in the Chestnut Level Church house.

7:30 p.m. — Lancaster County 4-H Council meets in

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