

Ag. Teacher Writes Thanks

Editor, Lancaster Farming
Dear Sir:

Our young farmer meetings are now over for the year and would like to express my appreciation for your cooperation in printing announcements of our meetings. It has been very helpful in keeping our members informed of scheduled events.

We will contact you again in the fall when the young farmer meetings will be resumed.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,
R. Gene Daugherty
Advisor, New Holland
Young Adult Farmer
Organization

Prepare Corn Planter Ahead Of Season For Best Results

by Max Smith
County Agriculture Agent

Corn planting will be a very difficult operation if that corn planter isn't in good condition; growers are urged to service the machine before the day you start to plant corn. If you have the split boot type of fertilizer divider, better be careful, for you may be headed for trouble, higher analysis of fertilizer now being used may burn the sprout. Why not replace the split boot attachment for the side bander applicator and get off to a safer start?

Winter injury is very common among evergreen shrubbery this spring. A number of requested home visits to various parts of the city and county show considerable damage to azaleas, arborvitaes, hollies, boxwood, and roses. Parts of the plant may appear to be dead at this time; owners are urged to water the ground area every 10 days with a thorough soaking, being sure to get the moisture down into the root zone. By early June all damaged or dead parts should be removed.

I was very much impressed

the other day when visiting the farm of Herbert and Rhelda Royer, located on the northern edge of Lancaster; the Royers have a registered Holstein herd and are proud of one of their three-year old cows; this young cow has just finished her first lactation as a two-year old with over 1,000 pounds of fat and weighs at least 1600 pounds in body weight. In fact this great cow is a 4-H club animal owned by their daughter, Averil. Congratulations to the Royers for raising and developing one of the great young cows of the breed in Lancaster Co.

Spring house cleaning is at hand for many home-makers. Silverfish are small insects of ten found in stored papers,

books, and magazines in lofts and attics; these insects live and thrive on these materials. An effective way to prevent or eradicate silverfish is to spray the storage places and materials with a 2 per cent household chlordane solution. This is available at most insecticide stores.

Alfalfa and clover growers who made a new seeding of these legumes this spring without a nurse crop, are advised to apply a chemical spray for the control of weeds. If Eptam was not applied before the seeding was made, then one quart per acre of 2,4-D-B should be sprayed over the field when the weeds are from one to two inches high. This practice is very important to prevent the weeds from crowding out the little legume seedlings.

Cross ventilation is very important in the steer barn during the spring and summer months. Doors should be opened and windows removed to permit maximum air circulation. Cattle comfort is very important toward efficient gains; hot, stuffy barns do not provide this comfort.

Steigel Lions Hear Of Wheat

Robert P. Coleman, Field Supervisor for the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Baron Steigel Lions Club on Thursday evening at the Clay Hotel. He spoke on the "The Wheat Referendum". Robert Gregoiry was in charge of the program.

Samuel Wolf and John M. Kostecky of Ephrata and Harry Boyer of Brickerville, were guests. The group decided to give a cash donation to the Child Development Center in Lancaster. Thirteen members attended the District 14 Rally Held at the Host Motel on Monday. Election of officers will be held at the next meeting.

SAFE PASTURE

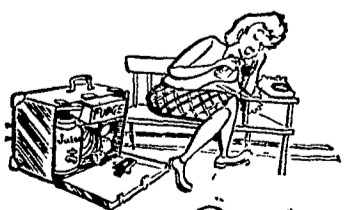
Dairymen like lush pastures for their dairy cows, but Joe Taylor, Penn State extension dairy specialist, sounds a warning. The change from winter feeding can cause mastitis. He advises feeding some hay and grains before cows go out to pasture each day early in the season.

PLAY SAFE

An electrical wiring system is no better than its poorest part, declares Joseph McCurdy, Penn State extension agricultural engineer. He urges periodic inspections of wiring extensions and the original system by a qualified person.

Millions of dollars are spent on chemical control of bugs in this county, yet insects still do over \$3½ billion worth of damage every year.

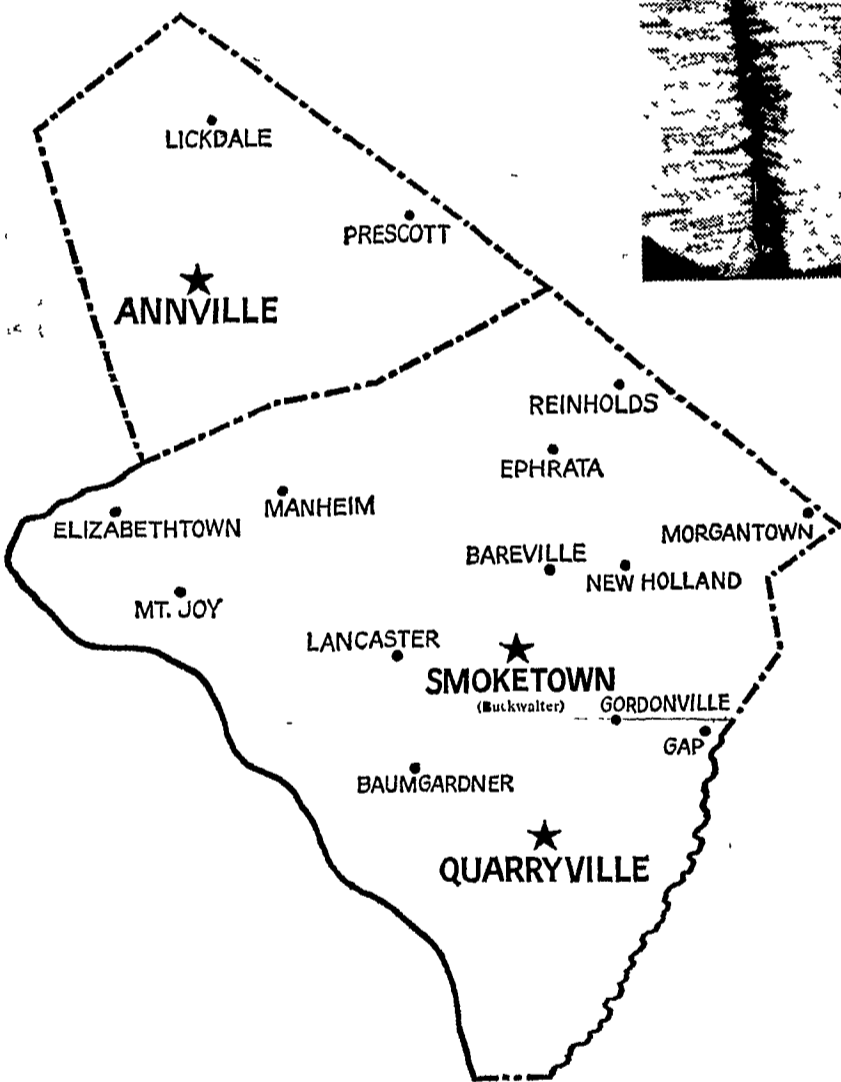
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