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GETTING READY TO UNROLL MILK hose at the back of his bulk tank truck is J. Marlin Harnish, driver for Queen Dairy Company, Lancaster. Harnish has been driving for the company for six years. He collects nearly 25,000 pounds of milk a week. L. F. Photo.

I Ride With The Bulk Milk Hauler

Dairying Has Gone Modern With Bulk Truck Pickup

By: Jack Owen

Editor's Note: This is the seventh in a series of articles dealing with Lancaster County businesses related to agriculture. The writer will spend a day riding with persons who serve the farmer but do not actively engage in the business of farming. The articles are an attempt to bring the farmer a report of the job of service personnel before they reach the farm. Other articles will be printed in the following weeks.

Dairying has come a long way since mom used to milk the two cows in the fence corner strain the milk and separate the cream on the back porch, cool it in the spring diam and wait for the truck to take it to the creamery about twice a week.

This is not news but it is brought home pretty forcefully if you ride with a bulk milk truck driver.

There is no guesswork here. From the minute J. Marlin

Harnish steps on the starter of the big Diamond-T in the pre-dawn hours until the stainless steel tank is sparkling clean at the end of the day, every step is precision.

When Harnish arrives at the farm, his first chore is to check the tank for odor. The tank is closed and if the agitator is running, odor can be checked immediately. If the milk is not being agitated, he may not be able to pick up

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Choice is 1964 Program Or None, NFU Man Says

The choice is not between the 1962 wheat program and the 1964 program, it is a choice between the 1964 program or no program at all, a farm organization official told farmers at a meeting in the Farm Bureau Cooperative building Thursday night.

Dwyte Wilson, Eastern Organizer for the National Farmers Union, speaking on the national wheat referendum next Tuesday said farmers have been told that if they vote the program down, they will get a better one. In 1938, he said, tobacco farmers were told the same thing, but they did not get a better program, and it took them 10 years to get rid of the surplus that resulted.

He said a no vote in the wheat referendum would be an indication to congress that farmers do not want any program, and would probably hurt other farm programs such as

the tobacco quota program. He said the accusation has been hurled that Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service members have been recommending a yes vote, or a no vote, but in all the meetings he has attended he has never heard an ASCS member recommend either.

Wilson said passage of the wheat bill would mean an increase of nearly a million dollars income to Lancaster County over no program at all.

"If the program fails and no other program is passed, it will liquidate a lot of farmers. We will be on the way to liquidating 50 per cent of the people who now make a living on farms," he said.

He said the two price system for wheat has been proposed for the national Grange for years, but other farm organizations would not give up their

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Soil Stewardship Week To Be Marked By County Churches

Special church services this Sunday will inaugurate observance of Soil Stewardship Week in Lancaster County according to Amos H. Funk of R. D. 1, Millersville, chairman of the local soil conservation district.

The observance underscores the need for a sense of stewardship among today's citizens who are far removed from their roots in the land, Funk said.

Soil Stewardship ceremonies are based on a traditional church custom of observing Rogation Days, a tradition that began 1,500 years ago in France

when people prayed for relief from disastrous droughts.

The theme of the event is "We Turn Our Eyes to the Future." Sermons discussing the need to look ahead in planning wise use of land and water will be preached in several churches, district leaders say.

All of Pennsylvania's 61 county soil conservation dis-

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Feed Grain Bill Passes Senate

The Senate Thursday beat down a flock of amendments to pass the Feed Grain bill just as it came from the House of Representatives.

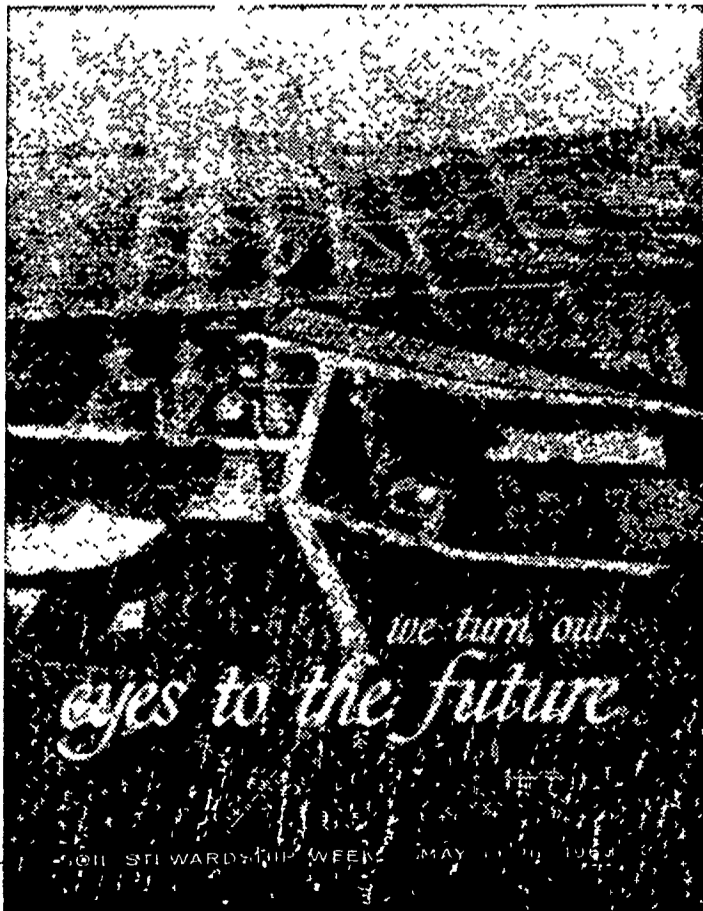
The final vote was 45 to 35 after two days of debate on the Senate floor.

Proponents of the bill worked feverishly to get final passage before the date of the national wheat referendum next Tuesday with the hope that passage of the grain bill, with

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Farm Calendar

- May 21 — 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. — National wheat referendum. Polling places listed elsewhere in this paper.
- 7:30 p.m. — Drumore community 4-H meets at the Chestnut Level Church House.
- 7:30 p.m. — Lincoln community 4-H club meets at the Mount Airy fire hall.
- 7:30 p.m. — Manor community 4-H club meets at the Ann Letort Elementary School.
- May 23 — 7:30 p.m. — Lancaster County 4-H Holstein club meets at the home of Mr. Ray Harbold, Elizabethtown RD.
- May 25 — 1:30 p.m. — Manheim Township 4-H sewing club meets at the Farm Bureau Cooperative building, Dillerville Road.
- 9:30 a.m. — State sheep field day at Penn State University.



Co. ASC Holds Final Wheat Meet; Lists Community Polling Places

With Tuesday as the date for the national Wheat Referendum, the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office held its final informational meeting last night at the Farm Bureau Cooperative building.

The county ASC committee announced that polls would be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday, May 21, at the following places listed by community number and townships:

1. Conoy, West Donegal & Mt. Joy; Garage behind West Donegal Twp. Bldg. on Maytown Road.
2. East Donegal & West Hempfield; Red Rose Dairy, 1/4 mile S. of Florin.
3. Rapho; Strickler School House near Beacon light at Mt. Joy.

4. Penn, Warwick & Elizabeth; Levi Hertzog Farm, 1 mile northwest of Latitz.

5. East Cocalico, West Cocalico, Brecknock & Clay;

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FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures for the next five days are expected to average near the normal range of 53 at night to 74 in the afternoon running from above normal in the first half of the period to below normal in the latter half. Precipitation may total more than a half inch falling mainly as showers over the week end.