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NEW OFFICERS OF THE ELIZABETHTOWN FFA Chapter were elected at a recent meeting. They are, standing l. to r., Donald Patches, vice president; Nevin Hiestand, reporter; Jacob Long, chaplain, and Dennis Patches, sentinel. Seated, l. to r., Marvin Weaver, treasurer; Donald Miller, president; and Donald Gruber, secretary.

E'Town FFA Elects Officers Plans Program

Donald S. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Miller, Elizabethtown R1 was elected president of the Elizabethtown Chapter Future Farmers of America at a recent meeting.

Other officers elected were Donald Patches, Elizabethtown R1, vice president; Donald Gruber, Bainbridge R1, secre-

tary; Marvin Weaver, Marietta 1, treasurer; Dennis Patches, Elizabethtown R1, sentinel; Nevin Hiestand, Marietta R1, reporter, and Jacob Long, Elizabethtown R2, chaplain.

The chapter is organizing a soft ball team to play in the Lancaster County FFA softball league this summer.

The group plans to farm two acres of tobacco on the farm of Samuel Long, Elizabethtown R2, and two acres of tobacco on the farm of Richard Nisley, Marietta R1.

Four boys will be competing in the state FFA judging contests at the Penn State University in June. Three senior boys are planning to go on the annual trip to the West Coast during July, and the entire chapter plans a trip to the U.S. FFA activities this year will Department of Agriculture Experiment Station at Beltsville, Md. during the summer.

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Pequea Valley FFA Elects

Glenn Esbenshade, Paradise R1, was elected president of the Pequea Valley Chapter Future Farmers of America at a recent meeting.

The Pequea Valley High School Senior is the son of Elias and the late Mrs. Esbenshade. He is vice president of the County Association of FFA and is current treasurer of his local chapter. He is a member of the National Honor Society, the senior chorus, and has been class president since 8th grade.

Other officers elected for the 1963-64 school term were vice president, Kenneth Koser, Narvon R2; secretary, Donald Ranck, Paradise R1; treasurer, Eugene Denlinger, Gordonville R, reporter, Randel Stoltzfus, Gap R1; sentinel, Leonard

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County Milk Receiving Plant Tells Producers To Electrify Barns

All dairymen shipping to the Leaman Place plant of the Sealtest Foods dairy company have received notice that they must have a source of electricity and automatic refrigeration in their dairy barns and milk houses.

The Company suggested that producers who do not desire to put in the improvements should look for other markets.

Following is the text of a letter sent to all the producers.

TO ALL SHIPPERS AT LEAMAN PLACE: If you al-

ready have electricity from a source of public power, this message will not apply to you.

"At the time of our recent Leaman Place producers' meeting, we explained that Milk Control District No. 1 has issued a ruling to the effect that all producers who do not now have electricity will be required to provide a lighting system for the stables and milk houses that is equal to the systems now in use by all other producers under inspection by the District. It can be sum-

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Wheat Referendum Fails; Farmers Vote No Controls

Lancaster Co. Wheat farmers turned thumbs down on wheat quotas by a 12 to 1 margin in the national referendum Tuesday that saw farmers across the nation voting overwhelmingly against the tight control — high price support plan proposed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

The referendum which needed a two thirds majority for passage received only 47.79 per cent favorable vote. Heaviest affirmative vote came in the Southeast where farmers are used to quota programs on cotton, peanuts, tobacco and other commodities.

Across Pennsylvania the vote was strongly opposed to the program, which had been advanced by the Kennedy administration as a measure to halt overproduction and stabilize prices.

In the heaviest vote in the history of the county, growers turned down the program with a 91½ per cent "no" vote. Of the 3,392 votes cast in the county there were 262 in favor, 3,048 opposed, 78 ballots from ineligible voters and 4 spoiled ballots, according to the local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office. Across the state 25,631 farmers opposed the program and 7,211 were in favor for a 22 per cent affirmative vote.

In the wake of the overwhelming defeat of the proposal, President Kennedy said Wednesday, "The farmers have chosen to plant freely without

controls and without that high support. Even though I didn't agree with the choice, I recognize and accept it and we hope that it does not have an adverse effect."

He said he had tried to make the alternatives as clear as possible but that opponents of the plan might have "mislead" farmers.

The vote carried implications far beyond the wheat crop. Opponents of the bill had called for the plan's defeat as a means of heading off possible controls on livestock, milk, poultry and crops not now subject to controls.

Charles Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, major opponents to the bill, hailed the vote as "a team victory", and said, "We won because farmers are fed up with government attempts to tell 'em what to raise and fix prices. It's going to encourage a lot of other folks to stand up and fight."

Senator Allen J. Ellender, the Louisiana Democrat, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, reiterated his statement that there would be no "bail out" legislation for wheat farmers this year. He said, "Democracy has spoken and the wheat farmers have voted themselves out of a program. I wish them well."

Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee Harold D. Cooley of North Carolina said, wheat farmers are now free to

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Grass Silage Should Be Wilted For Best Forage, Smith Says

By: M. M. Smith, County Agent

In recent years many livestock and dairy producers have been disappointed in the poor quality of their grass silage. In many cases this was due to the high moisture content of the forage.

The direct-cut method of making grass silage was a good mechanical practice but it did not produce the kind of silage that is needed. In most cases the silage was dark-colored, strong-flavored, too wet, and the animals did not consume it readily.

However, we do feel that grass silage has a place on many farms if it is made properly. The purpose of this article is to outline some of these recommended practices. In the first place we should think only of making wilted grass silage rather than the direct-cut method. The amount of wilting will depend upon whether it is desired to have regular grass silage, or low-moisture silage commonly called haylage. At this point we should point out that either wilted grass silage or haylage can be made in the conventional upright silo, providing the silo

is air tight and the doors are given special attention to make them air tight also.

In making wilted silage there are several practices that are very important: (1) Cut forage at the peak of feeding value (bud to early blossom for legumes and at heading time for the grasses). (2) Use hay conditioner in the field (either crusher or crimper). (3) Wilt down to the desired moisture content (60 to 70% for grass silage and down to 50% for haylage). (4) Haul in tightly covered wagons to

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FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average near the normal range of 57 at night to 77 in the afternoon. It will be mild during most of the period turning cooler Tuesday or Wednesday. Precipitation may total 0.1 inch occurring as showers Tuesday or Wednesday.

- ### Farm Calendar
- May 27—8 p.m. — Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association directors meet in the Farm Bureau Co-operative building, Dillerville Pike, Lancaster.
 - 7:30 p.m. — County Future Farmers of America to meet in the Manheim Central High School.
 - 7:30 p.m. — Elm-Penryn community 4-H club meets in the Penryn fire hall.
 - May 28—8 p.m. — Extension Service executive committee meets in the Farm Bureau Co-operative building, Dillerville Pike, Lancaster.
 - May 29—12 noon — Warwick FFA television program on welding.
 - May 31—Deadline for all 4-H County Council representatives' names to be in the county extension office.