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## I Ride With The Extension Man

### County Extension Agent Answers Farmer Requests

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**Editor's Note:** This is the eighth 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.

My ride with the county extension worker turned out to be one of the most comfortable I have had

We visited good Lancaster County farms on a hot June day, and the air conditioning in Victor Plastow's Oldsmobile made the trip one of pure pleasure.

But the work of the Associate County Agent is not all just riding around in air conditioned comfort. Victor reported to the office in Lancaster as he does on every working day and took care of the requests for help that had come into the office during the previous day or earlier that morn-

ing. He handled as many of the requests as possible by phone, and then we started out to farms

Plastow's particular field of work in Lancaster County Extension is dairying, but he also has charge of the responsibility for four 4-H community clubs, farm and home management problems, Dairy Herd Improvement Association work, and general farm requests for information and assistance.

County Agent M. M. Smith specializes in livestock while Associate Agent, Winthrop Merriam, handles poultry and youth activities, and Assistant

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**A FAMILY FARM IS NOT JUST A WORD** at the Elam Bollinger farm, Manheim R1. Tobacco cultivation includes Bollinger, on the tractor, Mrs. Bollinger and son Donald, 18, on the cultivators, and younger son Darryl lending moral support. With Darryl is his cousin, Joanne Good and Victor Plastow, Associate County agent, leaning on the tractor wheel. Donald, a member of the county 4-H Holstein club for eight years, plans to show a senior yearling in this year's club roundup. Elam is a leader in the 4-H club. L. F. Photo.

## County Livestock Producers Plan 2-Day Tour Of Ohio Stock Farms

County livestock men planned a three day tour of Ohio farms at a meeting Tuesday night in the home of M. M. Smith, County Agent.

The tour, on October 22, 23,

24 will replace the annual one day tour county livestock producers normally take, and will be the first time in recent years that the county has undertaken an overnight tour.

Beef feeding and swine producing farms in the Toledo area will be visited on the second day of the tour with a general discussion meeting with livestock industry leaders from that area planned for the evening. The first and third day of

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## Farm Calendar

- June 24 — 4 — 8 p.m. — Southeast District Extension workers picnic at Pinchot State Park, York County.
- 8 p.m. — Elm-Penryn community 4-H club meets in the Penryn fire hall.
- June 25 — 1:30 p.m. — Manheim Township 4-H Sewing club meets in the Production Credit building, Roseville Road, Lancaster.
- 10 a.m. — Southeast District 4-H livestock judging practice at Masonic Home Farms, Elizabethtown. Official judge will be Dwight Younkun, extension livestock specialist.
- 8 p.m. — Manor 4-H community club meets in the Letort School.
- June 25 — 27 — Garden Days at The Pennsylvania State University.
- June 26 — 10 a.m. — Southeast District 4-H dairy judging practice at the Vernon Umble farm near Parkersburg, Chester Co.
- June 27 — 8 p.m. — County 4-H Holstein club meets at the home of Clarence Stauffer, Ephrata, Pa.

## ASCS Offers Conservation Assistance

Conservation work costs money. That's why we have an ACP, Fred Seldomridge, Chairman, Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, said today. He pointed out that being convinced about the benefits of conservation is not enough, and expressed the belief that some farmers still may not understand that they can obtain program help in getting the needed conservation job done on their farms.

"Just drive around the country," the Chairman declared, "and you can easily spot the farms where conservation farming is being practiced. In many cases, you would also find that the Agricultural Conservation Program is cooperating with the farmer in carrying out the program."

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## County Agent Outlines Care Of Farm Ponds

Farm ponds require summer care in order to get the most out of the investment, according to County Agent M. M. Smith.

For ponds to be most useful, care must be taken to control weeds, algae and musk-

## Egg Sanitizing Clinics Slated

**HARRISBURG** — Plans for two egg sanitizing clinics were announced today by State Secretary of Agriculture Leland H. Bull.

The purpose, he said, is to acquaint egg producers, handlers, and processors with recommended sanitizing methods, and also to demonstrate the use of "black light" to detect foreign matter that escapes ordinary egg washing.

Clinics will be held July 1 at the Colonial Motel, Route 222 near the Lancaster-Reading interchange of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, and July 2 at the Mountain View Hotel, Greensburg. They will be conducted by E. J. Lawless, Jr., chief of the Poultry and Egg

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## State F. F. A. President Plans To Keep Farming

**Editor's Note:** This is the first of a series of five articles about Lancaster County's five state FFA officers.

of his most distinguished pupil, Carl Ginder, Mount Joy R2, who was elected to the state FFA officers.

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The president of the Keystone Association of Future Farmers of America did not really find out what FFA was all about until he was in his junior year in high school, his teacher of vocational agriculture said this week.

"Carl was a good student during his first two years, but he didn't really take hold till he was elected secretary of the chapter," Grant Miller said

## Pa. Poultrymen Award Honor To Robert Hoover

Robert Hoover, Denver R2, received a plaque for outstanding work in 4-H poultry clubs Wednesday night at the annual banquet of the state Poultry Federation at The Pennsylvania State University.

The 19 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. David Hoover, has raised broilers and capons commercially and is active in 4-H poultry club work in the county.

He was high individual scorer in poultry judging at the 1962 Northeastern Poultry Producers Council (NEPPCO) show. He has also had projects in 4-H pig clubs.

## Barley Support Prices Released

Prices for the 1963 crop of barley will be supported at \$1.06 per bushel in Lancaster County, Fred Seldomridge, Chairman, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Lancaster County Committee, has announced. This compares with a support of \$1.03 per bushel for the 1962 barley crop. The 1963 program provides for a 14-cent-per-bushel payment-in-kind and a 92-cents-per-bushel price-support loan rate.

Terminal rates are available in the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service county office for farmers who wish to store their grain in a terminal elevator. All terminal market loan rates are adjusted downward 11 cents per bushel to reflect the difference between the national average loan and purchase agreement support prices. No payment-in-

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## FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Near normal temperatures are expected during the next five days. Normal temperatures for this time of year range from 63 at night to 84 in the afternoon. Cool weather Saturday will give way to near normal temperatures during the remainder of the period. Precipitation may total .1 to .6 inch occurring as showers late Sunday night and Monday.