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CORN AFTER CORN FOR FIVE YEARS still makes big ears on this former pasture field. Even with the dry weather this year, John R. Zimmerman, Ephrata R1, expects a good crop of corn from this field. He believes in coating corn ground with steer manure and adding plenty of chemical fertilizer. He plows down 300 pounds of 16-16-16 per acre and added another 100 pounds of 13-24-10 in the row. Corn is still green all the way to the ground. L. F. Photo.

Continuous Corn Produces Well For Ephrata Farmer

A converted pasture field on the farm of John R. Zimmerman, Ephrata R1, has been in continual corn for five years and even with the dry weather is still producing a good crop.

John took over operation of the farm eight years ago when his father retired. One of his first programs included laying out contour strips on the 60 acres.

The contours gave him longer rows, but cut across some fences. He tore out the fence rows, relocated fences and plowed part of the old permanent pasture.

In part of the pasture he planted Penbel 69 tobacco which he just finished harvesting. "It was one of the biggest crops I ever harvested" he said. Zimmerman gives much of the credit to the heavy coat of steer manure he puts on the farm each year, but he also believes the liberal application of chemical fertilizer pulled his crop through the drought year. "This is the first year I ever used high analysis fertilizers, but I believe it pays," he added.

Corn for grain has been in part of the converted meadow for five consecutive years, and it is still producing as well as it did the first year, even without the use of cover crops. Zimmerman said he tried ryegrass for several years, but he chops the corn stalks for steer bedding and he does not like the green material in the bales. He adds organic matter by spreading a heavy coat of steer

manure on the whole farm each year.

Zimmerman feeds about 300 head of steers a year, buying them at about 1,000 pounds and feeding them short term on grain and corn silage. He now has 34 head of lighter steers which he plans to feed for a longer period on a heavy concentration of corn silage.

He has a self feeding wagon which he built out of a flat bed wagon and the sides from a forage wagon. He chops corn directly into the wagon and pulls it into the barn lot. The steers eat from the wagon, and hogs clean up what the

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Changes Needed Wentink Tells Pa. Millers

Poultrymen are in for more belt tightening, according to Hendrik (Henk) Wentink, sales manager for Miller and Bushong, Lancaster County feed firm.

Speaking at the annual meeting of Pennsylvania's Millers and Feed Dealers meeting in Pocono Manor, Pa., this week, Wentink said the state's broiler and egg producers must wipe out cost inefficiencies to bid for a greater share of northeastern markets.

The tightening up has already begun, Wentink said, but "we have some catching up to do and there is lots of room for improvement."

Despite some large operations and contract operations, Wentink said he believes the independently operated egg farm will continue to be the most important factor for a long time to come.

He said the corporate type of operation has not yet proved itself, and farmers still have a lot to learn about labor-management problems and other worries of corporations.

Predicting larger and more efficient units of production, Wentink said he believes Pennsylvania will retain its markets and expand them but "not without many changes and some heartaches too."

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FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average two to seven degrees below the normal range of 57 at night to 77 in the afternoon. Very cool weather Saturday is expected to give way to a gradual warming trend thereafter. Precipitation is expected to total less than a tenth of an inch falling as scattered showers towards the end of the period.

County Future Farmers Attend State Leadership Training School

Five state officers of the Pennsylvania Association of Future Farmers of America from Lancaster County, along with the rest of the state officers, participated in the 20th annual Leadership Training Conference on the campus of the Pennsylvania State University this week.

The conference is designed to prepare these young Future Farmers for a year of service throughout the state. They had training sessions on how to

conduct a successful leadership training conference and received instruction in public speaking, social conduct, correspondence and public relations.

On Tuesday the state officer team presented a high school assembly program and visited the farm of one of the local chapter members. On Wednesday a live television program was presented on WFBG-TV, Altoona.

The five officers from Lancaster County are Carl Ginder, Mount Joy R2, president; Robert Wenger, Quarryville R1, secretary; Harold Herr, Millersville R1, treasurer; Larry Weaver, New Holland R1, vice president of Region II, and Melvin Breneman, Strasburg R1, chaplain.

Farm Calendar

Sept. 16 — 7:30 p.m. — Witness Oak FFA meeting in the Donegal Union High School.

8 p.m. — Drumore Community 4-H club meets at the Holtwood ball park.

Sept. 17 — 1:30 p.m. — Southeast district DHIA directors meet at Kutztown Grange Hall.

4 p.m. — Lancaster County Agriculture Teachers meet at Manheim Central High School.

8 p.m. — County Soil Conservation District Directors meet in the court house.

8 p.m. — Penn Manor Young Farmers Association meets in Penn Manor High School.

8 p.m. — Lincoln Community 4-H club meets in the Mount Airy fire hall.

Sept. 18 — Solanco Fair judging of all crop exhibits begins, Quarryville fire com-

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Houser Named Head Tester By D.H.I.A.

Wilbur Houser, Lampeter, was named Monday night to replace Jay Risser, 564 Lampeter Road, as head tester of the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

Action was taken at a special meeting of the board of directors of the association Monday night Houser's appointment will become effective immediately.

No reason for the change of head testers was given, but a spokesman for the DHIA said Risser will be asked to remain as supervisor of association 4.

Houser, supervisor of association 8 for eight years, was named outstanding tester in the Southeastern District by the state association in 1962.

Fulton Grange Holds Election

Gyles H. Brown was elected Worthy Master of Fulton Grange at a Monday night meeting in the Grange Hall, Oakryn. New officers will be installed at the October 14 meeting.

Other officers elected along with Brown were as follows:

David Wissler - Overseer; Stanley Stauffer Jr. - Assistant Steward; Charles McSparran - Lecturer; Ambrose Giffing - Steward; Mrs. Chas. McSparran - Secretary; Walter Wood - Treasurer; John Galbreath - Chaplain; Carl Eastridge - Gatekeeper.

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4-H Barbecue Will Feature Horse Show

A special feature this year of the 4-H Leaders Council annual chicken barbecue will be a Gymkhana by the 4-H horse clubs of the county.

The affair will begin at 4 p.m. on the Lampeter Community grounds with chicken being served until 8 p.m.

All proceeds from the sale of the chicken will go to the county 4-H clubs to be used for ribbons, trophies, awards, trips and the support of the International Farm Youth Exchange program.

Feed Dealers Name John Hess State Director

John J. Hess II, Intercourse, was elected to a three year term as director by the Pennsylvania Millers and Feed Dealers Association at the annual convention this week.

F. Clay Erdley, Belleville, became the 38th president of the state wide organization of feed and flour millers. Over 300 persons attended the convention at Pocono Manor Hotel, Pocono Manor, Pa.

Other Officers elected who will also take office January 1, 1964 included — William Jamieson, Robert Jamieson & Sons, Fredonia, Frist Vice-President; James Rockwell, H. Rockwell &

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County A.S.C. Reorganizes

Fred Seldomridge, Gap R1, was reelected chairman of the Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee Thursday night.

The 60 year old chairman was first elected to the committee as a regular member

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