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HEARING THE JUDGE'S REASONS for giving the sample of hay a blue ribbon are, left to right, Galen Crouse, Stevens R1; Mahlon Shenk, Holtwood R1, and Laban Z. Byers, Conestoga R1. Judge, at far right, is George Berggren, Extension Agronomist from Penn State University. L. F. Photo.

Hay Show Championship Goes To Montgomery Co.

Grand Champion hay sample in the Southeast District Hay show Tuesday at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion was shown by Ellis Anders, Landsdale R2, Montgomery County. It was a bale slice of heat cured later cutting of alfalfa.

The reserve champion slice was exhibited by Roy Coover, Mechanicsburg R3, Cumberland County.

Last year's district champion, Galen Crouse, Stevens R1, took six ribbons with seven samples last Tuesday. He had three blue ribbons, two red ribbons, and one third place.

Crouse put up 48 acres of hay this year. He heat cured all the first cutting and most of the later cuttings. All his exhibits Tuesday were in the heat cured division.

In addition to his district championships in 1961 and '62, Crouse was reserve champion at the state show last year and placed second in the class in 1961.

Mahlon Shenk, Holtwood R1, had a second place winner in field cured alfalfa and a fifth place in alfalfa-grass mixture. Laban Byers, Conestoga R1, took third place in field cured (Continued on Page 14)

Neighbors Harvest Corn For Paralyzed Farmer

Aaron S. Hostetter, who farms at Lancaster R2, had 65 acres of corn ready for harvest, but he contracted a rare disease which left him paralyzed.

It looked like much of the corn might rot in the field

since his father, Aaron C., is advanced in years, and his brother John Jacob was not able to pick the corn alone.

But the corn did not rot in the field. All 65 acres went into the cribs in one day.

Elvin Hershey, a neighbor who lives at 2655 Columbia Ave., Lancaster, saw the plight of the Hostetter family and went right to work. He set a date, circulated the word, and directed the work as 49 friends, neighbors and church members (some from as far away as Franklin County), brought (Continued on Page 6)

Daniel H. Rohrer Has Top Yield In Corn Club

Daniel H. Rohrer, Jr., Manheim R1, posted the high yield in the Manheim Young Farmers corn growing contest.

In an extremely dry section of the county, Rohrer grew 99.29 bushels of shelled dried corn per acre on two three acre strips.

On one field he plowed down 600 pounds of 5-10-5 fertilizer, while on the other strip, 600 pounds of 8-8-8 was disced in after plowing.

Rohrer, says he normally plows down all his fertilizer, but he could not get delivery last spring before he plowed the field. Both strips were planted on May 8 and each was cultivated three times. Both fields were in a clover-grass sod the previous year, and each received a coat of phosphated steer manure before plowing. There was only about four bushels difference in the two fields.

About 16,819 plants per acre grew on 36 inch rows, and 92 per cent of the stalks had ears. Rohrer explained that the rows are narrow because he grows quite a few potatoes and does not have to change the cultivators if he plants the corn on the same width rows.

Glenn S. Brubaker, 345 Running Pump Road, Lancaster, was second in the contest with 91.65. He grew 18,160 plants per acre on 38 inch rows and had an average of 91.8 per cent stalks with ears on them. Forney Longenecker, Lititz (Continued on Page 16)

County Boy Is Speaker At Area FFA Meet

Kenneth Myer, Elizabethtown R3, presented a slide lecture Thursday night at the York-Lancaster Area Future Farmers of America Leadership Training conference at Eastern High School, Wrightsville.

Myer told of his "people-to-people" tour of Europe last summer. The officers of all local chapters in the two counties attended the conference to learn proper meeting procedure and duties of their office. (Continued on Page 7)

FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the five day period beginning Saturday are expected to average 2 to 8 degrees below the normal range of 58 in the afternoon to 40 at night. Temperatures will moderate somewhat over the week end, but will remain cool through most of the period. Precipitation will be of little consequence, but there is a chance of light showers Saturday and again about Tuesday.

Four Hundred Farmers To Attend Business-Farm Day Next Thursday 4-H Beef Club To Hold Show

Over 400 farmers and their wives will visit 25 participating business firms next Thursday during the 5th annual Lancaster County-Business-Farm day.

Farmer guests were invited by the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the program, to visit their host businesses from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on November 7. Last year, business leaders spent the day "down on the farm."

At 1:30 p.m. all participants will assemble at Armstrong Cork Company's Liberty Street auditorium to hear a talk by E. Clinton Stokes, assistant in the Agricultural and Natural

Resources Department of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States

Mr. Stokes has been a staff specialist on matters related to agriculture since 1954. His work at the National Chamber brings him in frequent association with farmers, agricultural organization representatives, officials of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and with members of Congress.

He is Secretary of the National Association of Chamber of Commerce Agricultural Executives and is President of the Washington Alumni Association of the Alpha Gamma (Continued on Page 11)

The Annual Southeast District 4-H Baby Beef Club Roundup & Sale will be held Wednesday, November 6th, at the Lancaster Union Stock Yards.

Judging will be from 8:00 to 12:00 a.m. with the sale 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Chester, Dauphin, Northampton and Lancaster Counties will compete with the showing of over 100 baby beefs.

This is the terminus of a year-long beef feeding project for participating 4-H youth. Steers will be groomed to perfection and halter broken to (Continued on Page 14)

Farm Calendar Interstate To Ask Additional Assessments From Dairy Members

Nov. 5 — 1 p.m. — County 4-H Beef club roundup. Selection of Farm Show cattle and fitting and showmanship contests, at Lancaster Stockyards.

7:29 p.m. — New Holland Young Farmers meet in the Garden Spot High School Subject, feeding dairy cattle

Nov. 6 — 8 a.m. — Judging of District 4-H baby beef animals at the Lancaster Stockyards

1:30 p.m. — Sale of 4-H District baby beef steers at the Lancaster Stockyards.

4:30 p.m. — Lancaster (Continued on Page 14)

A spokesman for Interstate Milk Producers Cooperative Association announced this week that the marketing co-op will ask its membership next month to approve a two-cents-a-hundredweight increase in assessments.

The announcement was made Monday night during a meeting of the six locals in District number 7 at the Lafayette fire hall, Lincoln Highway east of Lancaster.

Dr. James Honan, cooperative manager, proposed the boost from six to eight cents for each hundred pounds of

milk marketed by cooperative members.

He said that half the increased assessment would be used to meet expected increases in operating expenses, while the other cent would go to the American Dairy Association for milk promotion and advertising work.

Honan said if the cooperative's ADA assessment is approved, present voluntary contributions of two cents a hundredweight to ADA by county farmers would be discontinued. He assured members that (Continued on Page 14)