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GRADING LANCASTER COUNTY TOBACCO for shipment to The Netherlands was the item of business at a County Farmers Association committee meeting last week. Left to right are County Agent M. M. Smith, Lewis Bixler, H. C. Meyers, Robert Hess, Harold Rohrer, Noah Wenger, and Clyde Wivell. L. F. Photo.

Local Tobacco Samples Are Sent To Netherlands

European manufacturers may soon be making cigars from Lancaster County seedleaf if a program of the Lancaster County Farmers Association works out as planned.

Twenty-four samples of Lancaster County cigar leaf left the Harrisburg-York airport Tuesday for the Rotterdam, Netherlands, office of the Farm Bureau Trade Development Corporation, an affiliate of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The program was conceived and carried out by a committee of the Lancaster County Farmers Association, also an affiliate of AFBF.

Purpose of the program is to find a market for local to-

bacco. The local Farmers Association stresses that it is not going into the tobacco buying business. It has not had any assurances that a market is available, but the Rotterdam office has asked for samples and suggested price for local cigar leaf.

Tobacco committee chairman, Harold G. Rohrer, 1623 Book Road, Lancaster, said both state and national trade officials feel that there are potential foreign outlets for local cigar filler tobacco.

Rohrer, state Farmers Association director and former president of the county Farmers Association, was on hand Tuesday to pack the samples aboard Trans World and KLM (Continued on Page 5)

Larry Corson Replaces Mart Muth; Acting Work Unit Conservationist

Larry Corson, former farm planner with the Lancaster County office of the Soil Conservation Service, has been named acting Work Unit Conservationist.

He is a 1958 graduate of the Pennsylvania State University with a degree in Agricultural Economics. Corson resides at Conestoga R1, with his wife, the former Shirley Miller, and their son Dale Robert.

Muth came to the county soil conservation office in 1935 and was designated Work Unit Conservationist in 1937. He is well known locally and throughout the state for his work and vivid soil conservation pictures.



LARRY CORSON

Corson has assumed the duties of Martin Muth, Latitz, who is all Corson a native of Hughesville, Lycoming County came to the Lancaster office in December 1962, after a tour as farm manager at the Allen

Fulton Grange Presents Award

Mrs. Charles Reed, member of the Home Economics committee of the Fulton Grange presented an award of \$25.00 to Mrs. Delmar Spencer who won 2nd prize in the National Grange Needle Work Contest at Portland Oregon. Her entry was knitted socks. Mrs. Clifford Holloway gave an illustration "How to add a festive touch to your Holiday menu." She had several table settings denoting different holidays and made and served two of her favorites

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FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average near the normal range of 23 at night to 39 in the afternoon. Mild weather Saturday will give way to colder on Sunday and moderate again about Monday. Precipitation may total a half inch or more (melted) falling as rain Saturday and again possibly about Tuesday or Wednesday.

Milk Co-op Official Says Farmers Must Share Costs

Milk marketing cooperatives may some day have to assume part of the Philadelphia dealers' buying costs, an official of the Interstate Milk Producers Cooperative said Wednesday.

F. Bennett Carter, president of Interstate, speaking at the annual meeting of the Quarryville and Southern locals of District 11 in Quarryville said, "Dealer buying costs in the Philadelphia market, which includes cost of farm inspection, laboratory and butterfat testing, is becoming a more important factor in their over-all operations. Some day, from

competition from other cooperatives outside the marketing area, particularly some of the New York cooperatives, Interstate may be forced to render this service if we are to continue to sell our members' milk. Your future market will depend upon your ability and your cooperative's ability to meet the competition of other groups of organized farmers whose primary economic interest is the same as yours — to improve their income with your market. As your president, I urge each one of you members to impress upon your non-member

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Funk Re-elected To 12th Term By Conservationists

Directors of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District reelected all officers for another term during a meeting at the Court House Wednesday night.

Re-elected chairman for his 12th consecutive term was Amos Funk, Millersville R2. Henry Hackman, Manheim R2, was re-elected vice chairman, and Henry Givler, Ronks R1, is Secretary Treasurer.

All officers were reelected without opposition. Funk, a well known vegetable farmer and conservationist was appointed to a four year term on the board by county commissioners in 1962.

The directors approved conservation plans for eight county farms. They are, Melvin M. Martin, Latitz R1, 67 acres in Elizabeth Twp.; John G. Herr,

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More Interest In Heifer Feeding Called For By Livestock Specialist

When beef heifers sell for five or six cents below feeder steers, there ought to be more interest in feeding heifers, a specialist told county steer feeders Thursday night.

Ben Morgan, speaking to nearly 200 feeders at the first of a series of three beef cattle feeder clinics at the Rohrerstown School, said there are some problems with feeding heifers instead of steers, but when the spread in feeder cattle is as great as it was last

fall, he believes heifers could be more profitable.

He told feeders they would probably not make as much money in 1964 as they have in some years, but steer feeding can be profitable if all phases of the program are watched carefully.

"Some feeders last fall probably lost money on the day they bought cattle," he said. The state feeder calf sales averaged 27 cents for all grades. "There were just too many

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Farm Calendar

- Feb. 3 to 5 — Pennsylvania Horticulture Association meets at the Yorktowne Hotel, York.
- Feb. 3 — 7:30 p.m. — Adult class in farm welding at the agriculture shop of Ephrata High School.
- 7:30 p.m. — Central 4-H Tractor maintenance club meets at the Landis Brothers shop on the Manheim Pike, Lancaster.
- Feb. 4 — 7:30 p.m. — Southern Holstein club meets at the Solanco High School, Quarryville R2.
- 7:30 p.m. — Northeast 4-H Tractor maintenance club meets at the shop of Allen Matz, Denver.
- Feb. 5 — 4:30 p.m. — Lancaster County Teachers of vocational agriculture meet at New Holland High School.

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Guernsey Club Reorganizes

Robert Breneman, Strasburg R1, chaired his first meeting as president of the Lancaster County Guernsey Breeders Ass'n at a meeting of the board of directors Monday night. Breneman was elected at the reorganizational meeting in November.

K. D. Linde, Oxford R1, was elected secretary-treasurer of the association on Monday night. Robert McSparran, Peach Bottom, is vice president.

State Guernsey Breeders Association secretary, Rohrer Witmer, Willow Street R2, brought a report from the state association.

Breneman appointed the following committees. Tour, Ro-

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