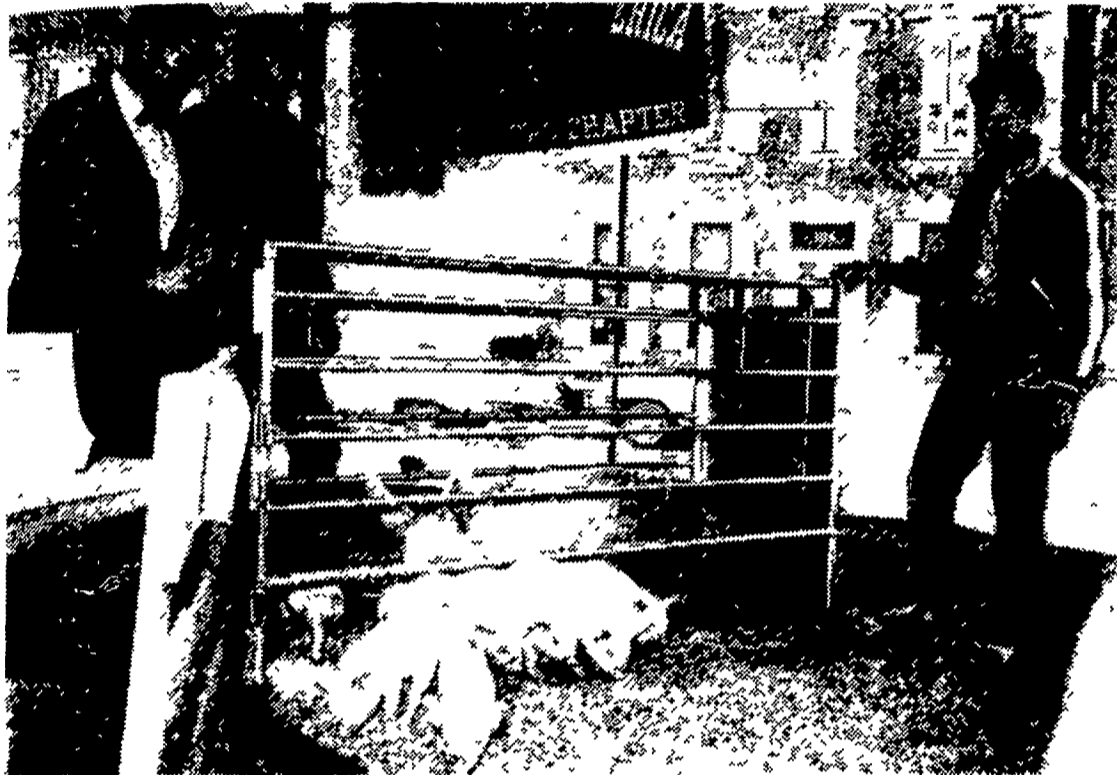


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NOT EXACTLY A PIG IN THE PARLOR, but a whole litter of them in a store window. To publicize National FFA week, the Future Farmers of Elizabethtown put a display of pigs and baby chicks in the front store window of Newcomer's Firestone Store on the main street of Elizabethtown. Here, Elvin Hess, left, teacher of vocational agriculture and advisor of the FFA chapter checks on the sow and litter with two committee members, Larry Givens, Bainbridge R1, and Donald Patches, Elizabethtown R1.

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## Drought Emergency Corn Received In Lancaster Co.

Fred G Seldomridge, chairman of the Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, announced today the first shipment of Commodity Credit Corp corn being supplied to farmers in Lancaster County under the Emergency Livestock Feed Program arrived Thursday morning at Hiestand's Mill at Salunga.

This is the first shipment of corn in this county that has been made under the recent emergency declaration made by the Secretary of Agriculture, Orville L Freeman. Under the emergency designation, government owned corn is being made available to farmers in disaster counties of Penna at reduced prices to supplement feed shortages caused by severe drought conditions that existed during the past summer and early fall.

On hand to receive the first shipment which arrived this morning were Edison Osborne, State ASC Committee, Elmer L Huber, and John J Herr, County ASC Committee, Richard A Pennay, ASC Farmer Fieldman, and Dorothy Y. Neel, ASC County Office Manager.

The car of corn originated at the CCC elevators in Grider, Illinois, and was the first of numerous cars scheduled to arrive in this county in the near future.

Farmers on hand to receive distribution of corn were J. Harold Musser, Mervin Neff, Paul Brubaker, Wilbur Erb, all of Mount Joy RD and Robert Nolt, Lancaster RD.

The County ASCS Office has a considerable backlog of orders which will be filled as rapidly as cars are received at

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## Elizabethtown Future Farmers Pig Poultry Ass'n In Store Window Draws Interest Schedules Meet

Elizabethtown residents probably did a "double take" this week as they walked up the main street.

The unusual scene which greeted them was a large white sow and a litter of 10 pigs in a store window.

To draw the public's attention to National FFA week, the Future Farmers of America at the Elizabethtown High School put the display of pigs, and a batch of baby chicks in the front show window of Newcomer's Firestone store on Market Street.

John Ness, owner of the store, said Thursday "People were still bringing their children down to the store in pajamas at 10 O'clock at night on Monday." He said there had been a steady stream of adults and children looking at the exhibit all week. The most often heard remarks are, "Aren't they cute?", "Are they for

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The first educational meeting of the season, sponsored by the Lancaster County Poultry Growers Association will be held at the Poultry Center on February 27.

The meeting, at 340 W Roseville Road, will be called to order at 7:30 p.m.

The two part program will feature Dr Floyd Hicks, Poultry Extension Specialist from Pennsylvania State University, who will cover the general

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## SPABC Members Approve Merge With Western Co-op

Members of the Lancaster District of the Southeastern Penna Artificial Breeders Cooperative voted Thursday night to merge with Western Penna. Cooperative.

The vote of 126 to 28 follows the pattern of 11 other district meetings where the voting has been about 89 per cent in favor of the merger plans, according to David Yoder, General Manager.

Members of the Clarion-based, Western Penna cooperative will vote at district meetings until sometime next week. Yoder said the voting in district meetings there have been even more heavily in favor of the merger than in the local cooperative. If the expected approval is given by the membership, the target date for the opening of business as a new cooperative is July 1.

If merger plans are approved, the Western cooperative facilities will be sold, and all

barn and laboratory facilities will be located at Lancaster. The name of the cooperative will become Atlantic Breeders Cooperative.

Yoder reported that 1963 marked the first year in the history of the cooperative that total volume fell below the previous year. "Income was

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## Farm Calendar

Feb. 24 — 7:30 p.m. — Extension Home Economics demonstration on freezing foods at the PP&L building on the square, Lancaster.

7:30 p.m. — Adult welding class in the vocational agriculture shop at Ephrata High School.

7:30 p.m. — Central 4-H Tractor club meets at the N. G. Hershey garage, Manheim.

8 p.m. — Reorganization meeting of the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association board at the Farm Bureau cooperative, Daller-ville Road, Lancaster.

Feb. 25 — 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. — County Crops and Soils day at the Guernsey Pavilion, Lincoln Highway east of Lancaster.

7:30 p.m. — Manor Young Farmers class on hog production in the Penn Manor High School. First of a series of three, postponed from Feb. 18.

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## State SCS Officials Will Explain River Basin Study Here Next Week

County and municipal officials, planning commissions and conservationists of the county will get a first hand look at the U S Department of Agriculture's work in the Susquehanna River Basin, Wednesday evening February 26 at the Manor Shopping Center Auditorium, Lancaster.

State Conservationist Ivan McKeever, Chairman, U S Department of Agriculture Field Advisory Committee in the Basin study, will outline agriculture's role in developing the comprehensive plan for the Susquehanna River.

The Department has been assigned major responsibilities by the U S Congress in studying the problems and needs in upstream watersheds. Agriculture is now working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and others in developing the total plan for the Basin which is expected to be completed within the next 5 years.



IVAN MCKEEVER

At the meeting McKeever, who is in charge of the work for the Soil Conservation Service in Pennsylvania, is expected to

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## Cattle Auction Set To Open April First

The Lancaster Livestock Exchange announced this week that the grand opening of their new auction pavilion will be held on Wednesday, April 1, with weekly livestock auctions each Wednesday thereafter.

The first sale is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. After a recess from noon until 1 p.m. selling will continue during the rest of the afternoon.

Order of sale will see bulls (Continued on Page 4).

## Soil Day Is Next Week

Lancaster County Crops and Soils Day will be held on Tuesday, February 25 at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion along Route 30, east of Lancaster, according to Arnold Lueck, assistant county agent.

Several Pennsylvania State Extension agronomists will present timely information on small grains, field corn, weed control practices and potato fertilization. A new feature this year will be reports of work being done on tobacco.

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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 44 in the afternoon to 25 at night. Cold throughout the period with the coldest weather about the middle of the five day period. Precipitation may total about a half inch (melted), occurring as snow on Sunday.