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YORK-LANCASTER AREA FFA LAND JUDGING winner, William Ulrich, center, is surrounded by the runners-up at the contest Wednesday. Left to right are George Eisenberger, James Brubaker, Ulrich, Robert Witwer, and Ray Bowman. The contest was held at the farm of Robert Gibble, Manheim R2.

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County Future Farmers Sweep Land Judging Tilt

Lancaster County Future Farmers completely shut out their York County competitors Wednesday at the area FFA Land Use and Management contest. Local blue jackets grabbed off the first 16 places in the five stage event on the Robert Gibble farm, Manheim R2. Nine of the contestants will go to the state land judging contest during FFA week at Penn State University in June. Last year's winner in the two county event, William Ulrich, Quarryville R1, repeated over his nearest rival The 16 year old Solanco High School junior scored 477 points out of a possible 500. Robert Witwer East Earl R1, a junior at Garden Spot High School, New Holland, was runner up with 454 points. The Grassland Chapter member is 16 years old. Ulrich passed up the chance at the state contest last year when the Solanco parliamentary procedure team, of which he was a member, won the regional contest and went on to the state finals. Witwer was his win with a 23 point bulge. (Continued on Page 13)

County 4-H Dairy Show To Be At Guernsey Barn

The 1964 Lancaster County 4-H Dairy club roundups will be held at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion, Lincoln Highway east of Lancaster, in August. Club leaders meeting at the Farm Bureau Cooperative building in Lancaster Thursday night voted to hold the county judging event at the sales barn on August 11 and 12 or August 12 and 13, the dates will depend on how soon the facilities can be cleared after a state Guernsey cattle sale. For several years the county roundups have been held in conjunction with the annual Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeders show, but since SPAABC cancelled the 1964 exhibition, new facilities had to be found. The 4-H animals will be housed in the sales pavilion barn and one tent will be erected for a show ring. Holsteins from both the Lancaster County club and the (Continued on Page 11)

Heptachlor No More For Alfalfa, Says USDA

The U S Department of Agriculture today cancelled the registration of heptachlor for treatment of alfalfa. This action was taken because the Food and Drug Administration has found amounts of heptachlor epoxide in milk. Improved analytical procedures, which are 10 times as sensitive

as those used before, made possible detection of minute amounts of residue. Heptachlor epoxide is the product formed when an animal eats the insecticide heptachlor. John O. Pepper, Penn State University extension entomologist, told Lancaster Farming this week, "This means that heptachlor will not be included (Continued on Page 10)

Swine Producers Hold Election

John Henkel, Strasburg R1, was elected president of the Lancaster County Swine Producers Association during a recent meeting at the Lancaster Union Stock Yards. Henkel, a partner at Willow Glen Farm, succeeds C. Warren Leininger, Denver R2, who was elected vice president of the association. Re-elected secretary treasurer was James Z. Martin, Christiansburg R1.

Farm Calendar

- May 3 — RURAL LIFE SUNDAY.
- May 3-10 — Soil Stewardship Week.
- May 4 — 8 p.m. — Northwest area 4-H leaders training session at Donegal High School, Mount Joy.
- May 5 — 4:30 p.m. — Lancaster County teachers of vocational agriculture meet at the Ephrata High School.
- 7:30 p.m. — Southern Lancaster County 4-H Holstein club meets at the home of Fred Kieider, Quarryville R1.
- May 6 — 7:30 p.m. — Lancaster County 4-H Council meets at the home of Lester Schreiber, Kinzer Ave, New Holland.
- 8 p.m. — Red Rose Baby Beef and Lamb club meets at John Neff School, Neffsville.
- May 7 — 6:45 p.m. — Lancaster County Honey Producers meet at the Masonic Home Farms fruit storage, Elizabethtown.
- 7 p.m. — County Senior Extension club to tour Lancaster County prison.
- May 8 — 7:30 p.m. — Boots and saddles light horse and pony 4-H club meets at Reamstown Park.
- May 9 — 1:30 p.m. — Farm Women to host Society 21 at the Conestoga Methodist Church.

Syrian Visitor To Lancaster County Sees Differences In Farming

A visitor to the county this week hires workers to follow a crop over thousands of miles each year. Talal M J Kourabee, partner and manager of a 4,000 acre farm between the junction of the Khabour and Euphrates Rivers in Northern Syria, has about 600 head of sheep which he keeps for wool and meat. The sheep follow the water from lowland to mountains during the different seasons of the year, and the Bedowin workers who herd the sheep follow with all their families and possessions. Sometimes the sheep travel as far as 1,000

kilometers in one year, Kourabee said. But the big crop on the Syrian farm is cotton. Kourabee purchases cotton seed from the United States for his 2,500 acres. The seed from his cotton is distributed to other growers by the government. Seed from this second group of farmers goes to the smaller commercial cotton producers throughout the country. Last year Kourabee won a silver cup from the government for high yields. Normally, he said, he produces 10,000 to 12,000 tons of fibre each year. (Continued on Page 10)

County Future Farmers Win Area FFA Meats Judging Contest Here

Last year's winner in the York-Lancaster area Future Farmers meat contest finished in the runner up spot Thursday. Winner of the competition at Kunzler and Company, Inc., Lancaster, was Tom Zartman, Ephrata R1. The 15 year old sophomore at Ephrata High School is the son of Mr. and

Mrs. Ira Zartman. He scored 218 points. Elmer Stoltzfus, 18, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Stoltzfus, Holtwood R2, scored 210.8 points to finish in the second spot. The Penn Manor senior finished seventh in the state contest last year. Both Zartman and Stoltzfus (Continued on page 6)

Drought Year Production Down 3 percent In County

The value of Lancaster County's farm production dropped only three per cent in 1963 despite a severe drought over most of the area, figures from the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service show. The value of all agricultural products in 1963 was set at \$89,906,610, the lowest volume since 1960. In 1962, county farmers grossed \$92,701,590, nearly \$34 million and three per cent more than last year. Drought created shortages in many field crops was offset by higher prices as demand for feed locally pushed the value upward. The totals came as a surprise to many farm observers who expected much lower figures following the dry year. Biggest price jump was for corn and hay, the service figures showed. Despite less hay tonnage, for example, the value of the county's hay crop last year increased nearly \$1 million from 1962 as prices soared to historic highs. (Continued on Page 12)

Fulton Grange Has Youth Night

Youth night was celebrated at the Monday night meeting of Fulton Grange at Oakryn Hall. Young Grange members were selected by the youth committee to fill the chairs for the evening. Ray McSparran was acting Master. The home economics committee held a sewing contest with the winning dress going on to the state Grange contest. Miss Charles Wissler, who was sponsored by Mrs. Charles Long, was winner of the contest. First and second degrees will be conferred at the May 11 (Continued on Page 12)

FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the day are expected to average 2 to 7 degrees below the normal range of 70 in the afternoon to 47 at night. Little day to day changes are expected. Precipitation may total less than 0.1 inch. Showers are expected over the Pennsylvania mountains on Saturday, but little if any shower activity is expected southeast of the hills.