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INSPECTING A PLOT OF PENNFIELD spring oats, a new variety just released by the Pennsylvania State University are, left to right, Robert P. Pfeifer, plant breeder with the Pennsylvania State University; John Yocum, Director of the Southeast Pennsylvania Research Laboratory Farm, and Assistant County Agent, Arnold Lueck. Pennfield seed will be available to seed producers next spring, but none is yet available for general distribution. L. F. Photo.

## Cereal Beetle Is Called "Most Destructive Pest"

A plant quarantine expert warned county farmers Thursday to be on the lookout for Cereal Leaf Beetle which he described as, "Potentially one of the most destructive plant pests to ever enter this country."

Mac A Campbell of the US Department of Agriculture Pest Control Division, speaking at a small grains field day on the Southeastern Pennsylvania Field Research Laboratory farm, said the beetle, now confined to the three states of Michigan, Indiana and Ohio, is one of the fastest spreading insects known.

He said the beetle was first detected in the lakes section of Michigan, but no one knows where it came from. The beetles chew the soft part of cereal grain leaves between the veins until the plant takes on a whitish, yellow appearance.

Campbell said control in grain fields, with two light sprays of Malathion, can protect the grain, but the egg laying habits of the mature pests makes eradication by spraying almost impossible. He said the beetles will live on almost any grass plant in addition to corn and the small grains.

Grain and grasses from the three states are under quarantine, he said, but farmers need to be on the lookout for the 3/16 inch long adult.

He said 15½ million barber-beetles were found in Michigan last year.

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## Independent Growers Are Needed, Brubaker Says

A veteran Lancaster County poultry producer said this week the independent poultry grower will continue to be an asset to the industry and an economic force in the community.

Levi Brubaker, Rohrerstown, speaking at the summer conference of the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation on the campus of the Pennsylvania State University said there is a place for the independent producer in a business marked by integration.

He said business does not necessarily insure success in the industry. He pointed with concern to the recent business reverses and continuing growth of big cooperatives.

"When we lose our freedom in business," he said, "We have lost just as realistically as if we had lost to some tyrannical power."

He said giant cooperatives control the feed business and the same methods fuel competition use in gasoline wars.

Brubaker, one of the founders of the defunct Lancaster Poultry exchange, said many of the current industry problems can be traced to over expansion with the use of out-

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## Holstein Men Set Field Day

The Lancaster County-Holstein-Friesian Association has announced July 29 as the date of the annual field day.

The judging program is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. on the farm of Hiram Aungst, Elizabethtown R1. The Aungst farm is located about two miles south of Elizabethtown just off Rt 743 near Bosler's Church.

Judging in three categories, for adults, ladies and youth, will feature Jack Fanchild of Fairwood Farm as the official judge. Fanchild will also be the main speaker during the afternoon program.

County Agent, Max M. Smith, will also speak during the afternoon, and judging prizes will be awarded.

A chicken barbecue will be served at noon, but field day committee members have asked that reservations for lunch be made before July 15.

## Martha Foulk Is Named County Dairy Princess

Miss Martha Foulk, Quarryville R3, was named Lancaster County Dairy Princess, Tuesday night, during Ladies Night at the North Lancaster Kiwanis Club.

Host Motel, Lancaster. Runner up in the contest to pick a representative from Lancaster County to the state finals in Hershey next month was Donna Landis, 2088 Creek Hill Road, Lancaster.

Miss Foulk, a junior student at Millersville State College, lives just five miles from the

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## Poultrymen Honor Lebanon County Man

A Lebanon County man was named "Pennsylvania Poultryman of the Year" by the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation, Wednesday night during the annual conference at University Park.

Lawrence E. Kegerreis, Palmyra R1, was honored at

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## Poultrymen Elect Officers

Paul Konhaus, Mechanicsburg, was elected president of the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation during the group's annual convention Thursday at University Park.

Konhaus, a turkey breeder and a director of the National Turkey Federation, succeeds Harry R. Ulrich of Harrisburg.

Other state officers elected were Charles R. Phillips, Pottsville, first vice president, William R. Myers, Myerstown, second vice president, Edwin Wallis, Jr., Liverpool, secretary, Lawrence E. Kegerreis, Palmyra, treasurer, and George M. Anthony, Strasstown, Homer J. Bixler, Souderton, H. Robert Houser, York, and Dr. Thomas R. Ziegler, Gardnersburg, directors.

## Eastern Milk Producers Oppose Federal Food Stamp Program

Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative Association Syracuse, N. Y., announced today their opposition to the proposed Food Stamp Act of 1964 (HR 10222), which provides for the expansion and making permanent the Pilot Food Stamp plan, and also any continuation of the pilot program now in operation in some 43 areas.

This statement was made by John C. York, Executive Secretary of Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative Association, on behalf of this large dairy bargaining cooperative, before the committee on Agriculture and Forestry of United States Senate.

According to York, the association's opposition to this plan in any form was based on their belief that the plan would fail to achieve either of the two purposes for which it was formulated. The association contends it will not remove surplus foods from the normal channels of trade nor will it improve the food situation of needy people.

In commenting on the direct distribution of surplus food, versus the Food Stamp Plan York said, "While the benefit of needy participants in Grays Harbor County, an experimental area, in terms of retail prices, is approximately the same under both plans, the cost to the Federal Government is much greater."

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## Farmers Are Invited To Field Day At Dairy Demonstration Farm

County Agent, Max Smith, this week issued an invitation to all county farmers to attend a field day at the County Unit Demonstration Farm on July 9.

The all day event, beginning at 10 a.m. on the farm of J. Wade Groff, 644 Beaver Valley Pike, Lancaster R7, will feature tours of demonstration plots where farmers

can see the relationship of fertilizer practices to crop varieties.

Demonstrations have been established relating to varieties of grasses and legumes, various fertilizer treatments, weed control plots in both corn and tobacco, sudan grass and sorghum hybrid varieties, soil erosion control, and soil profile inspection. Other special features will include a dairy barn remodeling demonstration and educational exhibits.

Lunch will be available at the Groff farm and will be followed by a brief speaking program including several

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## Farm Calendar

- June 29 — July 2 — Pennsylvania State Club Congress at University Park
  - June 29 — 9 a.m. — Landisville S. Lunga 4-H sewing club meets at the Hempfield High School
  - June 30 — 10 a.m. — Forage Day at the Pennsylvania State University
  - June 30 — 12:00 noon — Kiwanis Club scholarships presented to 4-H club members at the Brunswick Hotel, Lancaster
  - July 30 a.m. — New Providence Community 4-H club meets at the Providence Elementary School
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## FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average two to six degrees above the normal range of 63 at night to 86 in the afternoon. Little day to day temperature change is expected. Precipitation may total less than 0.2 inch falling as scattered showers Sunday or Tuesday.