

Lancaster Farming

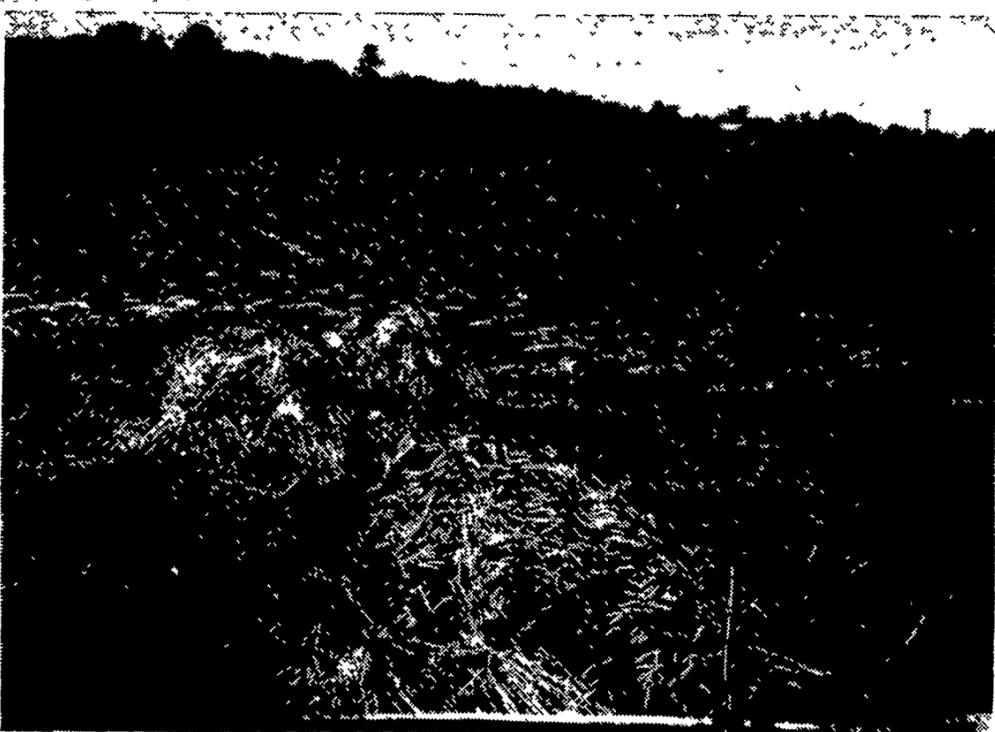


BARLEY HARVEST WAS JUST ABOUT CLEANED UP this week and the harvest was just around the corner. Some farmers in the eastern part of the county have already cut wheat with the binder. Richard Peters, Manheim R4, now runs the combine for his uncle, Benjamin Peters, in the barley field of Spenk, Manheim R2. The dry weather during the past two weeks made the work of barley harvest.

L. F. Photo.

Jackson Owen Resigns As Lanc. Farming Editor

Jackson Owen, Editor of Lancaster Farming since September 1950, has resigned to take a position as Information Specialist on the staff of the University of Maryland. Owen is a graduate of Quarryville High School, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Education from Pennsylvania State University in 1950. He taught agricultural agriculture at Quarryville, York County, for two years before returning to Quarryville High School where he taught for seven years. Mrs. Owen, the former Mrs. Osborne, and their son Eugene, fifteen, and daughter Owen, plan to move to College Park, Maryland. Owen's successor will be named in the near future.



WHEAT IS STILL SHOCKED IN SOME parts of Lancaster County. Some of our neighbors to the east of Lancaster still pull the binder through the grain fields with horses and shock the golden sheaves to complete the ripening process. To most of us it seems like a lot of hard work, but it continues to present an appealing view to tourists.

L. F. Photo.

Calendar

- 8:30 a.m. — Landisville 4-H Sewing club meets at Hempfield Senior High School
- 9:00 a.m. — County 4-H Extension Day at Penn State High School
- 9:00 a.m. — District 4-H Leadership School at the Cocoa Inn, Pottsville, Pa.
- 10:00 a.m. — Dairy meeting at the farm of J. Groff, 644 Beaver Valley, Lancaster R7.
- 9:00 a.m. — 4-H driving contest at the Equipment Co., Pottsville, Pa.
- 10:00 a.m. — Fruit Growers Association of Lancaster County, Adams County.

Pa. Farm Prices Up 1⁰⁷/₁₀ Over May

Prices received by Commonwealth farmers in mid June increased one per cent from mid May according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. Hog prices advanced 6 per cent from last month but lower prices of other meat animals offset this increase. Higher prices for poultry and eggs accounted for most of the increase in receipts from a month earlier. Chicken prices increased 8 per cent, and egg prices 3 per cent.

Egg prices were up a cent from May when they equalled the low May 1963 price. Field crops, both food and feed grains and hay show a substantial decline from last month. Most important of these declines is wheat 7 per cent, barley 7 per cent, and hay 8 per cent. The wholesale milk price for June is estimated at \$4.25 per cwt the same as last month and 13 cents higher than last year. The Index of Prices Received, which is a measure of the trend and changes of prices received by farmers, was 216 (Continued on Page 5)

Dairy Demonstration Field Day Thurs. At Groff Farm

A crew of Extension Specialists from Penn State University are expected to assist the local County Extension Agents in conducting the Unit Demonstration Field Day, this Thursday, July 9. This all-day event is scheduled to be held at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wade Groff, 644 Beaver Valley Pike, Lancaster R7, Pa. (located about one mile west of Lampeter). From 10 a.m. until noon and from 2:30 p.m. until 4 p.m., a series of guided Wagon Tours will be conducted over the farm; a number of special crop demonstrations have been established adapted to dairy farm production. The specialists who will contribute to the day's program are: Fred A. Hughes—to discuss the importance of good farm management. Will be one of the afternoon speakers. John Baylor—from Extension Agronomy to discuss grass-legume forage mixtures and their uses. Dexter Putnam—the local County Extension Dairyman to review the dairy management practices on the Groff herd and the results. Roger Grout—from Agricultural Engineering to conduct a barn remodeling demonstration on the Groff dairy barn. Milford Heddleson—Soil Specialist to be in charge of the Soil Profile demonstration and discussion. George Berggren—Extension Weed Specialist—to discuss the weed control program and will have a poisonous weed exhibit. The formal speaking program will begin at 1:30 p.m. on the lawn of the Groff home and lunch will be available at the farm. All interested dairymen and grassland farmers are invited to attend this public, educational Field Day.

4-H Citizenship School July 12

A delegation of five Lancaster County 4-H members are scheduled to attend a week-long citizenship school at the National 4-H headquarters in Washington, D. C., during the week of July 12 to 18. The group from Lancaster County will be part of a 33 member delegation from seven southeastern Pennsylvania counties traveling by bus. They will be chaperoned by two extension agents, Mrs. Helen Tunison from Adams County and Paul Reber from Montgomery County. The Lancaster County members are Eric Stoner, 1051 Eden Road, Lancaster; Lilli Ann Wivell, Columbia R1; Judy Longenecker, Holtwood R1; Nancy Neff, Milledale R1; and Charles Waifel, Conestoga R2. About four fifths of the cost of the trip will be paid out of the 4-H development fund set up last year to use the funds provided by the state from harness racing funds.

Tomato Growers Specialty Shop Opened Wed.

The Washington Boro Tomato Growers Cooperative Assn. opened its staked tomato specialty shop for business Wednesday five days ahead of schedule. Manager Reeder M. Young attributed the early staked tomato volume to substantial quantities of early spring rains which advanced ripening. (Continued on Page 5)

FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average four degrees above the normal range of 65 at night to 87 in the afternoon. Quite warm over the weekend with a moderating trend thereafter. Precipitation may total 1/2 inch or more as scattered showers and thunder showers Monday and Tuesday.