8-Lancaster Farming, Satuday, July 18, 1964

Tobacco Crop **Down 4 Percent**

Production of 1964 Pennsylvania tobacco is forecast at 48.1 million pounds based on was practically completed by the crop on July 1, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. This represents a 4 per cent decline from 1963 when production totaled 49,950,000 pounds and an 11 per cent decrease from the 1958-62 average production.

A yield of 1850 pounds per acre is anticipated. This would equal last year but exceed the 1958-62 average yield of 1770 pounds by 5 per cent. A reduction in acreage planted to tobacco is responsible for the expected drop in production. The 26,000 acres is 1,000 acres or 4 per cent below that harvested in 1963 and 15 per cent. below the 5 year average of 30.600 acres Planted acreage is the lowest since 1953.

Rural Safety

way later than usual. Very little transplanting was done in May but the pace improved July 1 with a few growers finishing up or transplanting plants burned out by dry conareas. Although later than matter of national concern." normal, it was completed ahead were dry in most tobacco tractor safety. areas but plants set in the field ed moisture for continued good Pyle, NSC president.

growth of plants. Some cutworm damage is is declining, the total number occuring in unsprayed fields of deaths to farm residents but disease and insects have each year remains almost uncreated no problems so far.

"accidents still cause thousands of deaths and nearly a million disabling injuries to farm people each year.

"This loss of human and economic resources causes a significant adverse impact upon the economy of the entire naditions experienced in some tion and must be viewed as a

Primary concentration of the of last year when dry condi- 1964 campaign will be on safetions were experienced early ly with farm chemicals, prein the season. May and June venting home poisonings, and

Farming remains the nalook good. Early July tion's third most hazardous ocrainfall provided much need- cupation, according to Howard "While our farm population

changed," Pyle said.



Plowing Contest Is July 23rd

The Lancaster County Plowing Contest and Conservation Field Day will be held Thursday, July 23, on the farm of Roy Garber, Fruitville Pike, near Rohrer's stone quarry. The rain date is July 27

A revolving trophy which must be won three years in succession will be awarded to the first place winner, who also will win a permanent trophy, \$25 in cash and a blue ribbon. Other prizes will be \$15, \$10, \$5 and \$3, as well as ribbons, for second through fifth places.

Richard Groff, last year's winner, is bidding for a second leg on the challenge trophy. Each contestant must plow approximately one-sixth of an acre, and points are awarded on various phases.

The winner also will have his expenses paid to the state contest in Fort McCord, Frankhn County, on Wednesday, July 29.

Elmer V. Good, Lititz R1, is chairman of the county contest.

The judges for the Lancaster County contest will be James F. Haldeman, County Agricultural agent, Reading; Henry Mattox, Soil Conservationist of Adams County, Gettysburg, and John J Herr, Mount Joy R1, farmer.



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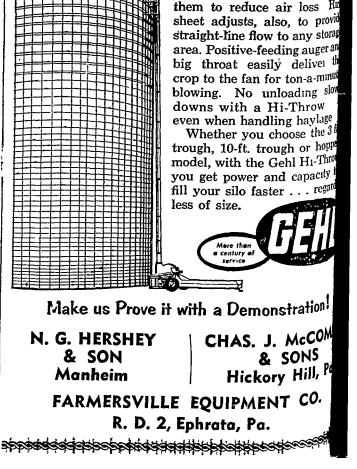


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