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**AGRICULTURAL
CENTER**

From this field one day in the near future will spring Lancaster County's own, and much needed, Agricultural Center. After a delay of about two years, plans have finally taken shape. The Center will be located just off the Route 230 By-Pass.

Plans Take Shape For New Agricultural Center

Plans announced almost two years ago for establishing an Agricultural Center, and which were temporarily delayed until a favorable tax ruling on contributions could be obtained, are now being reactivated according to Willis Z Esbenschade, President of the Board of Directors of the Lancaster County Farm and Home Foundation.

Esbenschade issued a public statement today, indicating that the purposes and structure of the original organization of agricultural and business leaders have been modified and strengthened, to permit gifts for the construction of a Farm and Home Center deductible in computing federal income taxes. The Board President explained that the Foundation has been issued a favorable tax ruling, in recent months, and that the Directors will proceed with the project at the earliest time possible.

While no specific fund-raising objective has been determined as yet, estimates for erecting the Center, as originally planned, involved some \$300,000, exclusive of land. An anonymous donor has agreed to contribute 10 acres of land in Manheim Township, adjoining Route 230 by-pass, as a site for the Center.

The need for this type of Center was recognized years ago by the poultrymen of our county when they erected the Poultry Center, which has served well for a large number of activities. A qualified engineer has made a detailed study to determine the feasibility of enlarging the present Poultry Center to meet the needs of the Farm and Home Center.

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Nitrate Danger High In Crops

The drought in sections of the country this summer has increased the danger of nitrate in some crops, says George E. Smith, chairman of the University of Missouri soils department.

Smith warns that drought-damaged corn grown on fertile soil may contain sufficient nitrate to affect its feed value when used as silage.

Tests made in July at the University's Southwest Missouri Research Center near Mt. Vernon showed a high nitrate content in corn, forage sorghums, and sudan grass. These crops, Smith points out, received less than an inch of rain in July.

He says corn — and other crops — which has been hurt so badly by drought it will not produce grain is likely to retain a high nitrate content.

Plants convert nitrate and other materials to protein in the production of grain. If grain development is prevented, this conversion does not take place and a greater amount of nitrate is retained in the plant.

According to Smith, drought hit much of the corn at a

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Harvest Days At The Farm Museum

Fall Harvest Days will be held at the Pennsylvania Farm museum off Route 222 between Lancaster and Ephrata on Saturday and Sunday, October 3 and 4 from 1-5 p.m.

Demonstrations will be made of various phases of farm life in the 1700 and 1800's, as the people prepared for the winter months ahead. Participants will be authentically costumed.

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Fire Hazard In Forests Severe

Secretary of Forests and Waters Maurice K. Goddard issued an urgent plea for public cooperation and more stringent regulation of fires near forest land in the Commonwealth.

"During the past weekend, our forest protection agency logged 47 fires. This was the period of Saturday, Sunday

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Donna Hess Shows Top Steer At West Lampeter

At the West Lampeter Fair Baby beef show on Wednesday night, Donna Hess, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Hess, Jr., Strasburg Rd., showed her crossbred steer to the grand championship. The black Shorthorn, whose name bounced from Corky to Oddball and then back to Corky during his rearing, was the result of mating a purebred Angus cow to a Purebred Shorthorn bull. Under show rules a crossbred

is exhibited in the breed of the sire.

Twelve-year-old Miss Hess has been partial to Shorthorns through most of her brief show career. Corky is her third Shorthorn steer. Last year she had the reserve grand championship at this fair, and two years ago she showed the Shorthorn breed champion in the junior division of both the Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition and the Pennsylvania Farm Show.

The reserve grand champion at the West Lampeter Fair was a Hereford named Fireball owned and shown by Harry Nissley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Nissley, Millport Rd., Lancaster. Fireball, who was shown in nearly every event for which he was eligible, appeared to be getting a little weary of the whole affair toward the end when he tried several times to settle down for a short rest.

The first and second trophies in the Best Fitted Class were won by Bertha Boose, 2258

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Corky, Grand Champion Steer at the West Lampeter Fair, and owner, Donna Hess, share the spotlight with Fireball, the Reserve Grand Champion, owned by Harry Nissley.

Weather Forecast

Temperatures for the five-day period Saturday through Wednesday are expected to average near normal. Normal high and low for the period is 73 and 52 degrees. There will be a day-to-day increase in temperatures Saturday through Monday, cooler Tuesday and Wednesday.

Little or no precipitation is expected, except less than .1 inch occurring as showers in the extreme northern section on Monday.

Farm Calendar

- Sept. 28 — Fulton Grange, Booster Night, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 30 — New Holland Fair.
- October 1 — New Holland Fair.
- 4-H Baby Beef Judging, 1 p.m., followed by 4-H Swine Judging.
- October 2 — New Holland Fair.
- October 3 — New Holland Fair.