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## Check Weevil By Early Harvest Of Alfalfa PSU Says

Weevil activity in Lancaster County alfalfa fields is running very high this year, and according to Arnold Luck, associate county agent, the peak of damage has not yet been reached.

One partial solution to the weevil problem comes from John B. Washko, research agronomist at Penn State University. He says that early harvesting of alfalfa will help to minimize the damage caused by this widespread pest.

Harvesting alfalfa at the early bud stage has the added advantage of giving maximum nutrient quality. Dr. Washko pointed out, due to high percentage of leaves in relation to stems. He added there is a slight reduction in total digestible nutrient (T.D.N.) yield per acre.

Four years of field trials indicate that stands of alfalfa will not be damaged by early bud stage cutting, provided additional cuttings are taken at the 1/10 to 1/2 bloom stage. Dr. Washko said this cutting practice helps build up food reserves in the root.

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CLIFFORD BOLLINGER SHOWN WITH PART OF ONE FFA PROJECT, a lamb from his flock of Hampshire sheep. His other supervised projects include dairy, beef, tobacco and corn. He is president of the Cloister FFA Chapter, and recently won first place for the Chapter in the area tractor contest. L. F. Photo

## Cliff Bollinger, Cloister FFA Chapter President, Plans Career In Farming

With so much talk about farms going out of production these days, and so many high school agriculture graduates destined for non-farm careers, it is encouraging to realize that there will also be well qualified young men going into the business of farming in the years just ahead. Clifford Bollinger is one farm boy who intends to stay on the farm. Although plans sometimes have an unpredictable way of changing, his present intentions are to return to the family's Meadow Spring Farm at Litz R4 after graduation next year from Ephrata High School.

Cliff is the 17-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Abram M. Bollinger. The main Bollinger farm consists of 109 acres of corn, hay, tobacco, and pasture, and supports a 20-head head of Holsteins and 100 head of beef cattle. They also operate another farm of about 124 acres of crops and fatten 100 beef cattle.

Cliff's most recent accomplishment was his victory in the Lancaster-York County area FFA tractor driving Spring Farm at Litz R4 af-

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## Dairy Barn Remodeling Observed On DHIA Four-Farm County Tour

Approximately forty county dairymen and other interested persons embarked on a tour of four farms this week to observe what other farmers had done in remodeling or expanding their dairy barns. The tour, under the leadership of Victor Plastow, associate county agent, and adviser Roger Grout, Penn State extension engineer, visited two farms using free stall housing, and two featuring comfort stalls.

### Jay Garber farm

The first stop was at the farm of Jay Garber, Lancaster R6. Garber has had a free-stall set up for about one year. When he converted his old dairy barn he put in 66 stalls to allow for expansion of his present 44-cow herd.

Garber felt that one of the big problems is to train the cows to go all the way into

the stalls. This is one reason he is raising his replacement heifers in stalls. Once they've been brought up to use stalls he anticipates little trouble with them as adults.

One interesting feature at the Garber farm was the homemade scraper attachment that he uses to clean manure from the alleys and the barnyard. The side shields pivot a full 360 degrees. This enables him to push manure up a ramp without losing any from under the scraper. He can also reverse his scraping action simply by raising the whole attachment with the tractor's hydraulic lift. This

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## Dale Hershey Named Outstanding Senior At Manheim FFA Banquet

The Manheim FFA recently held their 13th annual Parent-Son awards banquet in the high school cafeteria with 110 parents and guests present.

Dale Hershey was awarded the Outstanding Senior Award given by the Bankers' Association of Lancaster County, presented by Norman Weaver, president of the Manheim National Bank. Dale also was presented with the DeKalb award, having met their qual-

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## Weather Forecast

Temperatures for the five-day period, Saturday through Wednesday, are expected to average near, or slightly above, normal. There will be little day-to-day variation, with the coolest part of the period at the beginning of the week.

Precipitation will occur as showers about Wednesday, and should total between 1/4-1/2 inch.

## S & W Conserv. Dist. Directors Elect Gingerich Association Secretary

At their regular monthly meeting held this week at the county courthouse, the Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District Directors, named Garland Gingerich, vocational agriculture teacher at Penn Manor High School, secretary for the district.

Gingerich will fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Henry Givler, effective following the next monthly meeting. Givler, secretary for the past five years, is resigning to meet additional school obligations. He is a teacher in vocational agriculture at Pequea Valley High School.

Among other business discussed by the directors was the county plowing contest

and field day which was tentatively set for the last week in July. Soil Stewardship Week, May 23-30, will be promoted through the press and radio, and director Elmer Good announced that plans are being made to feature a special television program on

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## Cereal Leaf Beetle Object Of Organized Patrol At Pa. Border

Pennsylvania is organizing a border patrol to guard against invasion by the cereal leaf beetle, described as "one of the fastest moving insect pests in the United States today."

State Agriculture Secretary Leland H. Bull said detection teams have begun operating along the Pennsylvania-Ohio line in the state's "first intensive effort to check the eastward movement of this insect that is a serious economic threat to small grain production."

The U. S. Department of Agriculture points out that "the cereal leaf beetle is a good example of how fast a new insect can be established. This beetle, which likes to feed on most grain crops, was found in the United States in July 1962 — first in Michigan and Indiana; and later in Ohio. Today it is

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## Jay Greider Named Director On Producers Co-Op Exchange Board

Directors of the Producers Cooperative Exchange, Coatesville, elected Jay R. Greider, Jr., of Greider Leghorn Farms, Mount Joy, to the board of directors of the Exchange at a recent meeting.

Greider, a longtime member of the Exchange, was named to fill the unexpired term of William G. Carlin. That term will expire in De-

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THIS MODERN PARLOR was seen on the Leon Kreider farm this week by touring DHIA members. Kreider told the visiting dairymen that it takes two men about 90 minutes to move the 70-cow herd through here and get the parlor cleaned up for the next milking. L. F. Photo

## Farm Calendar

May 17 — 8 p.m. Manheim Young Farmers Assn. at Man. Cent. H S. Speakers: Harry Hofmeister of Farmec who will discuss principles, and economics of automatic feeding; James Metzler, P. P. & L. on economics of electric farm space heating.

— 8 p.m. 4-H Leader's Council meeting at home of Mrs. Willis Bucher, Litz R2.

May 18 — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Homemakers' Cookout at

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