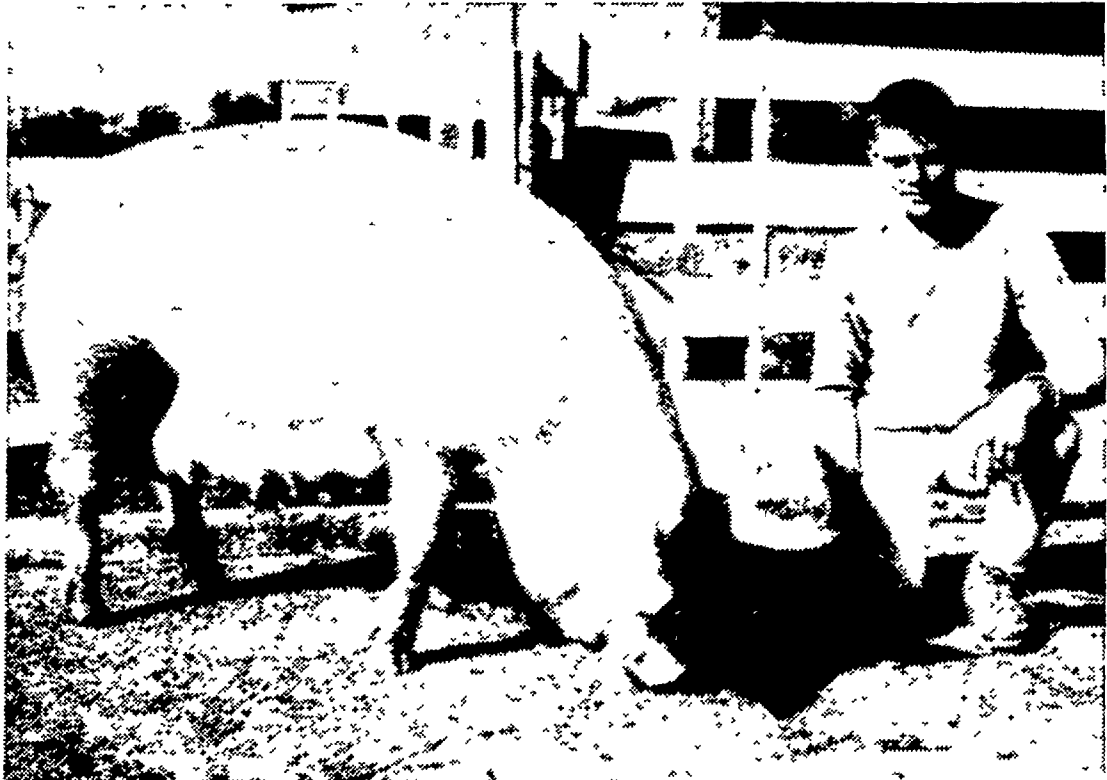


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TOM ZARTMAN, EPHRATA R1, a candidate for the County Star Farmer degree is shown with one of his seven sows, all of which are about to farrow. Tom is a member of the Cloister FFA Chapter, and plans to specialize in livestock production after graduation next year from Ephrata High School.

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## Tom Zartman Anchors His Farming Future Solidly In Livestock Production

(Editor's Note: This is a continuing series featuring the five FFA boys who are competing for the County Star Farmer degree).

Any 16-year-old farm boy who can build an ownership equity of approximately \$7,000 in four years has to be on the right track! That is what Thomas Zartman of Ephrata R1 has accomplished since he began taking livestock production seriously shortly before he entered high school. The present value of his fully-owned equipment and livestock, including 3 steers, 1 Angus heifer, 5 acres of corn, 6 acres of barley, 5 acres of alfalfa, 7 sows (all about to farrow), and 25 market hogs, gives him a sizable stake in the expansion he plans for his hog operation.

he can feed out all his market hogs.

Tom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Zartman. Mr. Zartman and Tom run the 72-acre farm together. In some cases there is a clear-cut division of enterprises; in others they work on halves. Mr. Zartman also works off the farm hauling hay and straw with his trailer truck.

Young Zartman is a senior at Ephrata High School where

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## Meeting Planned For Vegetable Growers July 29

A meeting of Lancaster County vegetable growers will be held Thursday, July 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the Penn State University Southeastern Field Research Farm near Landisville, to observe sweet corn varieties in test plots.

A total of 58 commercial and experimental varieties were planted in 50-foot, replicated rows. Early, mid-season, and late varieties are included. Nine of these are white corn.

Arnold Lueck, associate agricultural agent, states that this is an excellent trial, and he urges all vegetable growers to attend this twilight meeting.

Vegetable specialist from Penn State, J. O. Dutt, will be on hand to discuss the tests. Yield data on some of the early varieties will be available.

## Poultry Judging Team To Be Formed Soon

A 4-H poultry judging team will be formed in the county soon, according to Winthrop Merriam, associate agricultural agent.

The team will consist of four members, and will compete at the State 4-H Days, August 10, at Penn State University. To be eligible for the

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## Weather Forecast

Temperatures for the five-day period, Saturday through Wednesday, are expected to average below normal. Normal for the period would be a high of 87 and a low of 66 degrees. It will be warmer Saturday and Sunday, then cooler in the latter half of the period.

Precipitation is expected to total more than 1/2 inch, occurring as showers and thunderstorms about mid-period.

## Conservation Directors Meet With County Planners To Study Trends Influencing The Future Of Farming

The Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District directors met this week in an informal discussion with the County Planning Commission director Ellis Harned at the County Office Bldg. on East King Street.

The purpose of the get-together was to help the conservationists to better understand the effects of industrial and population growth in the county during the past decade, and by examining the trends, to better predict the direction of this farm-devouring expansion.

To that effect, Planning Director Harned reviewed numerous charts, tables, and maps for the district representatives. In discussing population growth, for example, Harned showed that from 1920-1950 population remained nearly constant, but from 1950-1960 it began to boom.

During that period a population growth of 18 percent made us the fastest growing standard metropolitan area in the state. The greatest growth occurred in the township areas, with the City actually losing population. In projecting housing expansion, Harned predicted the greatest expansion.

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## Further Spots Filled For All American Show

Ten prominent farmers and as many dairy educationists were named to top roles in the Sept. 13-17 second Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show. State Secretary of Agriculture Leland H. Bull said the show, an outstanding event at its introduction a year ago, will be held in the State Farm

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## 2nd Phase Of Ohio 4-H Exchange Prog. Begins

As part of the continuing exchange 4-H program aimed at encouraging a better understanding among youth of people and problems in other states and areas, four 4-H'ers from Ohio recently completed a week's stay with county members. They returned to Ohio on Sunday, July 18.

The second phase of this exchange program will begin July 26 when the 4-H'ers who hosted the Ohioans will travel to Ohio by car for a reciprocal visit.

The members who will make the trip are: Janice Keeney, Village Drive, Neffsville; Averil Royer, 2025 Oregon Pike, Lancaster; Gerald Wagner, Quarryville R2; and Barrett Borry, Mount Joy R1.

## Hunter Gets A Specialist Post At State Level

State Secretary of Agriculture Leland H. Bull has announced the appointment of Ralph W. Hunter, Harrisburg, a pioneer conservationist, as program specialist in the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

For 30 years, starting in 1935, Hunter had been with the Soil Conservation Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, most recently as area conservationist in charge of a 17-county southeast Pennsylvania region.

He did soil erosion control work in Indiana county, advanced to project agronomist on the Beaver Run demon-

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## Three Countians Top Regional Competition For 4-H State Finals

Three Lancaster County 4-H'ers came out on top in their divisions this week in the 13-county, District competition held at the Owen J. Roberts High School, Chester County. The demonstration judged best in each category was selected to represent the Region in the finals at Penn State University in early August.

Dallas Wolgemuth, Mount Joy R1, and Nancy Frey,

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## Farm Calendar

July 25 — 25-31, 4-H Citizenship Short Course, Washington, D. C.

July 27 — 9:30 a.m. Lancaster County Plowing Contest at the Gerald Darlington farm, northwest of Lititz

July 28 — 11 a.m. Lancaster County Holstein Field Day at Clarence Stauffer farm, Ephrata R1.

— 4 p.m. PP&L's Farm Leaders' Workshop at Pine Grove.

July 29 — 11 a.m. Pa. Ayrshire Field Day at Masonic

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