

Donna Landis Is Lanc. Candidate For Honey Title

The Lancaster County Honey Producers Association has chosen Miss Donna Landis as its candidate for the title of Pennsylvania Honey Queen. The nineteen-year-old Miss Landis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester G. Landis, 2088 Creek Hill Rd., Lancaster, and is a graduate of Conestoga Valley High School. Earlier this year she was named runner-up in the county dairy princess contest. Miss Landis will compete in the state honey contest which will be held in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Beekeeper Association's annual meeting on August 21. In its business meeting Thursday, the honey producers re-elected a full slate of officers headed by John Moore, an Ephrata school teacher and beekeeper.

Renamed vice-president was John Shenk, East Petersburg, and secretary-treasurer, Robert Landis, Lampeter.

The association also approved a \$50 donation to the Lancaster County Farm and Home Foundation for its projected \$375,000 agriculture center.

Pennsylvania State University Extension Service apiculture specialist, W. W. Clarke Jr., reported the state honey flow is below normal because of drought and cold spring, but activity is now increasing.

Generally, the colonies are in good shape, he told 30 members attending the meeting.

PA. ANGUS ASSN. ELECTS OFFICERS AT FIELD DAY

Election of officers and inspection of the Pennsylvania State University cow herd were highlights of the recent Pennsylvania Angus Association annual meeting and field day at State College. John Kenosky, Moscow, was

re-elected president for the coming year at the annual meeting the evening preceding the field day, and Raymond Tait, Mercer, was re-elected vice president. Lewis Smith, Glen Rock, was elected secretary-treasurer.

More than 250 persons attended the annual field day at the Penn State animal husbandry barns. Herman Purdy, professor of animal husbandry, acted as master of ceremonies and conducted a parade of the show cattle. Herdsman Gale Long gave a type demonstration in preparation for the judging contests.

Rebecca Welch, Somerset, was high scoring individual in the junior judging contest, and John Leib, Cumberland County, was second.

High scoring adult was Nancy Bohlen, North Salem, New York, and Arley Schisolm, was second.

North Hampton county 4-H team was high in the team event and Lancaster County was second.

Crop Roundup

All areas of the State received very little rain during the past week according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. However, moisture has been adequate to keep most crops in fair condition. The small grains are yielding well as the harvesting of wheat and oats continues. Corn is growing very well in most areas of the State. Hay and pastures are showing the effects of the limited moisture and are producing little feed. Major farm activities for the week were combining wheat and oats, baling straw, making hay, digging some early potatoes, and picking early apples, peaches and sweet corn.

GRAINS:

Harvesting the small grains is the major activity through-

out the State. Wheat is showing a good yield as harvesting is being completed in the Southeast, and nearing completion in the rest of the Commonwealth. The harvesting of oats is well under way in the southern counties. The crop continues to ripen in the Northern areas, with an average stand, but on short straw. Barley harvest is virtually complete. Corn is growing very well in the Southeast and many fields are in the tassel stage. In other areas of the State the corn is entering the tassel stage, but is shorter than normal because of the lack of moisture.

HAY AND PASTURES

Second cutting of alfalfa hay is taking place in all areas of the State where there is adequate growth. However, most fields have shown limited growth and the second cutting is producing below average yields. Pastures are in generally poor condition and producing limited feed. Farmers continue to feed hay and silage as supplemental feed and some have let cattle graze on hay fields.

FRUIT

Picking of early apples continues. Most apples are holding their own against the dry weather and are sizing well. Some thinning of the late crop is still taking place. Peaches continue to ripen and size. Prospects for a good crop are excellent although fruit might be a little small. Grapes are growing very fast and are now about the same size as last year at this time.

OTHER CROPS

The size of early potatoes is small as picking continues. The late varieties are growing nicely however they will need more rain for good size. Irrigation is being used where possible. Tobacco is making good growth and is in excellent condition. Some early plantings will be topped next week. The picking of sweet corn continued during the week in the southern counties. Tomatoes are in good condition as they continue to ripen. In the Washington Boio area about forty percent of the tomatoes have been picked. Harvesting of snap beans continues.

Motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of accidental death to farm residents said the National Safety Council.

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