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## There's Enough Work To Last The Year Around On The Funk Vegetable Farm



AMOS FUNK shown in front of his modern roadside market. This was built in 1963 and now handles one-third of farm's total production L. F. Photo

It's not all summertime and he said that using their field work on the vegetable and small fruit farm of Amos Funk, located about one mile southwest of Millersville. He and two of his sons have been busy building a business that would occupy their time the year around.

They farm 25 varieties of vegetables on 107 acres, beginning with rhubarb in the very early spring and ending the season — if there is an end — with celery, which they are now harvesting and selling.

oil-fired steam heat furnace it takes about \$37 a week to heat the three houses over the fall and winter.

These three houses are operated on a tight production schedule; one crop no sooner goes out than the next takes over. Two varieties of tomatoes are now being raised in one house — Michigan 138 and Michigan-Ohio; varieties especially adapted to greenhouse culture. Last year, (Continued on Page 6)

So what's to do all winter? Well of course there's celery to get ready for market three days a week, there's equipment to repair, including 12-100 feet of irrigation pipe which must be readied to the next growing season. There are 6 acres of strawberries to mulch, there's sweet potato storage which must be checked for temperature and humidity until the crop is sold at the rate of 15-20 bushels per week and several dozen other regular chores.

But these activities were not sufficient to fill the winter work load, so last year the Funks built a plastic-covered greenhouse and this year added two more. These houses measure 20 by 100 feet. They are covered with two layers of plastic and are heated and ventilated. Amos son, Andy, supervises all of the greenhouse production.

## Agri. Research To Move Ahead With New Funds

HARRISBURG — Scientific studies on a score of problem areas in the state's farm program soon will get under way. Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Leland H. Bull said following a recent meeting of the new Advisory Research Fund Committee.

The committee created recently by act of the Legislature and the signature of Governor Scranton reviewed a total of more than seventy research proposals that had been submitted by various interested organizations.

In its selections, the committee gave preference to problems of an urgent nature and those that, when solved, (Continued on Page 4)

## Lancaster County Open & FFA Tobacco Shows Planned For Thursday

The Lancaster County Open and FFA Tobacco shows will be held simultaneously on Thursday January 6, at the Bayuk Cigar Co warehouse at 850 North Water St., Lancaster, at 12:30 p.m.

The classes offered in both shows will be exactly as those used for Farm Show competition.

In the adult show, there will be two divisions in the Wrapper Class — over 26 inches and 26 inches and under, with the same two divisions for the Filler B's and Binder Classes.

The vocational school show will feature only two classes — Wrapper and Filler — with only one division in each class.

## Farm Calendar

January 2 — 7:30 p.m., Lancaster County SWCD directors at Farm Credit Bldg., Lancaster.

January 4 — 7:30 p.m. Farm Art Welding Class at Penn Manor High School; subject, "Striking arcs and running beads."

January 6 — 12:30 p.m., County Tobacco Show, Open and FFA running simultaneously, at Bayuk Cigar Co warehouse 850 No. Water St., Lancaster.

— 4:30 p.m., Lancaster County Vo-Ag teachers meet at Garden Spot High School.

— 7:30 p.m., Ephrata Adult Farmer Class, "Income taxes — investment credit and depreciation schedules."

## Gov. Vetoes Out Of State Milk Resale Bill

HARRISBURG — Gov. Scranton vetoed a bill this week that would have discouraged Pennsylvania milk dealers from buying milk out-of-state for resale in the commonwealth.

The bill would have required dealers and handlers who purchase milk for resale in Pennsylvania at prices lower than those set by the Milk Control Commission to pay the difference to the commission.

The governor said that insofar as the milk bill would apply to milk bought out of state, it would go against the U.S. Constitution. He said it would place a burden on interstate commerce.

Scranton added that the bill would interfere with Congress' power to regulate interstate commerce, a power reserved to Congress in the constitution.

His conclusion is based on U.S. Supreme Court decisions, Scranton said.

This bill was one of a package of milk reform measures. (Continued on Page 9)

## Penn Manor To Hold Farm Welding Course

A farm art welding course will be offered by Penn Manor High School beginning January 4 and running for five consecutive Tuesday nights. The classes will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The welding machines will be furnished by Dressel Welding Company, and there will be a \$5 registration charge to cover cost of the materials used.

Although no limitation has (Continued on Page 4)

## Lancaster Farming To Feature Special Farm Show Issue Next Week

Next week Lancaster Farming will present its annual Special Farm Show issue. This will include such highlights as a complete schedule of events and other Farm Show features.

It has also become a tradition that this special issue should spotlight the Lancaster County Future Farmers of America who have been nominated to receive the Key-Stone Degree at their annual convention in Harrisburg, which is held in conjunction with their Farm Show activities.

## Restrictions On Interstate Hog Shipments Eased

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced this week that it had eased restrictions on the interstate movement of feeder and breeder pigs which are not vaccinated for hog cholera.

Amendments to interstate shipping rules published in the Federal Register make vaccination for hog cholera optional for hogs shipped from states in Phase IV of the 4-phase state-federal eradication campaign and (Continued on Page 5)

## Weather Forecast

The forecast for the next several days is a warm one. It will be fair and unseasonably mild through New Year's Day, with cloudiness increasing late Friday afternoon.

Little measurable precipitation is expected for the rest of this year.



ANDY FUNK shows some of the hothouse tomatoes grown in one of the farm's three greenhouses. These vines are averaging a yield this year of six pounds of tomatoes each. As the Funks learn more about this kind of management, they hope to push the yield figure several pounds higher. L. F. Photo