

# Reflections

(From the files of Lancaster Farming)

## One Year Ago

March, 1965  
Plastic Covers On Tobacco  
Seedbeds Gain Time

As much as 10 days can be gained in getting tobacco plants to the field if a plastic cover is used over the seedbed, according to Henry B. Engle, research agronomist at the PSU Southeastern Field Research Laboratory.

Success with this program depends upon proper ventilation, however, Engle cautioned.

## Ammon Tells Poultrymen To Understand Trends

At a meeting of the Lancaster County Poultry Association, Richard Ammon, executive director of NEPPCO, told poultrymen that the south is the egg basket of the east, and is now competing for business long held firmly by northeastern producers.

"The northeast is an egg deficit area," Ammon said, "and the south is producing about six million eggs over their local needs."

"The southeast moved into our area on the basis of price-cutting alone, not promotion," Ammon said.

He stressed that the south has its production problems too. Also, he said, the individual variations in costs are more meaningful than variation in area costs.

"What happens to the

northeastern producer depends on retailing and on consumer preferences," Ammon predicted.

## Free-Stall Housing Talk Sparks Interest

Some 400 county dairymen attending the annual Dairy Day meeting this week showed considerable interest when the talk turned to free-stall housing.

One of the speakers, Gordon Perry of Agway, Inc., described his company's experience with that type of housing, and with liquid manure handling.

## Baby Beef Club Names Officers

At a recent meeting of the Red Rose 4-H Baby Beef & Lamb Club, Larry Weaver was named president for 1965.

Other officers were Ken Hess vice-president; Nancy Fiev, secretary, Robert Hosler, treasurer, John Welk and Anna Mae Donough, news reporters Dallas Wolgemuth and Carol Ann Hess, game leaders, Tom House, and Judy Buckwalter, song leaders; William Houser, assistant treasurer, and Linda Lou Welk, assistant secretary.

## Yorkshire Entry Tops Carcass Show

The Yorkshire entry owned by John Henkel and Joe Little of Willow Glen Farm, Strasburg R1, captured the grand championship at the first Spring Carcass Show which was sponsored by the Lancaster County Swine Pro-

ducers Assn. this week. In addition to Willow Glen, the next four best carcasses were entered by: (2) John Hastings (Chester White); (3) George Cogley (Yorkshire); (4) Robert and William Fishe, (Hampshire); (5) Clair Hartman (Spotted Poland China).

## Poultry Center Sale Disclosed

Paul Hiestand, president of the Lancaster County Poultry Assn., opened that organization's annual educational meeting this week with the announcement that the Poultry Center property had just been sold to the Conestoga Heating & Plumbing Supply, Inc., of Lancaster for \$50,000.

The association had discontinued its weekly poultry auction last year, and the directors reported that no satisfactory source of income had been found to justify retaining possession of the property.

## Five Years Ago

March, 1961

### Lueck Joins Extension Staff

Arnold G. Lueck, a former teacher of vocational agriculture and research agronomist, began work this week as assistant Lancaster County agricultural agent.

Lueck, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, has a broad farm background and a wide experience in agricultural research and education. He replaces associate agent Harry S. Sloat who retired on February 1.

### Hay Show Blue Ribbons

Winners in the District Hay Show at Hershey were presented with blue ribbons at the first annual Soils Day held recently. They were: David Benner, Ronks R1; Raymond Witmer, Willow Street R1; and John L. Manheim R1; Harold G. Shenk, Willow Street R2. Awards were presented by J. C. Garber, Jr., Lancaster John E. Baylor, extension agronomist from PSU.

## Landis Named DHIA Board President

Jay Landis, Lancaster R6, was elected president of the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association board this week. Other officers were: Robert Hess, Strasburg R1, vice-president; John Sholly, Manheim R1, secretary; Jacob Houser, Jr., was returned as treasurer of the association.

New directors named were: Hayes Hastings, Kirkwood R1; Charles McSparran, Peach Bottom R2; Robert McSparran, Peach Bottom R2; Chas. Tyndall, Peach Bottom R1; Jason Weaver, Quarryville R2; and Robert Hess, Strasburg R1.

### Agr. Center Architect Hired

The Lancaster County Agricultural Center board of directors announced the hiring of Haak & Kaufman to supply preliminary plans for the proposed agricultural central building.

Planning for the Center began last year, but according to finance committee chairman Levi Brubaker, no active solicitation of funds will be made until the Fall of 1961.

### Robert Groff Extension Assn. President

Robert Groff of Quarryville R3 was elected to replace Willis Z. Esbenschade as president of the Lancaster County Agricultural Extension Association at a meeting of the executive committee last week.

Esbenschade was named vice-president for 1961. He lives at 1631 Esbenschade Rd., Lancaster. Re-elected to the posts of secretary and treasurer, respectively, were Mrs. Allen Risser of Bareville, and Richard Lefever, Quarryville R1.

### Champion Corn Growers

Receiving blue ribbons for their performances in the 1960, five-acre corn contest were: Clarence Keener, Sr., Manheim R1; Harold G. Rohrer, Lancaster R7; and J. C. Garber, Jr., Lancaster R6. Keener's yield was tops for the contest at 170 3 bushels per acre. Awards

were made by county agent M. M. Smith at the County Soils Day.

## In-Plant Egg Grading Predicted

Elizabethtown egg dealer John Copenhaver, speaking on a panel "Producer Versus Processor Grading of Eggs," at a recent meeting of the Lancaster County Poultry Association, predicted that in the near future all egg grading will be done by the processor. He said his plant is now buying about 90 percent ungraded eggs.

Another panel member, Richard Sauder, speaking for Victor Weaver, Inc., of New Holland, said that plant is now buying all ungraded eggs.

The processing members of the panel concluded that in-plant grading could give the consumer a more uniform pack of eggs, and could do the job more efficiently than the producers could.

The egg producers on the panel felt the grading job could profitably be done on the farm if the poultryman already had the equipment anyway. They also pointed out that the cracked eggs could be utilized by the family, whereas they were lost otherwise. Speaking for the producers were Aaron Brubaker, Lancaster, and Henry Reist, Mount Joy.

## Ten Years Ago

March, 1956

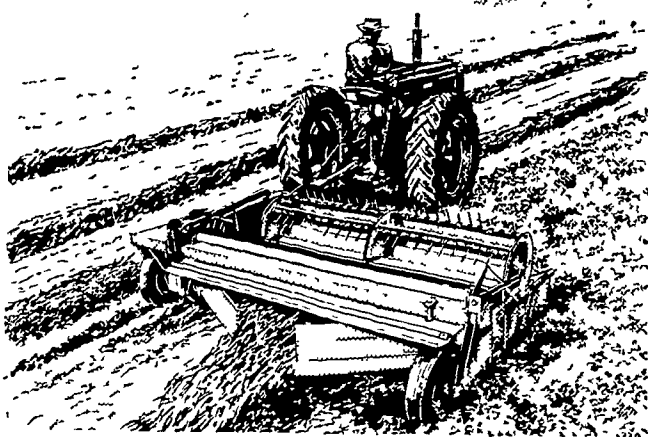
### Windstorm Rakes County

Tornadoes sweeping out of the midwest blasted Lancaster County last Saturday leaving a trail of damage over the state estimated in the millions of dollars.

One of the casualties was a tobacco shed on the Aaron Glick farm, Quarryville R2; it was blown 25 feet off its foundation and smashed against a tile silo. Glick estimated the damage at about \$11,000. "Ten-by-ten inch beams snapped like matchsticks," he reported.

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