

Reflections

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Telephone and electric service was cut off to many county areas by the 80 mile per hour gusts. Roofs, windows, signs, billboards, and trees were plentiful among the widespread debris. Damage was probably the most severe since Hurricane Hazel blew through the county a year and a half ago.

Robertson Relected By Poultrymen
Lancaster County Poultry Association directors reelected Dr. E. I. Robertson to a second term as president, at the directors' meeting this week. Also reelected was the entire slate of officers: J. R. Greider, vice-president; Lewis L. Mortenson, secretary; L. Howard Martin, treasurer. Officials felt that by retaining the present staff, work on the proposed Poultry

Center would progress more rapidly and efficiently.

County Digs Out From Snows
With drifts ranging as high as 12 feet, Lancastrians dug out of last weekend's series of snow storms to greet the first day of Spring this week. Many roads were blocked and school closings were general throughout the county on Monday, following one of the worst late winter storms in years.

per acre.

Ground Hog FFA Chapter Cited

The Ground Hog Chapter of Future Farmers of America received a National Chapter award, the first given in Pennsylvania. Presenting the award to chapter president Robert Ecklin, was T. M. Malin, area adviser.

Witmer Named Outstanding Young Farmer

Raymond F. Witmer, Willow Street R1, received the Lancaster Junior Chamber of Commerce award as the county's "Outstanding Young Farmer."

Witmer received this citation just 11 years after the Pennsylvania FFA had named him Future Farmer of the State in 1945. That was also the year he earned his American Farmer Degree.

Witmer now operates the farm on which he was born, and has built an outstanding herd of Guernsey cattle.

Homogenized Binders Gain Ground

Manufactured binder leaf in which "dough" from pulverized tobacco is mixed with liquid cellulose and rolled into sheets is promising to revolutionize the cigar making industry.

Officials of the General Cigar Co. Inc state that experiments are leading to eventual use of this product in all brands produced by the firm. Yet they are quick to say that it is highly unlikely that homogenized tobacco leaf will replace natural binders in the foreseeable future.

USDA Warns Turkey Producers To Go Easy

If U. S. turkey producers want prices on live birds to average nearly the same this year, as they did in 1965, the U. S. Department of Agriculture has suggested that the number of turkeys raised for slaughter during the major marketing period (August through December) should not exceed last year by more than 4 percent.

Marketings of this size, combined with poultis already hatched, would result in a total 1966 crop exceeding a year earlier by about 10 percent.

These recommendations are contained in the "1966 Turkey Marketing Guide" Market Birds," issued by USDA's Consumer and Marketing Service as a business advisory service to turkey producers.

USDA economists warned that turkey production easily could exceed last year by more than 10 percent, because the number of breeder hens on hand Jan 1 was up 8 percent and because breeder hen productivity is expected to increase. This would be a continuation of the upward trend.

Demand for turkeys in 1966 is expected to increase, particularly during the first part of the year while competing red meats are in short supply. During the major turkey marketing season, however, demand is not expected to be up as much.

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Wayne Miller New Beef Club President

Wayne Miller, Mount Joy R1, was named president of the Red Rose 4-H Baby Beef & Lamb Club for 1956.

Others elected were: Donald Herr, Refton, vice-president; Gladys Sangrey, Lutz R2, secretary; Janet Gible, Elizabethtown R3, assistant secretary; Bruce Boyd, Ephrata R1, treasurer; Harvey Greider, Manheim R4 assistant treasurer.

Song leaders: Gloria Brubaker, Ephrata R1, and Jerry Brenner, Millersville; same leaders: Robert Becker, Mount Joy R2, and Harold Frey, Lancaster R1, Herbert Frey Lancaster R1, and Donald Herr, Quarryville R2 were elected news reporters.

Tobacco Returns Highest Since 1950

Based on an average of 27.2 cents per pound Pennsylvania farmers last year received an estimated \$11,790,000 for their crop of cigar filler tobacco, according to the Pa. Dept. of Agr.

Gross returns were reported as the highest since 1950, despite lower per-pound prices. The per-acre value for 1955 was \$408, with an average yield of 1500 pounds

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