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## NEPPCO Board Hits Railroads For Action On New Freight Rates

WASHINGTON, D. C. — At its recent semi-annual meeting, the Board of Directors of the Northeastern Poultry Producers Council endorsed a plan which will again attempt to obtain a reduction of freight rates on feedstuffs moving into the northeast. The action was necessary due to the recent withdrawal of the New York Central Railroad's proposed rate schedule. The new schedule had been withdrawn because of the ICC's approval of the Penn-Central merger. The Board voted to use every legal means available to pressure the new Penn-Central Rail-

road to adopt the proposed rates once the merger between the two carriers becomes effective.

Other business items discussed by the Board included mission to develop a long range plan which would best

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## Area Fall Fair Schedule Set

Although there is still a long, hot summer between now and the Country Fair circuit which begins in September, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture recently posted schedules for the 105 fairs booked for 1966 in the state.

The fairs will share in the distribution of state funds as partial reimbursement for premiums paid out in 1965. According to State Secretary of Agriculture Leland H. Bull, whose department distributes the state fair funds,

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## Beef Club To Vote On Steer-Purchase Plan Alternatives

Red Rose 4-H Baby Beef and Lamb Club members will meet next Wednesday, June 1, at the John Neff School at Neffville High on the agenda will be a vote to decide the future of the 130-member club's calf-buying program.

At the previous meeting, the issue was debated by two, member teams, and three alternative plans were presented for consideration: 1—all members would be responsible for purchasing their own steers, instead of the present plan under which steers are purchased in large lots by county extension personnel and the club's leaders. 2—the present plan would be continued, and no member could buy individually; 3—a compromise plan combining both alternatives which would allow any member who desired to buy his own animal.

Following the vote on that important issue, Dr. Sam Guss, extension veterinarian from Penn State University, will speak on the subject of "Baby Beef Health"

## Spring Comes On Schedule For Tobacco Plants Under Plastic, Grower Finds

by Don Timmons

Although Spring seemed to bypass Lancaster County this year, it must really have been here all the while. Half of the tobacco seedlings on the Robert Mylin farm at Willow Street R2 felt its warmth right through the roof of their plastic-enclosed world. And they responded with a mighty growing effort. The other half of this year's aspiring tobacco crop only shivered as Spring slipped coldly by.

Mylin planted four seedbeds this year. He covered two of these with muslin and two with plastic. He also planted two varieties — Penn Bel 69 and Hill Island — one of each under plastic and the same under muslin. The only difference in treatment under the two systems, he said, was that the plastic-covered seedbeds were planted one day

earlier than the others. Also, plants under the plastic received some ammonium nitrate fertilizer when they were big enough. The plants under the muslin never got big enough for that treatment.

By last weekend, the plants grown under plastic were ready for the field. Those under muslin were doing their darndest to "think tall," but their best efforts only pro-

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## SWCD Directors Hold Planning Meeting

In a continuing effort to develop an overall, workable plan for the future development of Lancaster County, the Soil & Water Conservation District directors held a discussion meeting Wednesday night with Ellis Harned, Lancaster County Planning Commission Director.

In the informal exchange of ideas which followed, it was emphasized by chairman Amos Funk that the district was anxious to find out how its activities could best be coordinated with those of the county, and at the same time protect the Class I and II farm land.

Harned briefly reviewed county planning studies in relation to soils and physical characteristics. He further defined the role of the county planning commission as an advisory agency. "It has no regulatory authority," Harned said, "except for sub-division"

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## Farm Calendar

- May 30 — 12 noon to 2 p.m., 4-H Capon Club members will pick up their birds at the Mervin Peifer farm, Manheim R1
- May 31 — 8 p.m., Lancaster County Pomona Grange at White Horse Fire Hall
- June 1 — Deadline for Dairy Princess Contest applications.
- 8 p.m., Red Rose 4-H Baby Beef & Lamb Club at John Neff School
- June 2 — 7 p.m., 'Twilight fruit growers' meeting in Chester County at Hayman's Northbrook Orchards, Route 872, five miles west of West Chester.
- June 3 — 6:30 p.m., Lancaster County Farm Equipment Dealers Assn. spring meeting, at Meadow Hills Dining Hall, New Danville Pike, Lancaster.



WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES! — That's all that separates the tobacco plants shown here by Robert Mylin; those on the left are one day older. Mylin covered half of his seedbeds this year with plastic, and the other half with conventional muslin. The field-improvised "growth board" was set up to show the extreme difference in size caused by the two growing methods. The plants on the left, grown under plastic, range between six and ten inches in height, while those grown under muslin average short of two inches. Mylin, a dairyman at Willow Street R2, grows about eight acres of tobacco each year. L. F. Photo

## Red Rose FFA Slates Summer Schedule

At a meeting Monday night at Ephrata High School, members of the Red Rose Future Farmers of America Chapter initiated scheduling on most of their summer show and social activities.

The Elizabethtown Chapter was delegated to handle the county FFA sport schedule, which will feature inter-chapter baseball competition.

The annual FFA Swine Show has been set for July 26, beginning at 8 a.m., at Lancaster's Union Stock

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## DHIA Directors And Testers Plan Meeting

Directors of the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association voted Monday night, at a meeting in the Lancaster Farm Credit Building, to hold a social get-together with the association's 17 testers so that each could gain a better understanding of the other's problems. While it was decided discussion at the meeting would be recorded by the secretary, the directors also agreed that no action would be taken at the social meeting.

Directors Allen Risser and Daniel S. Stoltzfus were named as a committee by board president Robert Breneman to plan the event for late July or early August.

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## Weather Forecast

The weatherman promises, in his words, "near-perfect" weather for the weekend. The five-day outlook calls for temperatures to average near normal, or slightly below.

Some shower activity is expected Saturday as a cold front moves into the area, and scattered showers are predicted again about Tuesday. No general rain pattern is in sight for the period.