Tobacco

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planted on March 22 and 23, er, it was necessary to also Mylin's wife, Mary, took over use the vents to keep temthe, growing operation. There peratures in the safe range are two main problems in as the sun grew hotter. Then, growing tobacco seedlings unfinally, the plastic was re-

Since this is the Mylins'

trolled adequately by opening and closing the ends. She the temperature below the Once the seedbeds were critical 110 degree mark, Latder plastic, she has learned moved altogether during the One, providing proper ventila- day, and put back over the tion; two, hand watering the plants at night only if frost were predicted.

But hand watering second year with plastic they somewhat of a problem, Mrs. have been able to eliminate Mylin said. Although she only til the plants were large most of the guesswork in had to water the plastic-covhandling the ventilation prob- ered beds twice a week, as slitted ventilation. 1em. About the second week compared to daily waterings in May, Mrs. Mylin cut slits for the beds under muslin, it cess of the plants grown under in the plastic on either side was difficult to get good wa- plastic at Mylin's, and knowthe dome. These were ter coverage under the plas- ing they had already had one made one foot long and about tic. She found that the job year's experience previously, four inches wide, and were could be nicely done by di- it seemed natural to wonder spaced every eight feet. In recting the hose through the why only half the plants were the early stages of growth, slits in the sides. She used and before the sun got too masking tape to close the hot, ventilation could be con- openings after watering, un-

Work Schedule On Farms Gets **Back To Normal**

HARRISBURG — A warming trend late last week snapped a month-long cool spell and brought farm activity back to normal in most Pennsylvania Crop Reporting

nished the most encouraging news for farmers. Soil mois-

enough to tolerate the extra

Seeing the tremendous sucgrown by this better method.

"We used the plastic covering to get plants into the fields earlier to better utilize our available labor force in the fall," Mylin explained, adding that only half the seedbeds were under plastic because caring for them under that system was more tedious and possibly more costly.

Tobacco seedlings grown under plastic this year show an almost unbelievable contrast with those grown under muslin. The difference can largely be accounted for because of the cold, late Spring that we had this year, apparently. Knowing that such a difference in performance can exist, it seems likely that many more Lancaster County farmers will be thinking seriously of covering their tobacco seedbeds with plastic next year so they can get their plants into the fields as early as possible.

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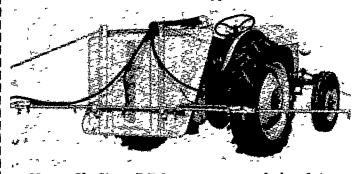
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ture is adequate or in sur-first in the ice cream mold plus everywhere—an unusual contest. situation, according to PCRS,

ing heads in southern coun-pion judge. ties. Early planted oats in the Rain early in the week fur- and pastures are developing 1965 Exposition.

> Corn planting was speeded in all areas as conditions improved late in the week, but transplanting of tomatoes is behind schedule. Green peas processing have good stands and are growing well. A jarring note, however,

> came from fruit growers. Frost damage in orchards has not been fully determined, but some recent reports claim it may have been more severe than was first indicated.

County Co-ed Scores In Dairy **Exposition**

A Lancaster County coed has won two awards in the 41st area there will be 128 FFA annual Dairy Exposition held members and 27 teachers atrecently at Penn State Uni-tending the FFA Week proversity.

ter of Mr and Mrs. Harry S. breeds of dairy cattle, and tral High School.

Lancaster Farming, Saturday, May 28, 1966—9

The champion in the all after four previous dry sea- breeds dairy judging was John sons in the Keystone State. M. Paxton, Washington R1, Pa. Winter grains, wheat and In the 40th annual Dairy Exbarley, have good color and position last year, Miss Mumeven stands, with barley form- ma was named amateur cham-

She was first in Ayrshire. parts of the state, says the south are making good growth Holstein and Jersey judging, and planting is progressing in and reserve champion in the northern counties. Hay fields Guernsey fitting contest at the

County FFA

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Yards. Additional planning for this event is being handled by the Cloister Chapter of Ephrata High School.

A county FFA picnic will be held, but no date or place was set at this meeting. Planning for the picnic was delegated to the Manheim Chap-

The County Star Farmer award will again be made this year, but applications will be limited to one per school for each of the county's nine FFA chapters. Applications will be due by August 1, it was announced, and candidates will be judged during that month.

From the Lancaster-York gram at Penn State University Mary Ellen Mumma, daugh- on June 29, 30, and July 1.

The next meeting of the Mumma, Manheim R1, won county chapter will be held second place in judging all on July 18 at Manheim Cen-

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