

# Lancaster Farming

## SECOND SECTION

### Don't Cut Drought-Damaged Corn, Agronomist Advises Farmers

If you are tempted to cut drought-stunted corn right now, don't do it.

This is the suggestion of University of Maryland forage specialist, Dr. Wally Moline. He says corn crops have been hurt, but there is very little to gain by making silage now. "Chances are," he says, "That rains will come, and even if grain does not form, most of the feed value will be in the fodder."

With much of the area corn crop damaged by dry weather, Moline says, farmers may see some corn turn a little purplish because of the high sugar content of leaves and stalks. If the corn is left to

grow it will continue to pile up dry matter (feed value) as long as the corn stays green. This is valuable feed that you can put in the silo late in the fall.

Moline believes it might even pay to buy drought-damaged corn fields from neighbors if a farmer thinks his feed supply will be low this winter.

But, don't cut it now, he advises. The stunted corn is not worth much for silage now, but it could still make a great deal of growth before frost.

As a further note of caution, he adds that when corn that has been fertilized with nitrogen is damaged by

### Scouts' Conservation Interest Booms

As far as soil and water conservation is concerned, the Boy Scouts of America are living up to their motto, "Be Prepared."

drought and then put in the silo, oxides of nitrogen often escape. These brownish-yellow gasses are extremely poisonous to man and animals. **AVOID BREATHING THE GASES.** Do not go into the silo unless the silo filler blower has been running for 15 minutes or so.

The situation usually clears up in about 10 days or two weeks after the silage has been put into the silo. After that it is safe to feed the silage in a normal manner, Moline stated.

This is indicated by the substantial increase in the number of Soil and Water Conservation Merit Badges awarded to Pennsylvania Boy Scouts and Explorer Scouts. The Merit Badge boom was pointed out by Ivan McKeever, state head of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service located at Harrisburg.

The number of conservation Merit Badges granted to Scouts across the country has more than doubled over the past five years. In 1961, 27,372 boys earned the Conservation Badge. That figure has climbed to 58,455 badges awarded in 1965.

According to Charles Griffin, Assistant Director of Rural Relationships for the Boy Scouts of America, part of the reason for the substantial in-

### Darvin Boyd To Work In Korea For One Year

Darvin Boyd, Ephrata R1, and his bride of two months, the former Linda Jean Stehman, will be winging their way toward Korea this week with a three-day stopover in the Hawaiian Islands.

This will be a return visit for Boyd who spent five months in Korea under the International Farm Youth Exchange (IFYE) program in 1964. His tour of duty this time will be for one year, and he will be working with the American-Korean Foundation as an agricultural field representative.

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