

4 - H NEWS

BROKEN BIT 4-H CLUB PLANS TRAIL RIDE

by Lois Enck, reporter

A meeting of the Broken Bit 4-H Club was called to order by the president, Charles Risser at 7:30 on August 19 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Logeman.

Added to the club

Two new members, Diane was presented by Lois Enck.

A committee was formed of Steffy and Freda Germer, were

A talk on safety with horses Lois Enck, Joanne Roether, Bonnie Enck, and Jerry Nesinger, to discuss plans for an over-night trail ride. This committee will meet Friday, August 26 at 7:00, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Enck.

Refreshments were served after the meeting.

The next meeting will be held September 16 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Risser.

but is improving in size and quality. Topping continues, but is behind last year.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Recent rains will add size to late season fruits and vegetables. Harvest of summer Rambo apples is underway in the southern fruit area, with good quality and size. Picking of Hale Haven peaches has started in the south. Many peaches are small, and yields are light. Harvest of snap beans for processing continues in the Potter County area, where extensive deer damage is reported. Tomato harvest with light volume continues in southern and eastern regions. The tomatoes are small, but many growers hope that recent rains will improve the size on later pickings. Sweet corn is being picked in some sections of the State, but the crop is poor and supplies are light in the primary production areas. The ears are short and not well filled, except in areas where irrigation was used regularly.

is 4 percent below last year's production and 7 percent below the 1960-64 average. The decline is attributed mainly to lower yields.

Drought conditions for the fifth consecutive year prevailed over the state causing timothy to make less growth than normal. Many farmers are still feeling the effect of the hay shortage and are reluctant to harvest more acreage for seed than last year. Growers indicate they will cut 5,500 acres for seed this year.

Yield per acre is expected to average 105 pounds. This is 5 pounds less than last year and 3 pounds less than the 5-year average.

Timothy harvest got underway as early as July 25 in some areas and as late as August 16 in a few localities. The average starting date for harvest was August 3, the same as a year ago. Weather during this period was nearly ideal for harvesting.

TIMOTHY SEED DOWN

Timothy seed production in the Keystone State is expected to total 578,000 pounds. This



Crop Roundup

RAIN IMPROVES OUTLOOK FOR MANY CROPS

Above normal rainfall in most areas during last week improved prospects for many late season crops, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. Although soil moisture supplies remain short in all but some north central and northwestern areas, the rains greatly improved the outlook for late hay crops, pastures, some late planted corn and late fruits and vegetables. Farm activities during the week included fall plowing and discing harvest of early potatoes, apples and peaches, tobacco topping, and limited amounts of green chipping, hay making, fall grain seeding, and vegetable harvest.

CORN:

Recent rains improved the prospects for corn in some areas, but in many others the crop was beyond help. Conditions are very spotty, even within localized areas, with some fields good and others bad, depending on time of planting, type of soil and amount of rain. Much corn intended for grain will be cut for silage. In southeastern areas harvest for ensilage has started.

GRAINS

As ground conditions improved plowing for fall seeded grains increased. The ground is still too dry for plowing in many southern and southeastern areas. Harvest of oats in northern areas was delayed by showers, but is nearly completed.

HAY AND PASTURES:

Hay and pasture continues to improve in most areas. Cows are now nibbling at new growth on pastures that had been used as exercise lots a couple weeks ago. New growth should soon permit heavy grazing in some localities, relieving the strain on winter feed supplies. Rains stimulated the growth of hay fields, and prospects are much improved for a late cutting.

Many new seedings are in poor condition with very thin stands.

POTATOES AND TOBACCO

Harvest of Candler potatoes is nearing completion in southeastern areas. Yields are light and the tubers small. Tobacco growth continues to be very uneven, depending on soil conditions and time of planting.

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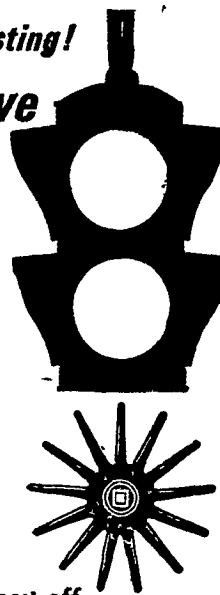
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