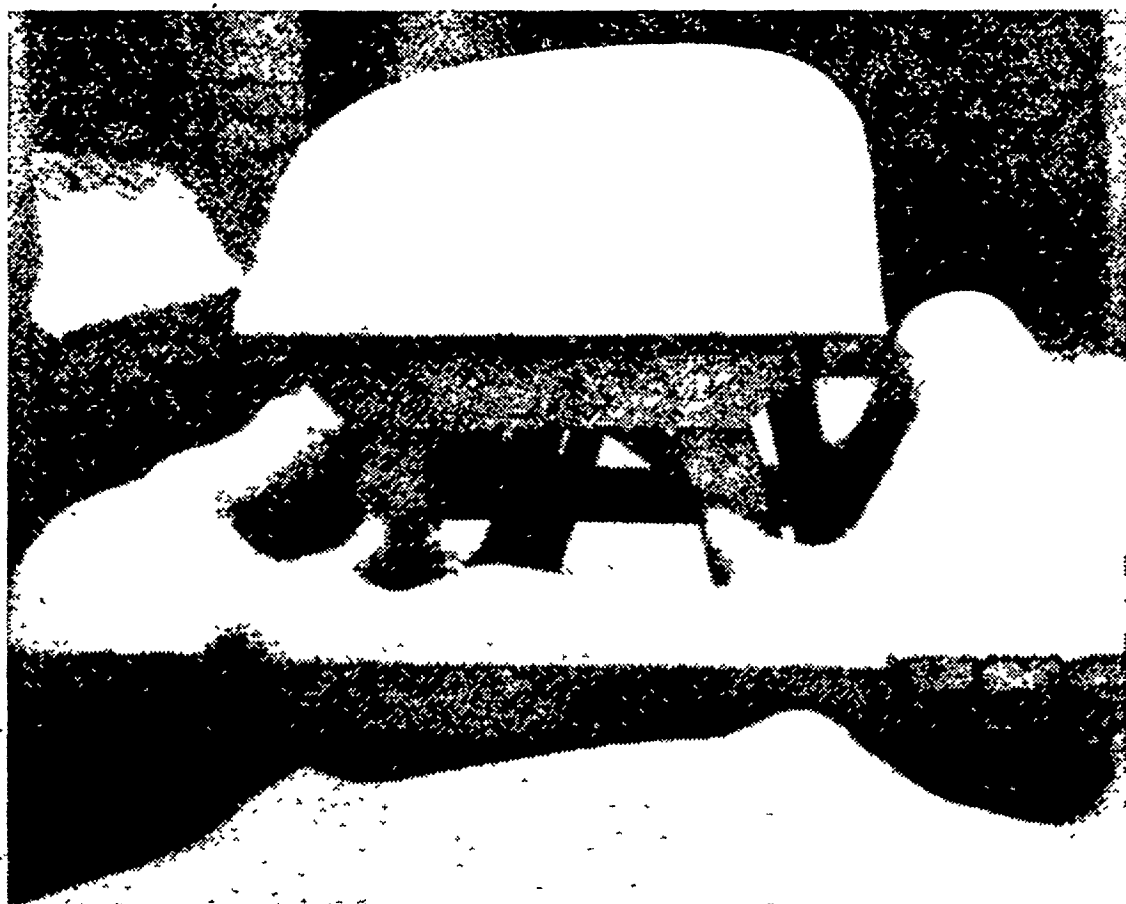


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THE SEASONS MEET — Anyone for a picnic? Would you believe, maybe, a cold lunch? How about one-foot snow cones, to go? L. F. Photo

Doebler And Lueck To Be Featured At Farmers' Corn Growing Meeting

A member of the Lancaster County Extension staff and a well-known breeder will team up next Wednesday evening at the Lincoln Independent School to discuss some important factors and experiences in "Corn Growing", according to an announcement this week by program chairman Edwin F. Fox, Ephrata R3.

Arnold G. Lueck, associate county agent will speak on some of the current trends in corn growing — narrow rows, plant population, selection of hybrids, and use of starter fertilizers.

T. A. Doebler, Sr., who operates a 400-acre seed farm in Clinton County, will talk on corn growing from a farmer's viewpoint. Doebler was recognized during this year's Farm

Show as the 1966 Pennsylvania Corn Club Champion in the machine harvested class. His yield averaged 1587 bushels of shelled corn per acre. His plant population in that prize-winning test was 27,750 plants per acre. Doebler has long been an advocate of high soil fertility and organic matter levels.

The February 15th meeting will start at 7:30 p.m., Fox said, emphasizing that all interested persons would be welcome.

Farm Calendar

February 13 — 7:30 p.m., Lancaster County Soil & Water Conservation District directors, at the county courthouse.

February 14 — 6:30 p.m., Lancaster County Agriculture and Home Economics Extension Assn annual meeting at Dutch Town & Country Inn, Vintage.

— 7:30 p.m., Ephrata Farm Records course, "Labor Records, Credit Accounts, and Farm Analysis", at Ephrata High School.

February 15 — 7:30 p.m., Corn (Continued on Page 6)

Egg Marketing Meeting Moved To Feb. 16th

One of the victims of this week's unscheduled snow storm was the egg marketing conference slated for last Tuesday. This event, sponsored as part of an informational series by the Lancaster County Poultry Association, has been rescheduled for Thursday, February 16.

In making the announcement, program chairman J. Harold Esbenschade said the discussion will be held at the Lititz Community Center, and the panel of local marketing egg men will talk on new products, egg breaking, outside competition, and egg quality.

Speakers for the informational meeting will be: R. W. Sauder, Lititz; Earl Hess, Hess (Continued on Page 4)

Tax Break Seen For Investment Credit

Investment credit provides a real tax break for businessmen, including farmers. It can also be a source of trouble, according to W. T. McAllister, farm management specialist at the University of Delaware.

Trouble starts when farmers don't keep equipment on which they have claimed investment credit for the full period of time used in computing the credit. McAllister uses the example of a farmer who bought a tractor in 1962 for \$5,000. He expected to keep it for

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Top Corn Awards To Jackson And Frey At County Crops & Soils Day

One of the highlights of the Lancaster County Crops and Soils Day held yesterday at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion was recognition of countians in the hand-harvested class of the Five-Acre Corn Club by associate county agent Arnold G. Lueck.

The top countian in 1966 was Herbert Frey, Marietta R1, with a yield of 1959 bushels per acre. Second high yield was 1788 bushels scored by George W. Jackson & Son, Christiansa R1. Both farmers received purple ribbons during Farm Show Week for finishing among the state's top five corn growers.

Lueck noted that state yield figures of farmers receiving recognition was the lowest in five years due to the past year's drought. He also announced that the hand-harvested class in corn club competition had been discontinued.

"This move is in keeping with the objective of making yield data more realistic in

terms of farm conditions," Lueck explained the change-over to machine-harvested competition.

For the top eighteen county entries in the 1966 corn contest, yields averaged 1437 (Continued on Page 5)

Dairy Day And Meetings Slated

Lancaster County's annual dairy day will be held at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion on March 7th, associate county agent Victor Plastow announced this week.

The program will feature a slate of specialists from Penn State University, and a panel of local dairymen. Plastow said the affair will begin at 9 a.m. and will continue until 3 p.m. Lunch will be available at the Pavilion for \$1.

In addition, Plastow announced two, extension sponsored (Continued on Page 12)

Talks & Exhibits Featured At Area Dairy Conference

More than 400 farmers were told the farmers that southern hand Thursday at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion for the 2nd annual southeastern dairy conference. The show, which was snowed-out at its scheduled meeting Tuesday, featured talks by representatives of the four firms sponsoring the meetings, and numerous commercial exhibits.

Sponsors were Allis-Chalmers, John W. Eshelman & Sons, Curtiss Breeding Service, Inc., and New Holland Supply Co., Inc.

In discussing the future of dairying in Pennsylvania, Bert Hutchinson of Hess & Clark

eastern Pennsylvania had the brightest prospects in the state. He said, "If you continue to modernize and to take advantage of the information that's available, you should do all right."

Using Penn State data, Hutchinson showed that farmers with an average of 30 cows have net incomes of less than \$3000. He showed that an increase of ten more cows will increase net income by 50 percent.

COMPLETE COW Tom Kelly, Curtiss Breeding (Continued on Page 4)



PARTICIPATING IN S. E. DAIRY CONFERENCE Thursday at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion were left to right: Jerry Shaffer, PP&L; Richard Hathaway, Allis-Chalmers; Robert Hill, master of ceremonies; Dr. E. I. Robertson, John W. Eshelman & Sons; and Tom Kelly, Curtiss Breeding Service. Not available for photo was Bert Hutchinson, Hess and Clark Co. L. F. Photo