

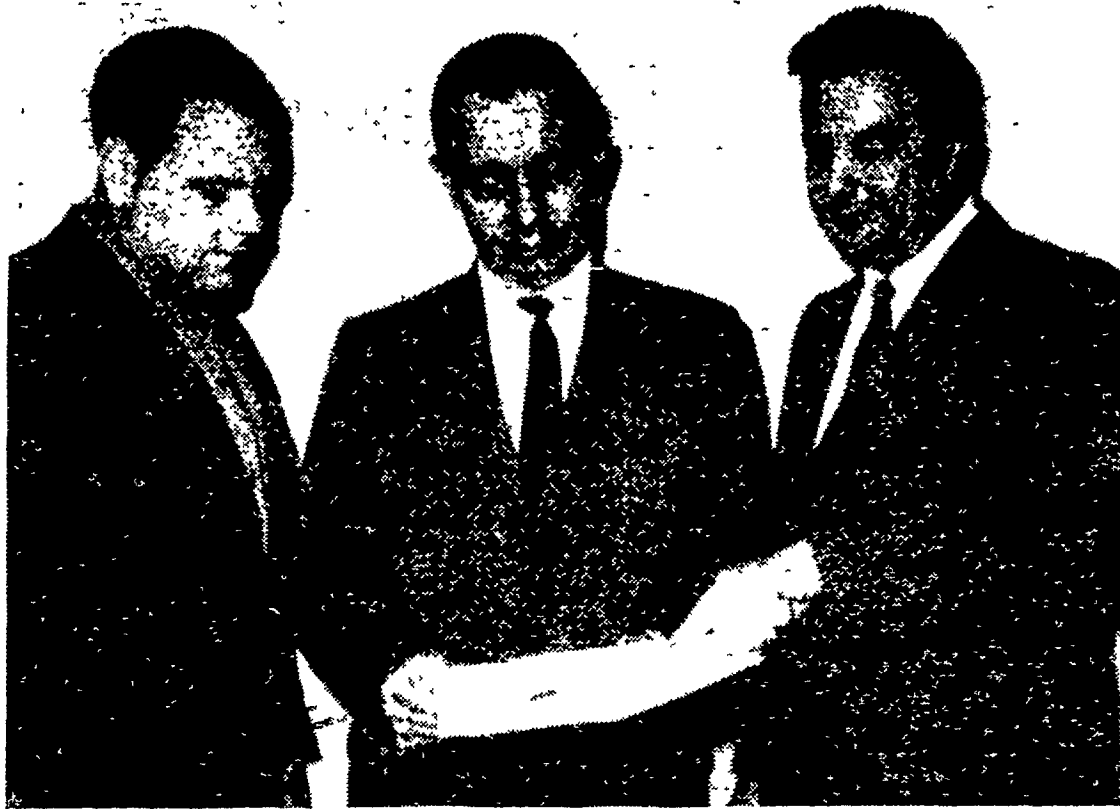
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DR. JOSEPH HARRINGTON, Penn State research agronomist, right, reviews some of the data he presented to Lancaster County potato growers Tuesday for associate county agent Arnold G. Lueck, center, and PSU experimental farm superintendent John Yocum.

## Preliminary Potato Data Presented To Lancaster County Producers

Research agronomist Dr Joseph Harrington from Penn State University reported to Lancaster County potato growers, assembled Tuesday at the Lancaster Farm Credit Building, on results of last year's trials on the Noah Kreider farm near Manheim

The trials, which featured 42 well-known varieties and experimental seedlings, had produced some real meaningful data, Harrington said. He cautioned the growers against attaching too much importance to one-year trials, but said the results

were full of "good information" Harrington described this research as the "most extensive potato project ever conducted in Pennsylvania" Eight early, 13 mid-season, and 21 late varieties were tested Each variety was repeated four times in the trials, and each fertilizer formulation six times.

There were two and one-half acres devoted to this study on the Kreider farm These were divided into two plots, with about half the acreage on each side of a bisecting road Potatoes

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## Planning Meeting Set For Dist. Dairy Show

A joint meeting of all 4-H dairy club leaders and extension agents of the southeast region will be held next Wednesday, associate county agent Victor Plastow announced this week

The meeting will begin at 10.30 a.m. at the Meadow Hills Dining House, located on New Danville Pike, Plastow said, and will be concerned with planning the next District Dairy Show.

The group will be the luncheon guests of the Atlantic Breeders Cooperative.

## Success Of 35-Year-Old Firm Based On Marketing Farm-Fresh Local Eggs

by Don Timmons

Thirty-five years ago a new business was born in Lancaster County. It began with a retail egg route, a second-hand truck, and the need to find a new way to make a living as the Great Depression tightened its hold on the land

Today that business, operating as E Roy Trout & Son, Inc., employs 15 people — five in egg processing, five truck drivers, and five in office and management

Started by E Roy Trout in 1932, it is still owned and operated by he and his family When farmers started bringing in their eggs back in those early days, the retail route rapidly gave way to a wholesale egg business Local eggs were cased, weighed, and hauled to Philadelphia. Trout's daughter, Helen, started in the business by trucking in farmers' eggs She now works in the office About 1950, a collision with an outfield wall ended a promising professional baseball career with the Cleveland Indians for young Bob Trout and he entered the family business

### BUSINESS GROWS

As the volume of eggs handled increased, so did Trout's equipment An old, 8-12 case per hour grader that saw duty about 1956 was replaced with a larger model, which was also later replaced In December of last year, a major plant change was completed

The old facilities, consisting

of two loading docks and a 40'x40' shed, were remodeled and a 50'x70' building was added The addition, which houses the refrigerator and 35-case per hour egg grading and packing equipment, was built into a steep hillside. At the back of the new facilities only about two of the 11 concrete blocks of the wall can be seen above the ground

It is expected that this in-the-ground location of the egg room will permit a higher level

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## Allied Acquires Some Wirthmore Retail Outlets

It was announced this week that Allied Mills, Inc. is acquiring certain retail operations formerly owned by Wirthmore Feeds Three of the acquired properties are in New York and two in Pennsylvania

At a joint meeting Monday at Scranton, Robert Emmons, vice president of Wirthmore, and J E Streetman, vice president of Allied, completed the details of the arrangement

The former Wirthmore sales personnel are being retained by Allied, a representative stated.

According to Allied Mills' management, this acquisition is expected to strengthen the firm's competitive position.

Allied's Wayne Feeds and (Continued on Page 4)

## Crossbred Tops County Swine Assn. Spring Carcass Show; Cuts 45.6%

Topping this week's Springcass weight in ham and loin Carcass Show was a 202-pound Hampshire-Yorkshire crossbred barrow, Lancaster County Swine Producers Association president John Henkel told some 300 persons last night at the association's annual banquet meeting at the Blue Ball Fire Hall.

The champion hog, entered by Real Farm, Tipton, Pa., cut an unusual 45.6 percent of car-

The animal had a loineye of 62 square inches and an unusually low backfat of 0.8 inches, Henkel reported The reserve title went to a 218-pound Henkel and Joe Little, Willow Glen Yorkshire entry, with a ham-loin percentage of 43.6, a loineye measurement of 60 square inches, and 1.3 inches of backfat

### EVALUATION CONTEST WINNERS

A ham from the grand champion hog went to top scoring judge in the on-foot evaluation contest, John Strawbridge of Stewartstown. Placing close behind the winner was Leon L Arnold of Lebanon Arnold was presented with a loin from the champion

According to Henkel, 47 people submitted judging cards with their estimates of length, backfat, loineye, and ham-loin percentage for each competing hog at the stockyard Monday

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## Farm Calendar

March 20-7:30 p.m., 4-H County Council at Lititz Community Center

8 p.m., Elm-Penryn 4-H Community Club at Penryn Fire Hall

March 21-7:30 p.m., Ephrata Farm Electricity Class, "Care and maintenance of electric motors," at Ephrata H. S. 7:30 p.m., Drumore 4-H Community Club organizes at Chestnut Level Church House (Continued on Page 10)



MRS. BETTY WEAVER tends the four rows of graded eggs, placing dozen cartons on top of each twelve eggs. It may be noted the eggs are upside down on the machine. As they pass over the end of the cartoning equipment, they are settled gently into the carton cups and turned upright on the lower belt, which is not visible in this picture.

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