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Corn Products, Funk Seed Co. Merger Planned

An agreement on principle to join the business and property of Funk Bros Seed Co. to Corn Products was announced jointly this week by representatives of the two companies.

Speaking for Corn Products was chairman A. N. McFarlane, and for Funk's, company president E. D. Funk. They placed particular emphasis on two points (1) This joining of forces will mean expanded opportunity for service to agriculture through greater research and service benefits to farmers, (2) the formal joining of forces in the United States is but an expansion of (Continued on Page 7)

FFA Tractor Contest Won By York County

Robert Burchett of Red Lion placed first in the Future Farmers of America area tractor contest at Garden Spot High School Thursday with a score of 320 points. Lancaster County entries took second and third placings.

Lancaster County vo-ag boys were outnumbered four to two by York Countians in the competition, but Jay Smoker, Clois (Continued on Page 5)



CHECKING POULTS ready for shipment at the Ephrata Turkey Farm, Inc., Ephrata R1, are Earl Hertzog, left, and Linford Weaver. The boys are employed by the firm as part of a seven-week, agribusiness training program supervised by Lewis Ayers, Ephrata High School agriculture teacher. Both are seniors at the high school. L. F. Photo

Grain Stocks Adequate, Freeman Says; No Change In '67 Diversion

Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman said Tuesday that no change will be made in the acreage diversion provisions of the 1967 feed grain program.

He announced continuation of the program in answer to inquiries since the intentions-to-plant report and the program sign-up reports showed that farmers may not plant as much acreage to feed grains as had previously been anticipated, and in response to demands by industry representatives that feed grain acreage and supplies be further increased.

"Recent reports on crop and moisture conditions, farmers' planting intentions, and stocks of grain on farms

indicated that feed grain production will be adequate to (Continued on Page 5)

Farm & Home Offers Six Scholarships

One of the objectives of the Lancaster County Farm and Home Foundation is to encourage the higher education of the youth of Lancaster County. In this respect, the Foundation is announcing the offering of six scholarship awards in 1967 in the fields of Agriculture and Home Economics, according to M. M. Smith, scholarship committee chairman.

Each scholarship award will (Continued on Page 5)



The 'unseasonal' "cold wave" is expected to be felt in this area for at least the next five days with temperatures averaging below the normal range of 70 to 47 degrees. Little day-to-day change is expected.

Rain at the beginning of the week may yield a total of 1/4-1/2 inch of precipitation.

Ephrata Agribusiness Program Marks Second Successful Year

by Don Timmons

Eight Ephrata High School seniors are busy these spring days getting valuable on-the-job experience under the Agribusiness Training Program launched last year by the high school agriculture department.

Ephrata is finding as the Garden Spot High School program did several years ago, that the number of employers willing to cooperate with job training exceeds the number of senior agriculture boys available.

Agriculture instructor Lewis Ayers showed real enthusiasm for the program as he guided this reporter on visits to several of his working students this week.

"Students enrolled in the program attend regular school classes in the morning and after lunch report to their agribusiness jobs," Ayers explained.

The program, which began March 28, will run until May

12. The seven weeks are spent in one continuous employment, but most of the boys interviewed were gaining a wide variety of experience by learning to be useful at anything their employer needed done.

OBJECTIVES

The program has been organized to give senior vocational agriculture students the opportunity to gain experience in some type of agriculture business before graduation from high school.

"It is our hope," Ayers notes, "that students receiving this type of training will better understand the organization and management of an agriculture business."

STUDENTS

Boys participating in the agribusiness program this year, and their places of employment, are Charles Harting, Agway, Inc.; Barry Sensenig, Diffendall Landscape Service; Earl Hert-

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Neighbors Lend A Hand With "Spring Plowing"

by Everett Newswanger,
Staff Reporter



Newswanger

Neighbors and friends with 15 tractors and 44 plow bottoms "putt-putted" and "hummed" their way through 50 acres of corn stalks and sod in two-and-a-half hours Wednesday morning, to help a friend just out of the hospital keep up with his spring field work.

Good, old-fashioned brotherly kindness prevailed in Lancaster County again this week, as furrow after furrow opened and closed on the farm of Clair Kreider, Quarryville R1.

It all started when James Kreider, Quarryville R1, president of the Men's Work Project Committee of the Mechanics Grove Church of The Brethren, "called around" to get some men with tractors together to plow for Clair. And plow they did — tractors of various sizes each pulling its favorite plow. Nine hundred and sixty horse power in all, busting the way around the gently curving contours "Almost everyone that we called came," James said.

In discussing this friendly act of his neighbors, Clair Kreider said "I certainly do appreciate all they are doing (Continued on Page 9)



NEIGHBORS of Clair Kreider, Drumore Center, provided the help Wednesday teen men and tractors plowed 50 acres in to keep up with his spring field work. Fifteen men and tractors plowed 50 acres in two-and-a-half-hours as a Church work project. L. F. Photo

Farm Calendar

April 30-Rural Life Sunday service, 7.30 p.m. at Stevens Hill Church of the Brethren
May 2-7 30 p.m., 4H recreation workshop for SE Pa at Willow Street Community Center. All teen leaders invited.
-7.30 p.m., Kirkwood 4H Club-at Bart-Colerain Elem school.
May 3-6:30 p.m., Lancaster County Bankers Assn. spring meeting at Host Motel. Special (Continued on Page 9)