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TOBACCO PLANTING IS A FAMILY AFFAIR at the Robert Mylin farm, Willow Street R2. Seated on the planting rig are, from left: hired man Don Harnish; Donnie and Dale Mylin,

ages eight and five, respectively; Mrs. Mylin. Robert Mylin is operating the tractor. Bringing up the rear in their little red wagon are Dennis, three, and Debbie, one and a half. L. F. Photo

## Late Spring, But Tobacco Under Plastic Is Ready

by Don Timmons  
How many muslin covered tobacco beds had field-ready plants by Memorial Day this year? We haven't heard of any as yet, but many plants grown under plastic-covered frames are already in the fields.

This is the second time in as many springs that plastic covering has paid off for Robert Mylin of Willow Street R2. Although he started using the material three years ago, the wind destroyed any possible comparison that first season by ruing the plastic. Then he relocated his beds in a more sheltered spot and has had great success with plastic-covered seedbeds ever since.

In a normal spring there isn't much difference between plants grown under muslin and those grown under plastic. But when spring comes wet, late, and cold to Lancaster County, as it did this year, that's when plastic really pays.

Mylin generally plant eight acres of tobacco, with plants grown in four beds. They found last year that they could get enough first-rate plants from only three beds when they

used plastic covering. But not all their plants are grown this way because they don't need all the plants ready at the same time. For the past three years half the beds were covered with muslin and half with plastic. This year the ratio was one muslin to two plastic.

**COMPARISON**  
Growing plants under both systems on the same farm gives a good comparison. (Continued on Page 6)

## Eastern Milk Hearing June 19 In New York

Proposals to amend six eastern federal milk marketing orders will be considered at a public hearing June 19 in New York City, the U. S. Department of Agriculture announced this week. (This is not to be confused with the June 12 hearing in Philadelphia on the Delaware Valley order alone.) Officials said the hearing will begin at 10 a.m. in the

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## County Poultry Assn. Launches Queen Contest

Directors of the Lancaster County Poultry Association announced the launching of the association's annual Poultry Queen contest this week. The girl selected will represent Lancaster County in the state poultry queen contest which will be held at HERSHEY on August 26th as part of the State Poultry Association Festival and Pennsylvania Dutch Days (August 21-26).

Rules for the county contest will conform with the state rules it was noted. Any female Pennsylvania resident between the ages of 17 and 24 who is a close relative of a commercial poultryman, or of an allied industryman, and who is willing to help promote the Pennsylvania Poultry industry, is eligible.

Judging will be based on beauty (50 points), personality (25 points) and achievement. (Continued on Page 5)



REIGNING QUEEN of Lancaster County's poultry industry — Lilli Ann Wivell — will be looking for a successor next month. It could be you! Read this story to see if you can qualify.

## Agr. Teachers Set FFA Workshop Dates

Meeting at Ephrata High School Tuesday afternoon members of the Lancaster County Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association set workshop dates for Future Farmers of America Boys who will be competing in state contests during FFA Week at Penn State University, June 28-30. They will use these workshops for practice in their respective areas of competition.

Dates and locations for the workshops are: Poultry—9 a.m. June 21, at Weaver's Poultry, Inc. New Holland farm mechanics—1 p.m. June 21 at Lampeter Strasburg H.S. land judging—9 a.m. June 22 at Garden Spot H.S. dairy cattle—9 a.m. June 26 at Ephrata H.S.

Other FFA activities listed included the annual county FFA swine show which will be held at the Lancaster Union Stock Yards at 8 a.m. on August 12. (Continued on Page 5)



WHICH TOBACCO PLANTS would you pick? Those on the right are on their way to the field for planting, they were raised under plastic. There is also a clump of plants in this grower's other hand, if you can see them; they were raised under the muslin, and will be returned to the beds to continue growing. Both groups were planted April 3rd. The grower is Robert Mylin, Willow Street R2, and he is well-pleased with the results he has obtained growing plants under plastic during the past two years. L. F. Photo

## Farm Calendar

June 12-9 a.m. 4-H dairy judging practice at Harry Muma farm, Landisville.  
-10 a.m. Public hearing on Delaware Valley federal milk order, at Sylvania Hotel, Philadelphia.  
-8 p.m. Lancaster County SWCD directors at county meeting. (Continued on Page 6)

## Local 4-H'ers To Serve On State Leadership Council June 19-22

Two Lancaster County 4-H members will be among the 60 delegates serving on the Leadership Council at the State 4-H Club Congress to be held at Penn State University June 19-22. They are Averil Royer of 2025 Oregon Pike, Lancaster, has been a 4-H member eight years. The

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Royer she served her local club as president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary and news reporter. Averil also serves as a junior leader. A dairy winner in the 4-H National Awards program, she was a delegate to the National 4-H Convention. (Continued on Page 12)