

● **SCS Trainee**

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 FA vice-president, and was recognized with a state award for his 4-H activities. He has continued his interest in both of these youth organizations while in college, having served as president of the collegiate FFA chapter and as a member of the college's 4-H club.

As a part of Bass' staff during the summer he will be working in the field and in the Lancaster office, learning and applying conservation techniques.

● **Egg Specialists**

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 breeders, producers, processors and retailers and has traditionally presented the latest information on producing, measuring, grading and maintaining the quality of eggs. This year's curriculum has been revised to include instruction and practice in all the newest techniques and procedures applicable to liquid, frozen, dried and further processed egg products. In addition to classroom lectures, each subject is put into laboratory practice.

Sycamore Sickness Not Confined To County; Comeback Anticipated

The sad state of Lancaster County's once-stately sycamore trees this spring has aroused considerable local interest. But the sycamore sickness is not confined to the county, nor to the state. New Jersey's trees, for one, have been as badly hit.

According to Lancaster County agricultural agent M. M. Smith, the problem is caused by a fungus which attacks the trees each year. It happens that this year the weather conditions favored the disease rather than the trees. The fungus among the sycamores is anthracnose. Smith noted adding that nothing can be done to help the trees at this point but to wait for warm dry weather. Then the trees are expected to regain their leaves.

● **County FFA**

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 test events, activities will include the annual business meeting of the state association, plus educational demonstrations and tours.

Harold J. Brubaker, Mount Joy R1, Lancaster County's national FFA vice president, will also be among the featured speakers at the combined FFA meeting on June 28th.

A final assembly will be held June 30th at 10 a.m. to present awards.

Idleness travels so slowly that poverty easily catches up with it.

Tree owners have flooded local agencies and nurseries with calls on this problem, wondering what they can do for the sycamores. The only control measure recommended now is to clean up the fallen leaves and twigs from around the trees and burn these to destroy the organism. Spraying is practical only when applied as the first buds appear on the sycamores in the spring, and even then, most of the trees are too tall to be covered effectively.

SYCAMORES NOT RECOMMENDED

According to the 1949 Yearbook of Agriculture — "Trees" — the American Sycamore, or planetree, is not recommended for street or lawn planting because of its extreme susceptibility to anthracnose. The yearbook describes anthracnose as "a fungus disease that attacks and kills the leaves when they are developing in the spring, and also infects twigs, causing a disfiguring dieback".

The USDA noted in the yearbook that the London planetree, which is considered a hybrid between the American sycamore and the Oriental planetree, is more resistant to anthracnose than the native variety, and is recommended for street and home plantings.



TYPICAL of the appearance of the sycamore trees in the area is this tree growing at the Penn State University Research Farm near Landisville. While some of county sycamores show fewer leaves than this one, some others look in a little better shape. New leaves have been observed on several area trees, and the trees are expected to recover from the fungus that has hit them.
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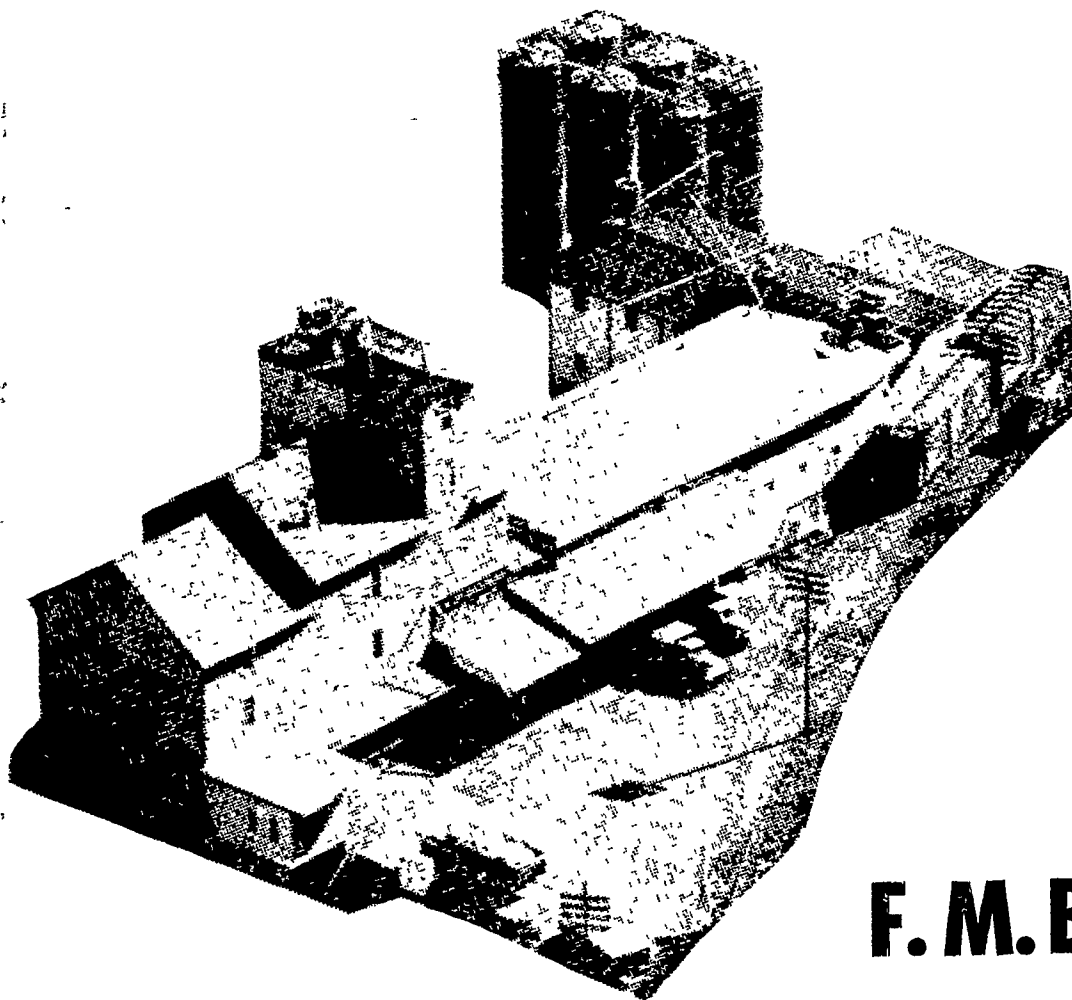
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