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THE "BIG-STUFF" STARTS TO FALL. The giant tobacco crop was started on it's way to the shed this week as above normal rains rapidly matured the late planted crop into tall, heavy and leafy stalks. Here, Parke Meck, and

his 15-year-old son Jim, and Gregory Myers, 14-year-old neighbor boy, work at their 12 acres. Meck started cutting on Wednesday on this Quarryville R1 farm, and said they will be able to keep going. L. F. Photo

Rains Hamper Hay & Wheat Crops, Push Tobacco, Corn

After five summers of drought in Lancaster County the rains seem to be making up for lost time this year. Measurements of July rainfall ranged up to seven inches, and so far in August we've had more than for the whole month last year.

The effects of all this moisture have benefited some crops, hampered others. Tobacco, late getting into the fields this year, has made phenomenal growth and some cutting started this week; the corn crop promises to be a real bin buster.

But small grain crops have been plagued since mid July with showers and poor ripening and harvesting conditions. The barley crop finally reached the storage bins, after being artificially dried, and the wheat harvest in the county is currently estimated at about 90 percent completed.

Pastures in the area are in good shape, except where soil

conditions are too wet to permit grazing, but many hay crops have spoiled in the fields.

It was reported late this week (Continued on Page 16)

ASCS Farm Tour Slated Aug. 29th

The Lancaster County office of the Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service has set Tuesday, August 29th as the date for its fourth annual farm tour, according to Miss Dorothy Neel, office manager.

The tour, held in cooperation with other agricultural agencies, will depart from the Lampeter-Strasburg High School with buses leaving at 9 a.m. and returning to the high school by 3.30 p.m. Bus fare will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children under 12.

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New Milk-O-Tester Program And Central Lab. May Speed Testing

With Pennsylvania dairy herd size expected to increase from today's 40-head to an average of 90 cows by 1980, some new methods of handling the various milk testing programs may be forthcoming.

Dairy Herd Improvement Association fieldman Carl Hollinger, from Penn State University reported to Red Rose DHIA directors and supervisors at a joint meeting Monday night on the progress of the new "Milk-o-Tester" program being studied by PSU, and on the central laboratory concept.

"So far," Hollinger told the group meeting at the Lancaster Farm Credit building, "the milk-o-tester compares very favorably with results obtained

by the standard Babcock test" (The milk-o-tester is a gadget for testing milk without using sulfuric acid, as the Babcock test does)

In the long range planning, it is anticipated that a central laboratory, or laboratories, will be projected statewide. In conjunction with the speedier testing method, the labs would eliminate the need for DHIA supervisors to do their own testing work, thus freeing them to handle more cows per man than they can now. All their samples would be mailed to the central lab.

When asked for a possible time-table on this new approach, Hollinger said it would (Continued on Page 8)

July Prices To Pa. Farmers Up 3 Percent

Prices received by Pennsylvania farmers in July rose three percent over the previous month. Substantial increases in livestock products were mainly responsible for the upswing, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Income for crops also showed a gain. Vegetable prices more than offset the seasonal (Continued on Page 9)

Guernsey Breeders At Field Day Urged To Manage Cows For Profit

by Everett Newswanger, Staff Reporter

"There is a lot more bred into our dairy cows than is ever fed or managed out of them," a feed specialist told a group of dairyman Thursday, at the Lancaster County Guernsey Breeders' Association annual field day held at the C. Henry Breneman & Sons Farm, east of Hessdale.

David J. Olig, McMillen Feed Mills, Inc., speaking to the 80 breeders, their families and friends gathered on the Breneman lawn said, "Not every calf

is as good as the next. So let's not just be multipliers of cattle."

Olig suggested production, health and type as the three things to look for when selecting cows from which to raise calves.

The speaker stressed good records including crop records as a necessary tool in today's farm practices. "Because dad and granddad did it this way, we do it," he said. "But unless you keep good records you will not know."

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Bull Blasts Pa. Meat Law Critics; Labels Statements 'Misleading'

HARRISBURG — Criticism of meat inspection laws and services is "misleading and unfair to Pennsylvania," State Agriculture Secretary Leland H. Bull charged this week.

The criticism stems from a U.S. Agriculture Department report of what is termed an "inspection of 25 (meat) plants in

central and northeast Pennsylvania.

"We know that meat inspection laws, both federal and state, need improving," Bull said, "and we have been working for this since 1963. But this latest criticism paints a grossly unfair picture of the meat industry in Pennsylvania.

"Somebody dusted off a five-year-old report of conditions found in 25 plants. Actually, there are approximately 1,700 plants in Pennsylvania that slaughter livestock or process meat. The 25 plants mentioned in the report represent less than 1.5 percent of the total operating in the state.

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WINNERS AT GUERNSEY FIELD DAY. (l to r) James Myers, 1150 Village Road, Lancaster; Elam Mull, Quarryville R1, and Mrs. J. Rohrer Witmer,

Willow Street R2. The field day was held Thursday, at the C. Henry Breneman & Sons Farm, Hessdale.

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Farm Calendar

August 14 - 9 a.m., County 4-H Dress Review at Meadow Hills Dining Hall.
- 8 p.m., Lancaster County SWCD directors meeting at Court House.
August 15 - 10 a.m., High-Moisture Corn Clinic at Lib- (Continued on Page 12)