

Reflections

(From the files of Lancaster Farming)

One Year Ago

August, 1966

Weaver Named County Star Farmer — Robert Weaver, 17-year-old Lampeter-Strasburg High School Senior, was selected from among seven of Lancaster County's most outstanding Future Farmers Tuesday (August 16) as the County Star Farmer for 1966.

Weaver, youngest of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Weaver's four children, won the award on the strength of his well-balanced farming program, FFA activities, demonstrated leadership, and a personal interview.

Runnerup to county FFA president Weaver was Daryl Bollinger, Litz R4, representing Cloister Chapter Second runnerup was James Huber, and 29 in Cumberland County Peach Bottom R2, a member of the Solanco FFA Chapter.

Weaver will receive an all-expense-paid trip to the National FFA Convention at Kan-

sas City, Missouri in the fall.

Boyd To Korea — Darwin Boyd, Ephrata R1, and his bride of two months, the former Linda Jean Stehman, will be winging their way toward Korea this week (August 13) with a three-day stop-over in the Hawaiian Islands.

Boyd spent five months in Korea under the International Farm Youth Exchange program (IFYE) in 1964. His tour of duty this time will be one year, and he will be working with the American-Korean Foundation as an agricultural field representative.

Drought Cancels Field Day —

The State Corn Field Day program slated for September 28 and 29 in Cumberland County has been canceled.

The event was called off after the field day planning committee viewed the drought damage in the fields at the

Harvey Sunday farm, site of the proposed affair.

According to Secretary of Agriculture Leland H. Bull, "the corn was stunted, fields were spotty with large bare spaces, and there wasn't much point in going on with plans for the program."

"Unfortunately," Bull added, "these fields typify conditions in the state generally this year."

Three Countians American Farmer Degree Candidates —

Three, Lancaster County Future Farmers have been nominated for American Farmer degrees, a national honor that comes to only about one percent of all boys enrolled in the FFA program.

The young men who will be honored with the American Farmer degree at this fall's national FFA convention are: Harold Brubaker, Mount Joy R1; Larry Weaver, New Holland R1; and Harold Herr, Millersville R1.

Miss Wivell To Vie For State Poultry Title —

Representing Lancaster County's poultry industry next week (August 27) in the state poultry queen competition will be Lilli Ann Wivell of Columbia R1.

The 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wivell was recently selected by the directors of the Lancaster County Poultry Association. She will be one of six county poultry queens competing for the State Poultry Queen title during the

annual poultry festival at Hershey.

Five Years Ago

August, 1962

Quarryville Man Is State Young Farmer President — A Lancaster County farmer was named president of the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association in a special election this week (August 4).

Alfred R. Overly, formerly a regional vice president, will fill the unexpired term of James Bristline, Landisburg R2, who has resigned to take a position with the Soil Conservation Service.

The 32-year-old Holstein dairyman of Quarryville R2 was named to the post during a meeting of the YFA executive board.

Overly, named Outstanding Regional Young Farmer of 1961, is serving his third consecutive term as president of the Lampeter YF Chapter.

James Lefever, a Guernsey breeder from Quarryville R3, will succeed Overly as vice president of the region.

Witmer Steer Tops Garden Spot Show —

A meaty Angus steer took the Garden Spot Beef Show grand championship honors for David Witmer of Valley Road this week (Aug. 18).

The annual 4-H show and sale, held at the Lancaster Stock Yards, featured only 39 head. According to Livestock Exchange president Robert Hebron, that number is too

small to sustain interest in the show and sale, so the event will not be held after this year.

Three County Keystone Winners — Three Lancaster County 4-H Club members were among 62 named to receive Keystone Awards at the final assembly of the annual State 4-H Club Days at Penn State University.

The top 4-H award winners from the county are: David L. Denlinger, 2351 Horseshoe Rd., for agriculture; Wilbur Hosler, Manheim R3, for beet; and Mary Jane Herr, Refton, for recreation.

State DHIA Pays Debt —

The Pennsylvania Dairy Herd Improvement Association is out of debt, it was announced this week (Aug. 18).

Moving from a deficit of \$68,000 in 1957 to a \$400 credit this year is a tremendously significant achievement, declares dean of agriculture Lyman E. Jackson.

The University's board of trustees had advanced the College of Agriculture and DHIA sufficient funds in 1957 for installing data processing equipment which could be used to compute DHIA and other records. This cooperative arrangement made it possible for all concerned to reap benefits, Jackson noted.

Boyd Exhibits Third Champion — Darwin Boyd won his third grand championship in county 4-H swine competition (Continued on Page 7)

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