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Belgian Horses To Join Co. Plowmen At Hershey

Plowmen across Pennsylvania and the nation are shining their plows and thinking about their chances of winning at the National and State Plowing Contest to be held the week after next, at Hershey. But not all of them are going to pull their plows with tractors.

Take Elmer Lapp, Kinzers R1, and his 12-year-old son Elvin, for instance. This father-son team is planning to plow with their big, strong Belgian horses in the special horse plowing event to be held on the morning of the opening day — Tuesday, August 27. At that time, the Lapps along with Pennsylvania's other best horse and mule plowmen will compete with two to five horse hitches in four categories, which include walking plow, sulky plow, one and two gang plows. Elmer plans to use three horses and Elvin will use a team of two. They also plan to hitch the five together for the riding plow event.

A chicken barbecue will be sponsored by the state association the preceding evening and horse demonstrations will be held on Wednesday and Thursday. Tickets for the barbecue are available from Lapp.

The nine adult horses and three colts in stalls at the Pequea Valley Farm, are very

much at home with the Lapp family. As the horses were brought out of their stalls Monday morning, and their harnesses fixed into place, one of them reached down and grabbed a mouthful from a bale of straw Elmer, gently chided the Belgian in tones that really weren't chiding at all but reassuring words as he worked the collar and straps into place.

Later when one of the team was wandering in the barnyard waiting to be hitched, Elmer called him by name and the horse maneuvered over to his position without hesitation.

And what started to become

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New 4-H Queens Are Miss Hess & Miss Nauman

New 4-H Queens were crowned Thursday night at the Farm and Home Center auditorium as a climax to the 4-H Achievement Day activities that drew an over-flow crowd to the new facilities.

They are Miss Donna Hess, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Hess Jr., Strasburg, chosen senior queen and Miss Janice Nauman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Richard Nauman, Manheim R4, as junior queen.

The girls were crowned by the 1967 queens, Miss Audrey Yunginger, Marietta R1 and Miss Debbie Hess Strasburg R1. Chosen runnersup were Miss

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Guernsey Breeders Hold Field Day At Lindenhof

The Lancaster County Guernsey Association held its annual Field Day Tuesday at the Lindenhof Farm of Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Linde and family, at Union.

In the morning judging contest, Jesse G. Balmer, Lititz R4, was named the top judge of the day and first in the men's division of 33 entries. He had a score of 148 points. Contestants judged three classes of dairy cattle, and Donald Brown of Applebrook Guernsey Farm, was the official judge.

Following Balmer was Fred Linton Jr., Quarryville R2, 146 points, and J. Robert Book, Millville R2; 142 points.

In the ladies class of 12 entries Thelma Garber, Willow Street R2, was first with 147 points, followed by Joyce Wagner, Quarryville R2, 136 points and Melinda Book, Millville R2, 132 points.

First place in the youth contest of 34 entries went to Jane Myer, 1150 Village Road, Lancaster, with 146 points. Audrey Wagner, Quarryville R2 was second with 143 points and Cynthia Balmer, Lititz R4 was third with 142 points.

In the afternoon program the host showed slides on dairy

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THE BIG BELGIAN HORSES of Elmer Lapp, Kinzers R1, and his 12-year-old son Elvin (behind the plow) are getting ready to join competition at the National and State Plowing Contest to be held August 27 to 29.

A special horse plowing event is set for 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday the 27th, in which Elmer and Elvin will both compete. L. F. Photo

ASCS Tour Next Thursday

The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Annual Farm Tour will be held Thursday, August 22 according to Dorothy Neel, Office Manager. Buses will leave Penn Manor High School promptly at 9:00 a.m. and return by 3:30 p.m.

The schedule is as follows:

9:00 a.m. Leave Penn Manor High School

9:30 a.m. Victor Weaver's Poultry Processing Plant

11:00 a.m. Lester Weaver Farm. Contours and steer feeding

12:00 noon Lunch at New Holland Community Park

2:00 p.m. Stauffer Homestead Farm. Cross-bred cattle, hogs, lambs and cattle feeding

Bus fare for the tour is \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for children under 12

Farm Calendar

Monday, Aug. 19

8:00 P.M. — Joint 4-H Dairy Clubs meet, Farm and Home Center.

Tuesday, Aug. 20

8:00 A.M. — Lancaster County 4-H Pig Roundup, Lancaster Stockyards

1:00 P.M. — Selection of FFA County Star Farmer, Farm and Home Center

1:30 P.M. — 4-H Swine Sale, Lancaster Stockyards.

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LS School Board Evaluates Ag Course; Holds Meeting To Hear Farmers; Decides To Continue

The recent resignation of Gerald M. Kiger, Vocational Agriculture teacher at Lampeter-Strasburg High School, brought into the open a reevaluation of the Vo Ag course by the local school board. And therefore, a meeting of parents, students, farmers and other interested persons was called by the board Monday night, to obtain facts for making a decision.

Board President, Dr. Donald B. Witmer, opened the meeting by posing the problem of getting a teacher at such a late date and the declining ag enrollment at the school. He listed four possible ways the board could move:

continue the program as it is; modify it; phase it out; or drop it immediately. "We are interested in tax payers," he said "but we are interested in pupils more."

Dr. Melvin Rosier, District Superintendent of Schools then listed the needs to be considered: (1) the needs of the community; (2) the needs of the pupils; (3) effects of the new Vo-Tech school; (4) enrollment (present and future); (5) employment potentials; (6) maximum use of facilities and (7) alternatives.

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Weber And Esbenschade Slated For American Farmer Degree Award

Two Lancaster County farm youths have been nominated for the American Farmer Degree — highest award given by the Future Farmers of America organization — according to Henry E. Givler, York-Lancaster Area Ag Supervisor. They are Glenn S. Weber, and James R. Esbenschade.

Weber, the 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew G. Weber, Mohnton R2, has served as president of the Grassland Chapter at New Holland and was president of the Red Rose FFA Chapter, the county organization. He graduated in 1966 from Garden Spot and served as state FFA president the same year.

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Below Average Tobacco Yield Expected Here

Production of Pennsylvania Seedleaf tobacco is forecast at 36 million pounds. Down 5 percent from the July 1 estimate, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. Estimated yield declined from the 1,900 pounds expected on July 1 to 1,800 on August 1 based on development and progress of the crop during the month. The current yield per acre estimate is 50 pounds less than last year's yield and 25 pounds less than the 1962-66 average yield. If the current estimate materializes, production will be 7 percent less than the 1967 crop of

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