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## Shining Moldboards

Robert Harnish, Manheim R2, adjusting one of his three trip bottoms, was scooting the furrows open with a sporty new tractor Monday afternoon when Lancaster Farming Editor Everett Newswanger found him.

The dust wasn't flying though and Robert said it was a little wet in the flats. But the plowing had to go on because a stiff South wind was calling for more rain and May 1 is soon here. Robert was recently married and

started farming for himself this year. He has 70 head of Holstein dairy cattle and farms 77 acres. His father Jacob Harnish was also working around the barn at the time of the editor's visit.

The Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service reports the frequent showers and wet soils have limited field work across the state just as they have in Lancaster County. Sweet cherries are in full bloom and sour cherries and early peaches are beginning to show blossoms. No frost damage has been reported

to the cherries, peaches or apple trees.

Early vegetables are making rapid growth as are hay and pasture grasses. Soft ground has limited pasturing of cattle though.

Oats seeding has been slowed by wet weather with about one-half the crop planted in the southern counties and some seeding has been started in the central areas. Fall seeded grains have greened up with little winter damage in evidence.

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## 'Dutch' Meal Served R.I. Guests of Garden Spot Boys

by Everett Newswanger  
Lancaster Farming Editor

"Come on in boys, supper is ready," was the make-yourself-at-home greeting some 50 hungry Rhode Island FFA boys (and a few girls) received Wednesday evening after their bus rolled into Bowmansville about an hour and a half late. And the warm-hearted invitation was no fake. Supper really was ready. For Bartram (Bart) M. Leaman, East Earl R1, knows how to

handle a hungry man, or lady or boy or girl.

It was all you could eat of home made bread & butter, apple butter, ham loaf, mashed potatoes, baked beans. And there was pickled beets, eggs, chow chow and apple sauce. And if you were still hungry (who was?) dessert was still to come. Graham cracker-banana pudding, fruit salad and at least two kinds of cake.

The visitors, guests of the FFA boys at Garden Spot High School, could well have been our own sons and daughters — clean cut, likeable, polite, with just the right amount of reservedness to show their fine self-discipline. They weren't quite sure how to take our winding back roads. But that is understandable. Even the bus driver said the roads from Rhode Island to Washington,

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## Farmers Given Responsibility To Guard Health

"The American farmer assumes a new responsibility," a movie on the safe use of pesticides, emphasized. "He (the farmer) assumes the responsibility to guard the health of the nation."

This movie along with opinions of experts in feeds, foods, drugs, and pesticides were on the agenda of the Seminar on Agricultural Chemicals held Thursday at the Host Town Motel in Lancaster.

Samuel Guss of the Veterinary Science Extension at the Pennsylvania State University told the group of about 25 industry leaders and educators that he has been promoting management over medicine for years. Many drug and medicine people have objected, but under the present situation, the thinking has proved correct. "Medicated feeds are very useful, but the least we can do is prevent the indiscriminate use of them," Guss said.

"I wish there was a way to prevent farmers from buying

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## Youth Are Informed Of Co-op Methods

"We know those persons related to agriculture are in the minority. But if we can inform more people of our problems, they can go into the world on our side with true facts."

Jay Irwin, Associate County Agent said that is the reason for having the Youth Institute on Cooperative Business held Tuesday at the Farm and Home Center. "Those who are informed are less critical," Irwin said.

Hal F. Doran, Penn State University, told the more than 100 youths, teachers, adult advisors and Co-op leaders, "The one thing we need is quality, not necessarily quantity."

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## Quality Statements Made At Marketing Council Meeting

Quality is remembered long after price is forgotten — people will pay for quality — consumer demand can be created by quality.

These were some of the statements made recently in Hershey where the members of nine state marketing advisory councils met to discuss quality.

The meeting, called the All-Council Conference, was sponsored by State Marketing Advisory Councils, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Agway, Inc., and the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation.

Councils for apples, eggs, grapes, mushrooms, potatoes, poultry, vegetables, nursery products and farm markets were represented at the meeting.

Here are some of the thoughts expressed at the meeting.

The concept of quality changes as consumer tastes change. Country-style smoked ham may be an older person's idea of quality ham while a

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## Cereal Leaf Beetle Survey Coming To Co.

The State Agriculture Department this week announced plans for a cereal leaf beetle survey to be made in 25 counties beginning May 1.

The cereal leaf beetle, a comparatively new plant pest in the United States, causes serious damage in grain fields, particularly those bearing oats, wheat and barley. The insect has moved rapidly eastward since its discovery in Michigan in 1962 and appeared in Pennsylvania for the first time in 1967 when it was found in several western counties.

The survey will be a cooperative effort by the Department's

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Robert A. Martin

## Robert Martin Elected Pres. Of Co. Swinemen

Robert A. Martin was elected president of the Lancaster County Swine Producers Association Thursday night at a re-organizational meeting held at the Farm and Home Center. Martin owns Rippling Streams Farms at East Earl R1.

Elected vice president was John H. Henkel, Willow Glen Farm, Strasburg R1 and James Horton, Manager of Masonic

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## Lancaster County Farm And Home Scholarships Offered To Youths

One of the objectives of the Lancaster County Farm and Home Foundation is to encourage the higher education of the youth of Lancaster County. In this respect the Foundation is announcing the offering of scholarship awards in 1969 in the fields of Agriculture and Home Economics. Depending upon the number and quality of applicants, a maximum of eight scholarships may be awarded.

According to M. M. Smith, Lancaster County Agent, each scholarship award will be in the amount of \$400.00 and may be used to help defray tuition, fees, or room and board expenses at any accredited college or university, which offers a course of study in Agriculture and/or Home Economics.

These Farm and Home Foundation scholarships are earnings

from an irrevocable Trust Fund set up by the late Elmer L. Esbenshade, one of the founders of the Lancaster County Farm and Home Foundation. The income from this trust fund will be offered annually in the form of educational scholarships through the Farm and Home Foundation.

All Senior Guidance Counselors throughout the Lancaster County School Districts are being informed of these scholarships in order to get prospective boys and girls informed.

Interested youth are urged to contact their Senior Guidance Counselor for details and an application blank. Additional information is also available from M. M. Smith, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17601.