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RECEIVING CUCUMBERS at Good's Plant Food Store in Intercourse. Harvey Good, moves the pickles with a tow-motor in front of an Amish grower's team. Farm-

ers seem pleased with the first results of an excellent growing season in this first year trial. L. F. Photo

Farmers Show Enthusiasm For Cucumber Cash Crop

"Picking really isn't so bad when you get the hang of it," said an Amish farmer Thursday. He was speaking about picking

cucumbers—Lancaster County's newest cash crop.

The Oxford Pickle Company, South Deerfield, Mass., had advertised for growers early this spring with the hope of obtaining at least 50 acres in the area for this growing season. And the attempt has been successful. For now the pickles are coming in to the local receiving station at Good's Plant Food Store in Intercourse and the company representative David Oloff is happy with the way they have been grown. The 39 farmers raising 51 acres of SMR 58 cucumbers are also apparently happy with the results that are now beginning to show in this new venture.

In fact, for the farmers who have done some harvesting to date, the word enthusiasm would describe their reactions. "It's an exceptional year for pickles," another grower said. "The last rain really brought them on. We finished picking our 1½ acres in one day and they had grown so much we had to start right over again." This farmer had just unloaded nearly 100 bushels of fine pickles from his mule-drawn steel-wheeled hay wagon. It was his second picking. Normal picking is usually every second day.

Harvey Good, local link be-
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Holstein Men Set Field Day

The Lancaster County Holstein Breeders Association will hold their annual Field Day on Wednesday, July 23, 1969, at the farm of Paul B. Zimmerman, R. D. 1, Ephrata.

To attend, follow Route 222 North of Ephrata to Wickes Lumber Yard. Turn right, Zimmerman's is the first farm on the left. Field Day signs will be posted.

The judging contest will begin at 10:30 a.m. Official judge will be Raymond Seidel, Kerchenhill Farm, Richland, Pennsylvania. At noon there will be a chicken barbecue, price \$1.50. Reservations should be made no later than July 17th.

The afternoon program will begin at 1:30 p.m. with James F. Pound, Director of Extension, Brattleboro, Vermont as speaker.

The Holstein Field Day Committee in charge is H. Richard Hershey (Chairman), David Sweigart, and James Kreider.

Plowing Contest Set For July 29

Plans for the 1969 Lancaster County Plowing Contest were finalized Wednesday night at the director's meeting of the local Soil and Water Conservation District. Aaron Stauffer, chairman, reported the time and place of the contest to be Tuesday, July 29, starting at 10 a.m. at Earl Hurst's farm, Lititz. Rain date is Thursday, July 31.

County farmers or those regularly employed as farm workers are invited to enter. This year a new class for farm women has been added. So, if you're 16 years-old or over, you should get your entries to Aaron Stauffer, Ephrata R. 1, no later than July 25.

Also being held the same day will be 4-H and FFA Land

Judging, the Lancaster County 4-H tractor driving contest, a fish demonstration and a pig chase for the children.

The classes for plowing are contour, small plow (level land), large plow (level land) and ladies (level land).

In other business Amos Funk was announced as the winner of the State Farm Conservation Award from the Keystone Chapter of Soil Conservation Society of America. In making the announcement, Orval Bass, Conservationist, said Funk will receive the award at the society's annual meeting in Lockhaven, July 25 and 26.

School FFA Chapters completing Conservation Programs were announced in order of their placings. They are New Holland, Ephrata, Solanco, Penn Manor, and Warwick.

A pictorial report of conserva-
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Farm Calendar

Tuesday, July 15
10:00 a.m.—District 4-H Livestock Judging, Masonic Home Farms, Elizabethtown.

8:00 p.m.—Lancaster County Farm and Home Foundation Directors meet, Farm and Home Center.

11:30 p.m.—4-H Tour to Iowa leaves Farm and Home Center.

Wednesday, July 16
8:30 a.m.—New Holland Young Farmers Tour, leave High School.

10:00 p.m.—Holstein Judging School, Bucks County.

Thursday, July 17
7:30 p.m.—4-H Horse Club Leaders meet, Farm and Home Center.

8:00 p.m.—Inter-state Milk Producers meeting, Farm and Home Center.

Friday, July 18 & 19—Pa. Young Farmers Picnic, Gettysburg.

Local 4-H Youths To Attend PAFC Summer Institute

Two hundred rural boys and girls from 46 Commonwealth counties and parts of New York State and New Jersey will convene in Shippensburg tomorrow, at Shippensburg State College for the ninth summer institute of the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives.

The institute, which will run through Thursday, is sponsored by the farm cooperative trade organization and College of Agriculture of The Pennsylvania State University.

Averril Royer, 2025 Oregon Pike, is co-chairman and Kenneth Risser, Leola R. 1, is a council scholar. Other local youths attending are Lynn Heistand,
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County 4-H Youths Qualify For District

County 4-H youths qualified for district competition Tuesday when they competed in the local Demonstration Day in the Farm and Home Center.

In the senior division, Burnell Buchen, Manheim R. 3, and Roy Baubaker, Lancaster, were named winners for their demonstration "Better Care—Better Profits." The demonstration showed the safe handling of livestock. Ray and Burnell are members of the Baby Beef and Lamb 4-H Club.

In the junior division, Judy Risser, of Leola R. 1, was selected
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HOME ECONOMICS DEMONSTRATION. (left to right) Deborah Degenhardt, Cindy Smith, and Pat Smucker gave senior 4-H demonstrations Wednesday that will take them on to district competition. De-

borah's demonstration was titled "Buttons and Bows", Cindy's was "The Sewing Primer", and Pat's was "Sumptin' to Luv."
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