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It's Your Life

By Gerald Martin

Ed. Note:

Gerald Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Z. Martin, Lititz R1, was the Lancaster County FFA Public Speaking Contest winner and made it through the area and district contests to the state contest held at Penn State in conjunction with FFA Activities Week. There he placed 3rd with a gold medal. Since tomorrow starts National Farm Safety Week and Gerald's speech is on the subject we herewith publish his contribution to farm safety.

The story is printed a hundred times each year, and each time it is pretty much the same. It takes about two inches of newspaper space and says that a farmer lost a hand while unclogging an auger, or that he was killed when a tractor rolled on him. It lists his name and age, and when he dies, his survivors. Farmers read it and think "Another careless guy." I know, my uncle was of those careless guys.

However, there is another story which seldom is printed. This is the story of why the accident occurred, and because it seldom is printed, farmers are walking to accidents the way rabbits walk into traps. In fact the typical farmer often stands within a few inches of a serious accident and never realizes it.

Accidents not only take lives and inflict injury but also are a drain on money, time, and management of every farmer in the United States. Why are there so many farm accidents? Is it because... (Continued on Page 12)



BLUE BOY wheat is inspected by H. Richard Hershey, Lititz R1. The new variety was tried locally to see how it survived winter kill and what the yields would be under local conditions. L. F. Photo

New Variety Of Wheat Tried On Lititz Farm

A new variety of wheat called Blue Boy, was tried this year on the farm of H. Richard Hershey, Lititz R1. The plowing was done last fall by US Steel Co. with a six bottom plow. On one half of the five acre test plot 120 pounds of nitrogen per acre was plowed down and on the remainder it was applied with a chisel and a cultivator. The wheat, a product of southern states is a high nitrogen user in contrast to regular types usually grown locally.

The reason for the experiment was to see if this high yielding wheat could stand Lancaster County winters and if it would produce regular varieties grown here.

In checking the yields after the combine this week Hershey reported the new variety did not produce Red Coat by about 20 bushels per acre but he said the quality was not as good. The Blue Boy was lighter in test weight and it gave more screenings, he said.

The point to test the new variety on its winter hardiness was proven Hershey said the Blue Boy was not quite as tall as the Red Coat but it stood out more and was thicker. This standing quality did cause some concern as to how well the new variety would serve as a nurse crop for clover and other grasses. But Bill Brubaker, Organic Plant Food, said it depends which way you want to go. It doesn't matter what variety you want to use. If you want top yields of wheat you likely will not have a good... (Continued on Page 6)

LATE NOTICE

The Atlantic On Parade day scheduled by the Atlantic Breeders Cooperative has been cancelled according to an announcement made yesterday by Harry Roth, Assistant Manager.

Due to highway construction on Route 230 past the bull barns it is feared the large number of visitors that usually attend this open house could not be accommodated. Roth said the Parade Day activities have been completely cancelled but visitors are always welcome.

Co. Livestock Men To Attend PSU Field Day

At a recent meeting of the planning committee for the Lancaster County Livestock Field Day, it was decided to cancel the local event this summer and support the state wide Field Day at Penn State. THE PENNSYLVANIA LIVESTOCK FIELD DAY will be held on the... (Continued on Page 5)

Farmers' Assn. Ladies Host State Day Here

Ladies of the Lancaster County Farmers Association will host a State Ladies Day Out for their organization at the Farm and Home Center, Thursday, July 24. The all day affair starts at 10 a.m.

The program will feature a safety quiz, a Pennsylvania Medical Society speaker, talent contest with several County winners competing; speaker from the Food and Drug Administration — a consumer consultant; a brief report of the growth and development of the modern farm and home center facilities — tours for these interested after the meeting.

Luncheon will be served smorgasbord style and for reservations at \$3 per meal, interested ladies should phone Mrs. Clyde Wivell at 717-426-1303.

This meeting is for region I of the Pa. Farmers Assn., which includes Berks, Bucks, Chester, Lancaster, Lebanon, Montgomery, Northampton, Schuylkill and Carbon Counties.

Inter-State Members Hear Proposed Order Changes

Local Inter-State Milk Co-operative members met Thursday night at the Farm and Home Center to hear their representative Dr. Paul Hand discuss the proposals on merging federal orders and base plan changes that will be made by the co-operative at a hearing scheduled in August at Baltimore.

Dr. Hand said, "The ultimate aim is to improve the Class I utilization to get a better blend price. At the annual meeting we were talking in terms of a few years for pushing the merger of the Philadelphia, Washington and Baltimore orders," he said. "But developments in movement of milk by dealers has caused...

necessary action to be taken in a matter of months rather than years.

For example, riots in Washington have caused the closure of the Sealtest Plant there and it will be moved to Baltimore or Philadelphia. And Safeway has about... (Continued on Page 11)

Agronomists From Seven-State Region Visit Local Crop Farm

A group of agronomists from a seven-state area visited a local farm Tuesday to study soil fertility and resulting crop production. Visiting the farm of Raymond N. Bucher, Lititz R1, the men on the American Potash Institute Top Farmer Tour saw records of liming and fertilization on every field for the past two years and a field that was in continuous corn for 25 years.

Raymond is very interested in crops and soils and samples each field on his 210 acre farm each year. He has 12 or 13 varieties of corn and doesn't accept any new variety until he has tried a small...

amount of seed on his own farm. Some of the points of discussion among the top extension men as they talked with Bucher on his farm lawn were: (1) you must look at the variety of corn to decide on a fertilization program, (2) it is difficult to get an accurate soil sample because of the vast difference of pH in spots over the field, (3) the biggest discrepancy in sampling is usually in the depth of the take, (4) you should sample between the rows, especially where band fertilization is practiced; (5) it is necessary to watch the minor... (Continued on Page 6)



TINY FINGERLING BASS are shown in the tank truck that stopped at the Lancaster Shopping Center Wednesday to distribute the little fish to local lake and pond owners. Showing the fish is Leroy White of the Department of Interior Fish and Wild Life Service. L. F. Photo

Tiny Fish Come To Local Ponds

Tiny fish about three inches long came to Lancaster this week and were transported to various ponds in Lancaster County Commission in a Federal Fish and...

Wildlife tank truck from the Lamar National Fish Hatchery at Lamar, the little bass fingerlings were counted out into... (Continued on Page 8)

Farm Calendar

Sunday, July 20
20-26 — National Farm Safety Week.
Wednesday, July 23
10 a.m. — Lancaster County Holstein Field Day, Paul Zimmerman Farm, near Ephrata. (Continued on Page 6)