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## Holstein Youth Contest Now Being Conducted

The Pennsylvania Holstein Distinguished Junior Member Contest is now being conducted according to Nathan E. Stoltzfus, local Chairman. The contest, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Holstein Association is for any 4-H or FFA member who has been enrolled in dairy project work with Registered Holsteins and who is a Junior Member of the National Holstein Association.

Stoltzfus said the contest was formerly known as the Holstein Boy and Girl Contest and Junior members applied directly to the state organization for the honor. Now a local contest must be held and the winner presented to the state committee.

If you or a youth you know has successfully completed project work with Registered Holsteins and is a member of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, you should contact Stoltzfus before September 15, for an entry blank.

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INSPECTING an excellent dark green stand of no-til planted corn is Robert Rohrer. The ears in the milk stage are large and well-developed and the stalks are tall and thick.

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## A Cross-County Survey

### No-Til Planted Corn Fields Show Excellent Promise

By Everett Newswanger  
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The newest thing in corn planting on Lancaster County farms for several years has been what everyone has come to call the "No-Til" method. While older farmers shake their heads in disbelief at the thought of planting corn in sod or corn stalks without even plowing or disking, a few adventurous fellows have tried it. Most of them however, have been cautious, planting only a small percentage of their corn acreage by the new method.

Now the time of corn harvest for silage and for grain is approaching. What has happened in the corn fields where the new no-til plantings have been made?

"You have to remember it was a perfect year for it," says Robert Breighner, Lancaster R2. "But I feel the no-til planted corn is every bit as good as the field planted beside it in the conventional way."

Breighner had five acres planted the new way when he was unable to do his own farm work in the spring because of an accident. He likes the speed with which the corn was planted. "For fellows like me with no silo, you can get your hay off and corn planted quicker," he said.

Bob planted his no-til corn in

alfalfa stalks at a 23,000 plant-per-acre population two days after the hay was made. He used 200 pounds of 6-12-12 fertilizer to the acre with the planter and applied 100 pounds of liquid nitrogen on top of the ground. Two and a half pounds of atrazine per acre took care of the sod and weeds very nicely.

Breighner did hear reports that sprouted corn from the previous year could be a problem in planting corn year after year. He feels it might be best to plow the ground once in a while.

Franklin Myers, Lancaster R6, has two years experience with the method now and went from a trial of 10 acres in 1968 to 30 acres this year. And he reports last year's yields on the no-til corn at 140 to 150 bushels per acre — as good or better than the rest of his crop. And his fields look just as good this year.

"One thing you have to accept in no-til planting is the fact that you get a field loss of seed planted," he said. "You need to accept this as one of the expenses of the

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## Statement Asks Change In Proposed Route 30 Bypass

A statement from the Board of Supervisors of the West Sadsburg Twp in Chester Co was read Wednesday night at the monthly meeting of the Lancaster County Soil and Water District Directors.

Requesting an investigation by the Lancaster and Chester County Planning Commissions the statement asked for an evaluation of a more northerly route through the eastern Lancaster County portion and the Chester County portion of the proposed Route 30 bypass between Lancaster and the Coatesville bypass. "This proposed alternate would not necessarily affect the western three-fourths of the Lancaster County portion," the statement said.

"The possible alternate would start from the eastern end of the Mine Ridge and connect with the western end of the Gap Ridge, either directly or by the shortest feasible circuitous manner that would be consistent with a tie in with Route 41, and also take in a minimum of Agricultural land in eastern Lancaster County."

Discussion at the meeting favored the statement and it is believed the highway department will make a further study.

In other business the directors started work on a teacher's conservation workshop possibly next summer. The workshop would emphasize not only how conservation works but why it is important to individual pupils.

Also the directors asked the Lancaster Planning Commission to consider forwarding all plans to the District for review. The District would look them over and make suggestions on placements of drains and conservation practices and return the plans to the commission. They offered to do this as a service rather than as a police force.

The following co-operators were approved: Franklin E Kurtz, East Cocalico, 42A; Harry H. Martin, East Earl, 68A; John G. Farrington, Elizabeth, 200A; Caleb Hershey, Penn, 31A.



Jay Smoker

## Jay Smoker Wins Kunzler Scholarship

Jay Smoker, son of Mr & Mrs Earl Smoker, Stevens R.1, was named winner of the \$500 Kunzler & Co. scholarship for 1969. Jay a graduate of Ephrata High School and member of the Cloister FFA, is enrolled in the agriculture program at Pennsylvania State University.

Smoker received his Keystone Degree at the 1969 State FFA Convention. He is past treasurer of his local chapter and was a delegate to the National FFA Convention in 1968. Jay has a farming program that includes registered holstein dairy animals, market hogs, & field corn. He has won numerous awards with his dairy animals and market hogs at both local and state shows.

Jay was an honor student at Ephrata High School.

## Farm Calendar

Sunday, Sept. 7

12:30 p.m. — Ephrata Young Farmer Picnic, Rheamstown Memorial Park

Monday, Sept. 8

7:30 p.m. — Elm-Penryn 4-H Club meets, Penryn Fire Hall.

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## Four New Ag Teachers In Co.

Four new Vocational Agriculture teachers greeted FFA Students across the County this week. They are James Hilton, Pequea Valley; A. K. Kissell, New Holland; August Birchler, Penn Manor; and James Kerr, Jr., Warwick.

Hilton graduated from Oxford High School in 1965 and from Penn State in June. A resident of Chester County, he raised pigs, beef and bees during his eight

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James Hilton



James Kerr, Jr.



August Birchler



A. K. Kissell