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Annual Crops, Soils Day Planned

Speakers on the program of the 11th annual Lancaster County Crops and Soils Day at the Farm and Home Center Tuesday (February 23) will cover a wide range of topics relating to crop production, according to Arnold G. Lueck, associate Lancaster County agricultural agent.

Agribusiness firms will set up many exhibits and displays of their products for viewing by farmers who attend the program.

The program begins at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude by mid-afternoon, with a noon lunch available.

A rundown of the program is as follows: 8:30 a.m., visit exhibits and displays of seed, fertilizer, lime, agricultural chemicals, and farm supply dealers; 9:30 a.m., remarks by Lueck.

9:45 a.m., weed control in field crops, by Willis L. McClellan, Penn State Extension agronomist.

10:15 a.m., "Let's Look at Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation," Orval A. Bass, Lancaster County Soil Conservationist.

10:45 a.m., "New Ideas in Silage and Hay Making," John E. Baylor, Penn State Extension agronomist.

11:30 a.m., "All About No-Till Corn Planting," Willis L. McClellan, Penn State Extension agronomist.

12:00 Noon, lunch and visit agribusiness displays and exhibits. 1:30 p.m., "Fiddlin' Around with Corn Growth," Joseph H. McGahan, Penn State Extension agronomist.

2:15 p.m., "Anhydrous Ammonia," Willis L. McClellan, Penn State Extension agronomist.

2:30 p.m., "Grassland Round the World," John E. Baylor, Penn State Extension agronomist. Adjourn at 3 p.m.

Lueck urged those present to take time to talk with the agribusinessmen who are present.

The program is an educational service of the Cooperative Extension Service of Lancaster County for farmers and those who work with and advise farmers.



Elected officers of the Farm and Home Foundation this week were, left to right, Melvin R. Stoltzfus, chairman; Donald Eby, vice chairman; and George Lewis, treasurer. Mrs. Landis Myer, not present, was voted secretary.

The only new officer is Eby, who replaces L. H. Skromme.

Stoltzfus, a 50-year-old Ronks RD1 dairyman, originally was elected in August to fill the unexpired term of the late John H. Herr.

In other action, the board finalized plans for a fund raising auction sale Thursday at Root's Country Market and Auction to raise money to pay off outstanding debts on the Farm and Home Center (see story on page 29).

Elsewhere, Max Smith, Lancaster County agricultural agent, said the concrete foundation for the flag pole at the Center in memory of the late Victor Plasztow was slated to be installed Friday (yesterday).

FFA WEEK
Feb. 20 - 27

(See special feature on two new Lancaster County FFA Chapters at the v-tech schools on page 7 and an explanation of why FFA Week is closely associated with George Washington on page 22.)

Farm Calendar

Saturday, February 20
 State Grange Regional Institute, St. Mary's.

Monday, February 22
 10 a.m.-10 p.m. — Powl's Feed Service Open-House.

6:30 p.m. — Royster - Miller
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Potato Meetings Set Indian Run Discussed

Educational meetings have been scheduled for potato growers.

A meeting at Stewartstown Fire Hall in southern York County will start at 10 a.m. Wednesday, February 24 with a movie, followed by insect control, storage disease control, potatoes for chipping and preserving good agricultural land for farming.

Noon lunch is available.

In the p.m. session, there will be fertilization for quality and a panel on varieties. It will end at 3 p.m.

The 20th annual Potato Growers statewide meeting will be held March 3 and 4 at the

Nittany Lion Inn, State College. On Wednesday, subject will include varieties, seedlings, varieties research, shipping varieties, potato insects, verticillium wilt, controlling bruising, harvesting and changes in U.S. grades. On Thursday, there will be a general session, farm labor report, weed control, and sprout control report.

Arnold G. Lueck, Lancaster County associate agricultural agent, urged local potato growers to attend the meetings to get up to date information for the growing season just ahead. Further details on the meetings are available from the Lancaster Extension office.

"I've watched a good stream go to the condition its in now."

That was Aaron Stauffer's comment Thursday night on Indian Run at a meeting at the Ephrata High School. The meeting was an informational one attended by several farmers, members of the Ephrata Jaycees and local conservation officials.

Besides Stauffer, who is chairman of the Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District, speakers included Charles Ackley, vo-ag teacher who has done much study on the subject of environmental pollution, Orvall Bass, district soil conservationist, and Frank Lucas, assistant conservationist.

Lucas emphasized that sediment is the number one pollutant from the land and it can be controlled.

The speakers also noted that the soil carries off valuable plant nutrients with it when it washes away.

While possibility of forming a watershed to clean up the stream was discussed, no official action was taken.

Tobacco Referendum Slated In Pennsylvania Next Week

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently proclaimed marketing quotas for the 1971, 1972, and 1973 crops of Pennsylvania cigar-filler tobacco and set February 22-26 as the referendum dates, stated Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Chairman Fred G. Seldomridge.

The carryover of cigar filler, type 41, tobacco on October 1, 1970, beginning of the current marketing year was 97.3 million pounds, farm-weight basis — down 7.8 million pounds from the 1969-70 year. Type 41, cigar-filler tobacco

is grown in south central Pennsylvania with Lancaster County producing the bulk of this tobacco.

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James A. McHale, right, Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, and Robert Park, Pennsylvania Egg Council president, discuss egg promotion flip chart at a meeting in Harrisburg recently.