

Lancaster Farming

SECOND SECTION

Lancaster ASC Committee Sets Information Meeting

The Lancaster County ASC Committee will hold an informational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 16 at the Production Credit Association, 411 W. Roseville Road, Lancaster.

The meeting is intended to describe the new "set-aside program," what it means to the farmer and the part it plays in assisting agriculture to solve its marketing problems and improve its income.

According to the Lancaster County ASC committee, the new 1971 set-aside program is not restrictive and offers participants flexibility on what may be planted and eliminates

the need to plant within the bases and allotments on other farms.

In terms of expanding demand in 1971 the U.S. expects to use the production of 20,000,000 acres more than was actually harvested in 1970. This demand is now being met by a draw-down and carry over stocks, and particularly owned and financed by the Commodity Credit Corporation it was noted.

Participation in the 1971 Wheat and Feed Grain Set-Aside Programs is available during the sign-up period from March 1 until April 9.

County Commissioner To Speak On Land Value Reassessment

County Commissioner Benjamin Weaver will discuss land reassessment at a meeting at the Farm and Home Center at 7:30 p.m. Friday night (March 12).

Open to all farm families, the meeting is sponsored by the Lancaster County Farmers Association.

Weaver will also discuss several other issues pertaining to farming.

The Farmers Association also made final plans. Association representatives will go to the capitol to visit and talk with legislators.

A banquet will be held in the evening at the Penn Harris Motor Inn, Camp Hill.

A poultry marketing meeting open to the public was announced for the Production Credit Building, Lancaster, at 3:30 p.m. March 22. The program will explain the Association's "spend hen" program to encourage orderly marketing of laying hens.

The summer picnic was announced for 7 p.m. July 16 at Lampeter Park.

Plans were also discussed to host the group of young farmers from Tennessee July 22.

New 4-H Year Officially Launched

The Lancaster County 4-H Leader Kick Off meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Farm and Home Center.

The buffet supper meeting is an annual event to officially begin the new 4-H Club program year.

The featured speaker was Prof. Samuel Leadley, Penn State professor of rural sociology. He spoke on adult leaders in 4-H work and encouraged involving teen leaders in the program.

He strongly urged the concept of using older 4-H teen members to help train younger 4-H members. Not only does this relieve the leaders of some of the work load, it also helps teach the teens a sense of responsibility and helps make them feel needed in the 4-H program, he explained.

Some of the programs coming up in 1971 were reviewed, including the 4-H Exchange Program. Under this program, local 4-H members will be traveling to North Carolina this summer from July 15 to July 23 and Lancaster County 4-H'ers will be hosting 4-H members from Wisconsin June 25 to July 3.

Miss Joan Lucas, assistant Extension home economist, reviewed some of the meeting dates of the 4-H County Council. The review included Council play April 16 and 17 at Conestoga Valley High School, the officer training and new leader orientation meeting April 22 and 4-H Flapjack Day at the Farm and Home Center from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 24.

Jay W. Irwin, associate Lancaster County agricultural agent, reviewed the part that 4-H has played in contributions to the Farm and Home Foundation in making the Farm and Home Center possible.

Irwin also reviewed procedures on organizing the 4-H clubs for the coming year.

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Noah Wenger Is Named To U.S. Ag Dept. Environmental Study

Noah Wenger, 26, a Stevens RD1 poultry and steer farmer, has been named a regional program advisor of a U.S. Agriculture Department workshop to study environmental problems.

The study will develop recommendations for governmental departments at universities in a 12 state area.

The two-year appointment was announced jointly Wednesday in Washington by U.S. Senators Hugh Scott and Richard Schweiker and Congressman Edwin D. Eshelman.

The workshop will be known as the Northeast Regional Workshop. It is being organized by the Agriculture Department's science and education section in cooperation with the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges.

The workshop's mission will be to evaluate the effect of current and projected science and education programs on specific commodities and problems.

The Northeast region includes Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode

Island, Vermont and West Virginia.

Wenger operates a 100-acre poultry and steer farm in West Cocalico Twp., which had been operated before him by his father, Elam Wenger.

Wenger is past president of the Lancaster County Farmers Association.



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In U.S. Environment Study

Conservation Banquet Is Slated at Blue Ball

The annual Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District annual banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 23 at the Blue Ball Fire Hall.

John Rahenkamp, president of the land planning firm of Rahenkamp Sach Wells and Associates of Philadelphia, will speak on "Natural Criteria and Development Impact."

Tickets may be obtained from SCD directors or from the Soil Conservation Service office, 1383 Arcadia Road.

Mrs. Ober, a Town Girl Who Really Mastered Farm Life

By Mrs. Charles McSparran
Farm Feature Writer

Mrs. Ronald M. (Sandia) Ober, who lives on Milton Grove Road not far from the Mount Joy-Manheim exit of route 283, is a young farmer's wife who grew up in town but loves country life and is a real helpmate to her husband.

Through her husband's serious tractor accident a few years ago, she was suddenly thrust into the actual work of a dairy farmer.

Since that time, she can take over milking chores and does in the summer when her husband is busy in the fields. She runs the tractor to work the ground in planting season, strips tobacco in winter and runs errands for her husband.

Obers rent their 140 acre farm

and 20 additional acres where they grow about 75 acres of corn, 10 acres of tobacco and a lot of hay. They intend to cut their tobacco acreage to six acres this year and grow more corn which they will need for additional cows. Not having much of their own help on the farm, tobacco isn't too profitable. They have one man who helps strip tobacco four days a week in the winter.

They have 38 head of Holsteins, 30 being milking cows, and are gradually increasing their herd. They deliver their own milk in cans to Mount Joy Farmers Cooperative creamery, which is near their farm.

They finish 9 or 10 hogs a year and are raising a colt so they will have a riding horse. This colt "Israel" was born last Easter.

Obers have been on this farm two years and prior to coming here were on a farm between Marietta and Bambridge for two years.

Besides being a busy homemaker, Mrs. Ober works part time as a waitress at Hostetter's Banquet Hall in Mount Joy.

Sandia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Updegraff of Mount Joy and Ronald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ober of Lititz. They have three young farmers coming on: Ronald Jr. is seven and is in first grade at Elm Tree Elementary School; Michael is four and Ryan Lee is three.

Since March 7-13 is Girl Scout Week, we call attention to the



Mrs. Ober displays the tree she made from pine cones and nuts, a picture made with artificial flowers and fruit and a papier-mache angel with wings made from a dried sea weed.

fact Sandy grew up in Scouting and has been active in it ever since she was in third grade in school.

She was selected by Penn Laurel Council to go to the 1962 International Girl Scout Round Up held in Vermont. Penn Laurel Council takes in Adams, Franklin, Fulton, Lancaster, Lebanon and York counties. This was a terrific experience. There were 10,000 girls from all over the world in attendance.

It was the custom to trade souvenirs with girls from other states and countries. Sandy is still very proud of the straw hat which is covered with these mementos and she has many more besides the ones on her hat. Industry gave the Penn Laurel girls things to swap.

This Round Up has been discontinued because the National Guard can't guard their encampment any longer. However, some 200 girls from Penn Laurel Council have attended international events and will hold a Round Up reunion this year.

Penn Laurel Council is having a big birthday year in 1971. They are going to dedicate a new Girl Scout office in York next week.

Sandia served as assistant Scout leader in Elizabethtown, working with Juniors, Cadettes and Seniors.

She is now Consultant with the Junior Troops of the Donegan Neighborhood. A consultant solves problems in the troops, makes up trips, etc.

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Warning on Corn Seed

Reports of black market operators claiming to have blight resistant corn seed for sale in the Midwest Corn Belt brought a warning to farmers from James McHale, Pennsylvania agriculture secretary.

McHale said that so far no known attempts to market this seed have been made in the Keystone State, but they have shown up in the midwest at premium prices.

"Buy seed corn of recognized quality from reliable dealers," he urged. "If you don't, you may be buying nothing but trouble."