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These grape vines were planted about a year ago at the Southeast Research Center near Landisville. In the background it can be noted that the hybrid varieties are larger and more evenly spaced while those in the foreground, known as tender varieties, have not grown as tall and there are more empty spaces between growing plants.

Wentink Elected Vice President Of National Poultry Group

Hendrik Wentink, a resident of Wyomissing and assistant to the president of the Pennfield Corporation, was elected vice president of Associated Poultry and Egg Industries at the national organization's annual meeting in New Orleans last week.

Associated Poultry and Egg Industries is a Federation of state, regional and national poultry trade associations. Its principal purposes are to coor-

dinate legislative and regulatory matters among its member associations as well as to provide liaison between the poultry industry and the various branches and agencies of the Federal Government.

Elected to serve with Wentink were Hugh Purnell of Tupelo, Miss., president; Don Turnbull of Kansas City, Mo., secretary, and Harold Williams of Chicago, Ill., treasurer.

Wentink is also vice president of the Northeastern Poultry Producers Council, a fourteen-state regional poultry trade association, and serves in that capacity as a delegate to Associated Poultry and Egg Industries.



Hendrik Wentink

4-H Calendar

Tuesday, April 25

6:30 p.m. — 4-H Tractor Club tour, Caterpillar plant, York; meet at Farm and Home Center.

8 p.m. — Southeast District 4-H Beef Show and Sale planning meeting, Lancaster Stock Yards.

Wednesday, April 26

7:30 p.m. — Officers Training and New Leader Orientation meeting, Farm and Home Center.

Thursday, April 27

7:30 p.m. — Lancaster County 4-H Holstein Club, Farm and Home Center.

Farm Calendar

Saturday, April 22

8 p.m. — District E Pomona visitation meeting, Honey Brook Township Grange Hall.

Monday, April 24

7:30 p.m. — Soybean meeting, "How to Raise and Use Soybeans", Farm and Home Center.

Fulton Grange meeting, conferring degrees, Oakryn Grange Hall.

Wednesday, April 26

7 p.m. — Ephrata Young Farmer recreational night, Ephrata Recreation Lanes.

Poultry and Egg National Board annual membership meeting, Regency Hyatt House, Chicago, April 26-27.

Thursday, April 27

10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. — Chester County Homemakers Day, Kimberton Fire Hall.

Lancaster County Swine Producers board of directors meeting, Farm and Home Center.

Saturday, April 29

Tri-County Relief Sale, Twin Slope Farmer's Market, Morgantown.

55th Little International Livestock Exposition, Penn State University.

Grape Growing at a Glance

Inquiries by countless Southeastern Pennsylvanians to the Research Farm in Erie County on grape growing led to exploratory plots being started at the Southeast Research Farm at Landisville last year. The Erie Research Center is mainly concerned with grape research, since grapes are a vital crop in that area.

The growth of grapes here versus grape growing in Erie will hopefully answer many of the questions directed to the Research Center. Home owners, small farmers, and bigger raisers, want to know what types of grapes will do well in our area, what diseases may attack the plants or the fruit, what our winters will do to the vines and the potential crops, the initial costs, and the projected returns.

Following recommendations made by officials from the Erie Research Center and many trips to the Southeastern Pennsylvania area, research units were set up in Lancaster, Adams, Nor-

thampton, and Franklin Counties

At the Southeast Research Farm last year, nine rows of root stalks 20 feet in length were planted to various varieties — about one-fourth acre

According to John Yocum, research specialist at the Research Farm, the root stalks can be one, two or three years of age when planted. The price of the root stalks will be dependent on the age of the stalks, the greater the age, the less potential plant failure, the higher the cost.

There are eight varieties being tested at the Research Farm. The varieties are: Gewarz Traminer-3309, a white grape; Cabernet Sauvignon, a red grape; Pinot Chardonnay-1613 and Pinot Chardonnay-Rip, both white grapes. These four varieties are called a tender variety by grape specialists.

Four other varieties being tested are hardier, more vigorous, hybrids. These are: Dutchess, a white grape har-

vested about mid-October, Roch, a red grape, and R-51 and S-7053. Some of these grapes are market varieties, some wine varieties. Yocum stressed that of the varieties planted, these may not necessarily be the recommended variety for this area.

The labor factor for young plants may be time consuming. The root stalks are planted at a depth of 10 inches to one foot. Trellises must be installed, but with the aid of a post hole digger this job is lightened. Wire must be strung, then the young vines trained (tied) to the wire.

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Elementary school children help the Solanco FFA members plant Christmas

trees as part of Earth Week activities at the ecology lab.

Earth Week With Solanco Ecology Lab

Earth Week activities are in full swing throughout the nation as young people and old get it all together for good old Mother Earth. More and more people are cleaning up the air, water and eye pollution that we have made. But they are also studying their environment, trying to understand its various components so that they might better take care of this world. One of the most fruitful ways of doing things is to set up an ecology lab.

An ecology lab must be outdoors. It must be found in a location where an abundance of nature's variety is found. Such a lab exists in southern Lancaster County immediately adjacent to the New Providence Elementary School. The lab is a project of the

Science department at Solanco High School and the Solanco FFA. It's located on a four or five acre tract of land that has plenty of thick underbrush, lots of trees and a stream. In other words, it's the perfect spot for an ecology lab.

The week, Earth Week, members of the Solanco FFA were busy planting Christmas trees. They have been selling trees as a project for a number of years now and this lab location is perfect for their project. On Thursday over six hundred elementary school students from the Solanco school district participated in the planting activities. Somewhere between 800-1000 trees were planted. The school children also got to see the

ecology lab and saw the boys cleaning up debris which had accumulated near the stream. They got to see how the FFA members learned how to judge the soil. Land judging is an important part of what an FFA member must learn. If he can tell what is wrong or right with land, he, of course, can be a better farmer.

In theory, the ecology lab works like this. The area is surveyed and charted for plant life, insect life, the varieties of trees, grasses and so on. The soil is also tested as is the stream. By constant re-examination those using the lab should be able to discover what plant life grows

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