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Agnes Plays Havoc With County Crops

The dollar figures on storm damages during the past few days has not been assessed, nor will it be for a few more days.

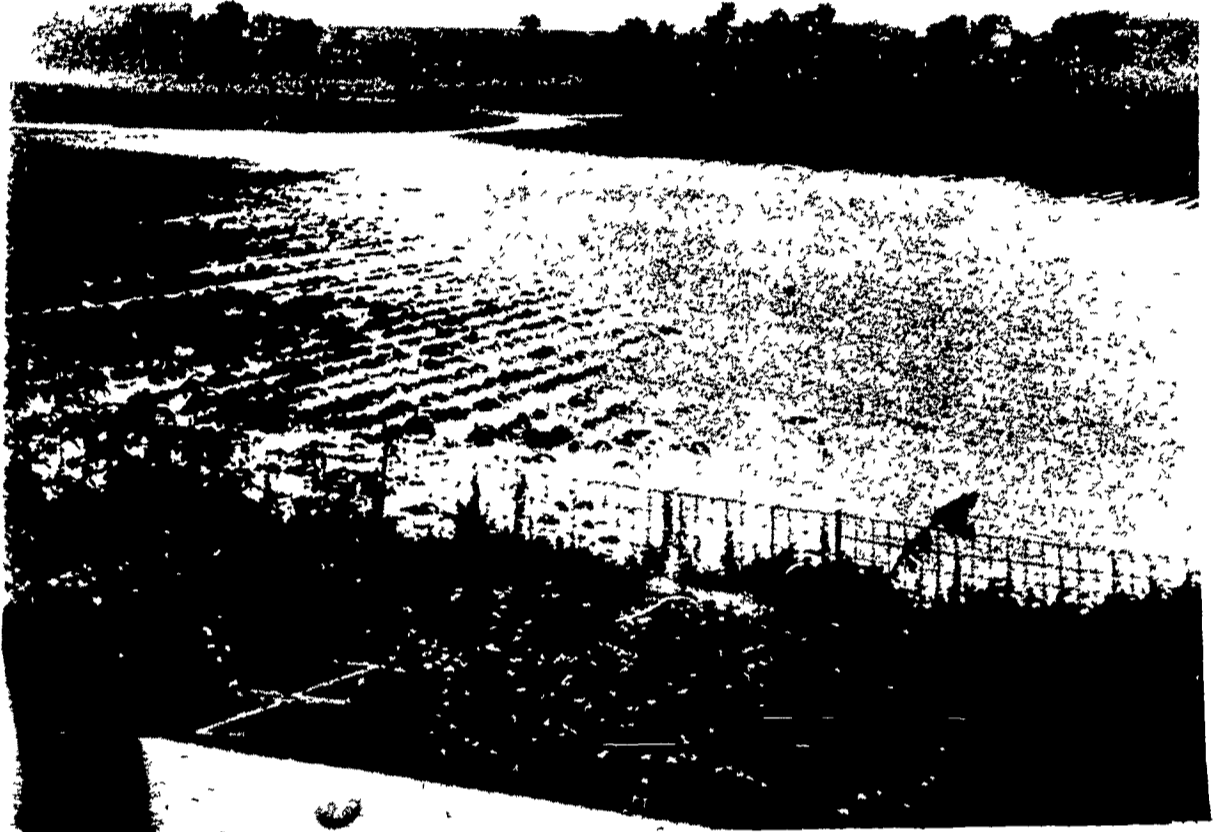
Clean-up for rural dwellers will begin immediately, and one thing can be counted on—help will come from friends and neighbors, and strangers will soon become friends as they too pitch in.

For farmers, the crop damages

cannot be estimated as yet. In a telephone interview with Jay Irwin, associate Lancaster County agriculture agent, he made the following comments concerning area crops:

The barley crop is flat. Since the crop is ripening it will be the hardest hit crop. The wheat crop might come back, since it is not as far along as the barley.

The corn is leaning badly, according to Irwin, but said most



Tropical Storm Agnes is at least partially responsible for this flooded field. But responsibility must be shared by the

farmer who neglected to follow proper water conservation practices. Notice that the water simply has no place to run off.

FFA Activities Week

About 119 FFA members from Lancaster County will be among the approximately 1,500 FFA members who will be competing in contests of agricultural skills and abilities to represent Pennsylvania in Regional and National contests, according to Henry E. Givler, area vocational consultant.

County quotas are on the basis of one contestant for every eight

members in the local chapters. There are contests in public speaking, parliamentary procedure, dairy cattle judging, judging of dairy products, livestock judging, meat judging, poultry judging, land judging, agronomy, salesmanship, ornamental landscape and floral design. In addition, there is a farm mechanics skills contest, a farm power and machinery adjustment contest, a small gasoline engines contest, and a safe tractor operation contest. In these contests, the boys and girls must perform a variety of shop and mechanical skills and troubleshooting. They are judged on the basis of their proficiency and safety with which they

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of it should straighten out. Much tobacco is standing under water and probably at least part of the crop will need replanted.

The hay should come back but the headache will be the debris which settles in hayfields which

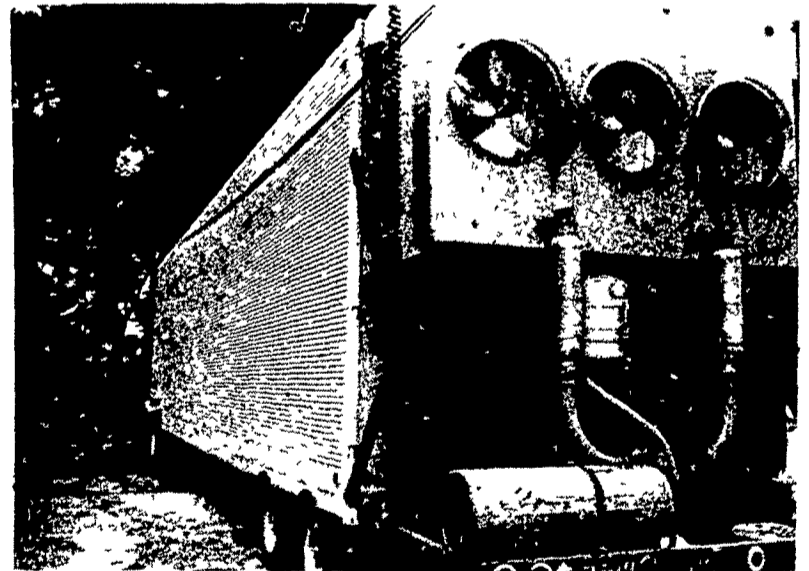
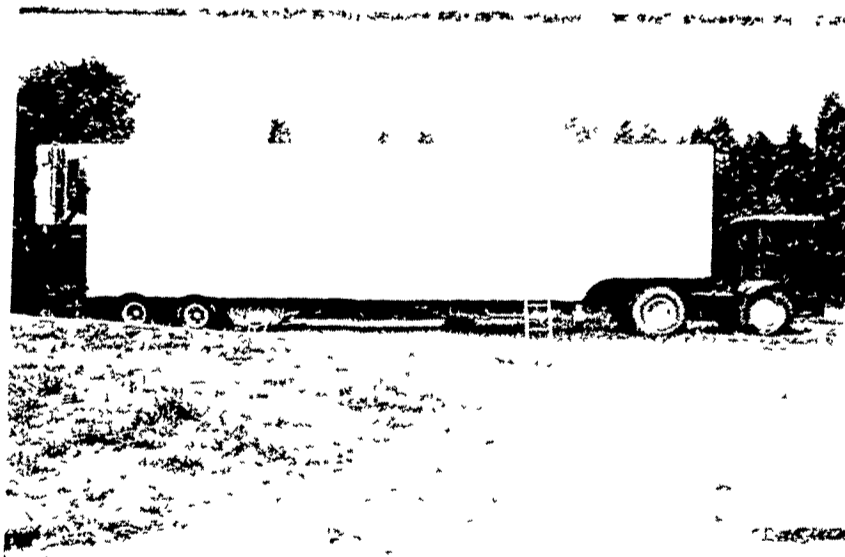
will need removed before harvesting.

Many barns had water seeping into lower levels. Trees, roots loosened from high water levels, were pushed over from the high winds.

Tropical Storm Agnes will long be remembered by us all. But she will probably be remembered longest by the farmer because it is he who will feel her financial ramifications long after she has blown harmlessly out to sea.

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Country's First Mobile Processor

Will This Truck Revolutionize Jugging?

A Lancaster Farming Special Report

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Six months ago, a truck like no other in the world was built in Lancaster County. In their own quiet way, the owners of this truck hope to improve the milk jugging industry. If they succeed, the effects of their work will, without a doubt, be felt by a major portion of the dairy industry.

The truck is a fully mobile milk processor. It was built by Dutch Farm Dairies, Manheim RD1. Presently there is one truck in operation. A second unit is nearly completed, and there are plans for more.

The reason for building the truck are quite simple, according to a Dutch Farm spokesman. "A jugger just starting has two major expenses," the spokesman said. "He has to build a store, and he has to build a processing plant. The processing equipment he needs for state certification will run from about \$30,000 for used equipment to \$50,000 if he buys everything new. We can save him that \$50,000."

Others have tried to build mobile processors, but all have failed. The most notable attempt was made in California, where a group is reported to have tried to put a milk shed on wheels. The equipment

was unsatisfactory, unreliable and unprofitable. It was ditched.

Until now, the control devices for processing equipment have been nearly as bulky as the equipment itself. The Dutch Farms group has developed support mechanisms that fit into a fraction of the space normally required. This miniaturization is the main reason they're able to fit everything into a 40-foot trailer.

The first unit services accounts in Waynesboro, Greencastle, Shippensburg, Reading and Lititz. It visits each account two or three times a week.

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