

Flood Report

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J Herr and B. Snavely Garber of the County ASC Committee, and Abner Housenknecht and Robin Moyer of the Soil Conservation Service

Miss Meal said that the committee could request authorization to harvest or graze set aside acres in the county, but this would not be a blanket approval. Farmers who feel they are eligible must make individual applications to the ASCS office.

If set aside acres are used, support payments will be reduced \$1 per acre if the hay is for the applicant's own use. If the hay is used by a neighboring farmer, payments will be reduced by \$3 per acre. Miss Neal said that if a farmer sells his hay to another person, he may not charge more than \$3 per acre for standing hay nor \$18 per ton for harvested hay, if he wants to remain eligible for support payments

Estimating crop losses, the committee felt that the two worst hit crops were hay and barley. Hay for the year may be down 30 per cent or more on account of the rains and floods. Barley appears to be a total loss on some farms, and should be a 50-75 per cent loss throughout the county. Wheat and corn appear to have suffered little damage - under 5 per cent for both crops.

Sweet cherries have been estimated at a \$50,000 loss for this year. Virtually all of the crop has split from too much moisture.

Emergency Relief Funds
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farmers may be available from several sources. At press time, the Farmers Home Administration was unable to determine exactly how much money would be available and for what uses. The local FHA's problems were compounded by the fact that the Harrisburg state office was under water for several days.

Local banks have said they'll assist farmers either with money or advice

Robert Bucher, agricultural relations officer for the Commonwealth National Bank, said his bank will make interest free loans to farmers who suffered flood damage. The interest free status would apply for a period of 90 days or until FHA monies are available, whichever comes first.

A spokesman for the National Central Bank said his organization would help farmers who wanted to apply for Small Business Administration loans. Interest on SBA loans is currently running at 5 1/2 per cent.

Insurance

Insurance will pay for virtually none of the damage, either from the floods or the rains, according to Ray Wiley, Jr. Wiley is an independent insurance agent from Mount Joy who handles much of the farm insurance written in Lancaster County.

Wiley said federal flood insurance is available, but very few people take advantage of it. He felt there may have been less than half-a-dozen farmers in Lancaster County with flood insurance.



Water was standing in a lot of fields this week. The corn field here is near Stevens.



Road crews were busy all over the county last week repairing rural roads.

Local FFA Members Win 67 Medals

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Kauffman, Solanco, ninth; Robert Hess, Lampeter-Strasburg, 11th; Honorable Mention: Parke Hess, Penn Manor; Kenneth Groff, Grassland.

Livestock, 169 Contestants — Gold: Howard Stoltzfus, OJR, 5th; Russell Kline, Cloister; Allen Railing, Penn Manor.

Silver: Eric Zeiset, Grassland; Geffery Cramer, Lampeter-Strasburg; Cliff Charles, Penn Manor; Nolan Kolb, OJR.

Bronze: Kenn Mull, Grassland; Dwight Martin, Manheim; David Young, Solanco; Honorable Mention: Dennis Saylor, Manheim; Robert Shenk, Penn Manor; Joe Winters, Solanco.

Ag Mechanics, 47 Contestants — Honorable Mention: Dale Weiler, Grassland Chapter.

Tractor Driving, 22 Contestants — Silver: Doug Rohrer, Manheim, fourth; Honorable Mention: Glenn Yoder, Octorara, 10th.

Forestry, 58 Contestants — Donald Weiler, Grassland Chapter.

Floriculture, 41 Contestants — Gold: Pamela Wood, Brownstown Vo-Tech, third; Bronze: Debbie Marley, Mount Joy Vo-Tech.

Ornamental Landscaping, 32 Contestants: Gold: Gary Shelly, Mount Joy, first; Joe Neustadter, Mount Joy, fourth; Silver: Ray Erb, sixth.

Bronze: Jeff Risser, Brownstown; Randy Firestone, Brownstown; Honorable Mention: David Singer, Brownstown.

Meats, 47 Contestants: — Gold: John Weaver, Cloister, second; Silver: Lloyd Hess, Penn Manor, fifth; Bronze: Bob Strauss, Cloister, eighth; Honorable Mention: Daryl Ebersole, Manheim, 11th.

Land Judging, 107 Contestants — Gold: Mike Roland, Solanco, first; Gerald Musser, Cloister, second; John Kerr, Solanco, eighth.

Silver: Bill Kinsey, Solanco; Nelson Messner, Grassland; Richard Bollinger, Cloister; David Smeltz, Grassland; Mervin Keener, Solanco; Bronze: Carl Caskey, Pequea Valley; Honorable Mention: Glenn Long, Penn Manor; Ralph Blumbley, Oxford.

Small Gas Engine, 34 Contestants: — Gold: Richard Kauffman, Manheim, first; Silver: Reuben Musser, Cloister, fourth; Bronze: Dan Harting, Cloister, seventh; Honorable

Mention: Mervin Bruckhart, Manheim, 10th.

Small Gas Engine Teams: — Ephrata, second; Manheim, third.

Ag Sales — Gold: John Thomas, Oxford, second.

Interview — Honorable Mention: Bob Shoff, Oxford, eighth.

Public Speaking, Soil Conservation — Gold: Mike Martin, Grassland Chapter.

Parliamentary Procedure, four teams — Silver: Solanco, second place.

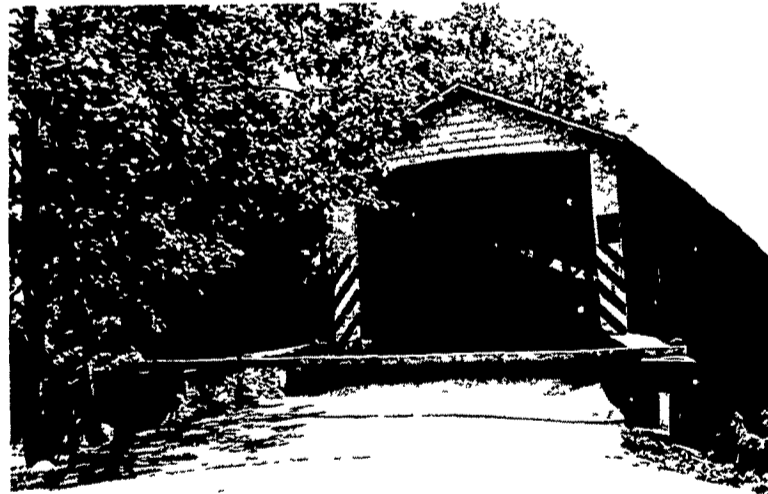
FFA Public Speaking, 12 Contestants — Gold: Adolph Bensinger, Solanco, second; James Zimmerman, Cloister, eighth.



Attempts to save at least part of the main building at Root's Market and Auction failed. One fireman called it the hottest fire he'd ever experienced.



Firemen raced to their duty assignments at the fire which destroyed Root's Auction this week.



Some country bridges were so severely damaged by the storm they had to be closed to traffic.



At the height of the flood, this cattle yard fence was underwater. The tree in the middle floated there.

Vacation time is drawing near, and for many persons that means long, high-speed trips in the family car. The Portland, Oregon, Traffic Safety Commission urges all drivers to have their car safety checked now for summer driving. Make sure the brakes, tires and lights are in safe condition.