



Walenty Mazur, an agricultural scientist from Poland, is shown with his hosts for

part of his nine-month stay in the U.S., Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Kraybill.

Farm Family Hosts

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Mazur dairy operation. Although it consists of only four cows, the family uses milking machines.

Farm Calendar

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Foundation meeting, Farm and Home Center.

8 p.m. — Ephrata Young Farmer meeting, officers and Fair committee, Young Farmer Office, Ephrata Junior High School.

York-Lancaster State Fair, September 11-15.

Wednesday, September 12
95th Annual PennAg Industries Association Convention, Host Corral, Lancaster, September 12-14.

Vegetable Field Day, Penn State's Rock Springs Research Farm.

Friday, September 14
7 p.m. — Pennsylvania Egg Marketing Association meeting, Colonial Motor Lodge Restaurant, off Reading Interchange.

SPICE Annual meeting, Edgewood Resort, Alexandria Bay, N.Y.

Saturday, September 15
District 10 4-H Horse Round-Up, Ludwig's Corner.

The Mazurs grow mostly potatoes, sugar beets, wheat, oats and barley on their 30 acres. They also have a garden, half-acre of fruit trees and two acres of strawberries. Walenty's father also grows mushrooms in a 400-square-meter growing house. But, as with many of Poland's small farmers, Mr. Mazur is only a part-time agriculturist. He is a builder by trade and spends his days constructing houses.

"Most of the large farms in my country are owned by the state," Walenty noted. "State farms are 1000 to 2000 acres, and perhaps two-fifths of the farmland is state owned. The rest of the land is privately owned, but these farms are small, perhaps only one acre, although some are as large as 100 acres. Most of the small farmers, like my father, grow food mainly for their own use and have jobs away from the farm."

Although mechanization is a feature of many Polish farms, horses as draft animals are very much in evidence, especially on the smaller farms. "Tractors are very expensive in Poland," Walenty said. "It is possible to buy tractors from other countries, but you must pay an import duty of \$1 a pound, so there are

not many tractors in Poland except those which are made there."

Potatoes are a staple of the Polish diet. "There is no meal without potatoes," Walenty commented. "Cabbage and pork are also important. But nothing is as important as potatoes."

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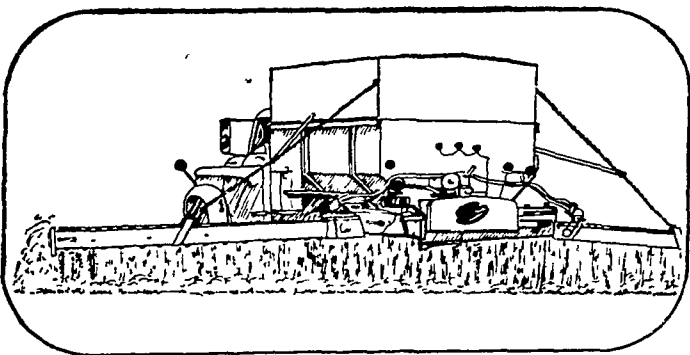
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