

Penn Willow 4-Hers Collect Cancer Funds

Members of the Penn Willow 4-H Club collected contributions for the Lancaster County Chapter of the American Cancer Society for the second straight year.

Forty 4-Hers from age eight to eighteen knocked on doors in Conestoga Township from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and when they met at the Conestoga Elementary School for a final tally they had \$357.52 for the Cancer Society.

The Cancer Drive, under the leadership of Mrs. Joan

Huber, laid out the routes to be taken. Nearly every road in Conestoga Township was covered.

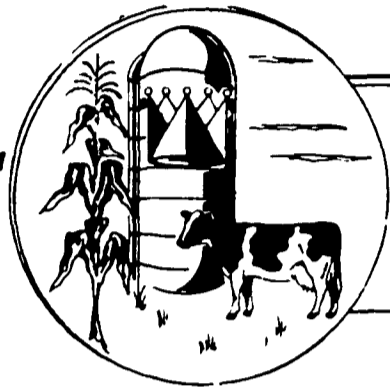
Drivers for the Cancer Drive were as follows: Ruth Berrier, Mrs. Dagen, Darla Kreider, Pat Sourbeer, Mrs. Sheesley, Nancy Waite, Dawn Reish, Kathy Huber, Doris Warfel, Linda Stekervetz, and Margot Martin.

The next monthly meeting will be the annual clean up of the Conestoga Township roads on May 2 at 6:30.



Members of the Penn Willow 4-H who participated in the recent Cancer Fund drive in Conestoga township are (from left) Angela Furlow, Robin Campbell and Linda Huber. The youths show some of the pamphlets which were distributed. Photo taken by Ronald Walton, teen leader.

On Monday, April 14, the Grassland FFA held elections for the 1975-76 year. The meeting was conducted by Lloyd Hoover, past president. Those members elected for officers are: (sitting from left) Linford Weaver, vice president; LaVern Martin, president and Dale Burkhart, secretary. (Standing from left) Richard Groff, Sentinel; Lewis Good, treasurer and Tom Wentzel, chaplain. Not present for the picture was Jeff Martin, reporter.



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I feel that one of the biggest things that helped us get this production is the quality of roughage we have to feed our cows and feeding it in a balanced feeding program. We treated all our corn silage, haylage and hay with Silo King last year and it was the best quality roughage we've made. Our haylage juiced a little but that was because I chopped it over 75 percent moisture I had windrowed my hay too tight and the

air could not get through it. I thought this haylage would stink and the cows wouldn't like it. I'm in the bottom three doors of that silo now and the cows eat it like candy.

I feel it pays to take good care of my young stock - grow my heifers and yet not get them too fat. My heifers are freshening at 2 years old and some are milking as high as 70 pounds milk. My cows get mostly corn silage (about 40 pounds per cow), 12 pounds haylage, 5 pounds hay, and grain is fed according to production. The grain ration is made up of corn, a little oats, and the protein, calcium, phosphorus, vitamins, and trace minerals necessary according to my roughage tests. I think samples should be run every 4-6 weeks to get a good job done."

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Growing Degree Day

This is the first in a series of weekly crop and weather reports to be issued during the 1975 crop season.

A late spring, including the cool and dry weather last week, has delayed crop development and progress of farm activities in the Commonwealth. Although activities last week generally included plowing, seeding of oats and fruit tree pruning in the South - the lateness of the season in the central and northern counties limited plowing and seeding of oats along with general activities such as grape trimming and tying and machinery preparation. However, the cool spring has extended the season for making maple syrup.

Throughout the state soil moisture is rated mostly adequate to somewhat short, which is dryer at this time than in recent years.

Spring plowing is about one-fourth complete with 16 percent done in the north, one-third in central counties; and nearly one-half in the south. Last year for the state it was nearing one-third complete at this time.

The oats and tobacco crops are about one-fifth in and tobacco barely started. These also are behind recent years. Oats are under 10 percent planted in the north, nearly one-fifth in central and over two-thirds planted in southern counties.

The reported condition of the hay crop at fair to good reflects the cool late spring. There were a few reports of poor condition, unusual for this time of year.

Fruits have come through the winter in good condition. However, only a little bud swelling has occurred in the south with none in central or northern areas.

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