

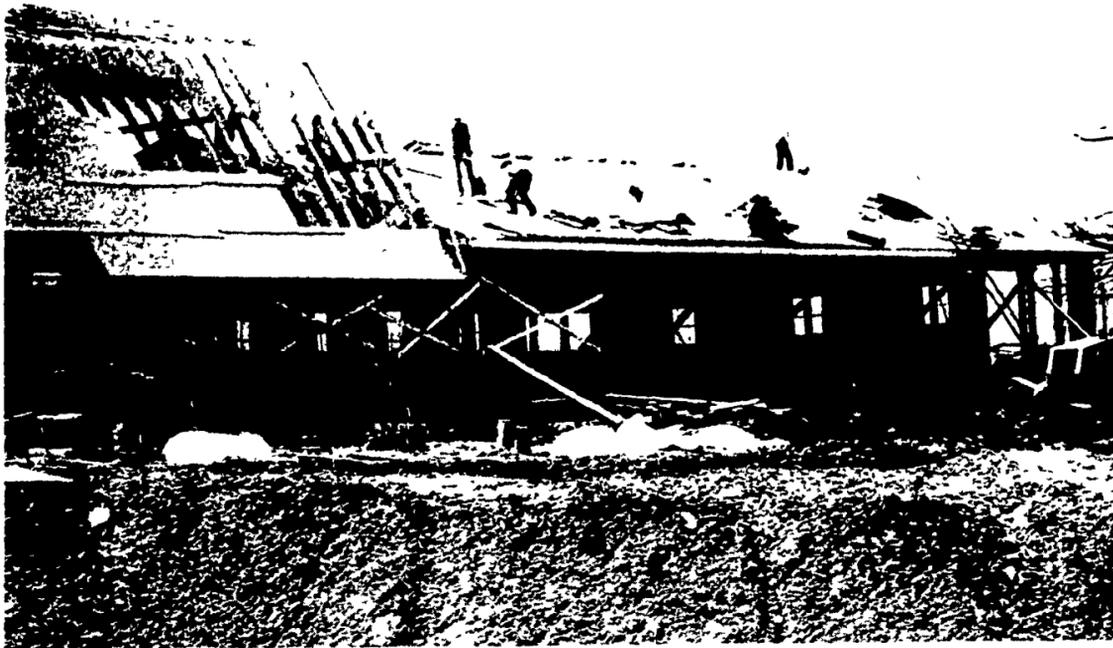
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Dozens of friends and neighbors gathered last Friday to help rebuild the Glenn Fite barn which was destroyed four weeks ago by fire. Fite is a cattle dealer from the southern end of Lancaster County. The Fite family expressed their ap-

preciation for the contributions of time and materials made by all who helped. The structure was photographed late in the afternoon, an almost completed building where early in the morning there had been nothing.

Sauder Mill Celebrates 50th Year of Business

In 1925, Earl Sauder purchased a feed mill in Hinkletown and began a business which is celebrating its 50th anniversary. The Earl Sauder, Inc., feed mill is now located on Railroad Ave., in New Holland, and we visited there on Monday to talk to the man who heads up the firm today. His name is Earl Sauder. Is he the son of the founder? or the grandson? No, the president of the firm is Earl

Sauder himself, the founder, still at the helm of the business he started half-a-century ago.

We asked Mr. Sauder how he had managed the singular feat of starting a company and running it for 50 years. "One of the big reasons things turned out the way they did," he said, "was that I started young."

More than 20 people work at the mill today, which has been at its present site since

1939. Most of the business is devoted to serving dairy farmers within a 20-mile radius of New Holland. "When we started," Sauder commented, "the business was about half dairy and half poultry feed. Now, dairy is by far out biggest customer."

Two of the big changes the veteran feedman has seen in his five decades of business have been the emergence of volatile markets and farm deliveries. "markets are much more erratic today than they were 50 years

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ago," he said. "If wheat went up 2-cents a day in 1925, people were really upset. Last week one day the market moved 16-cents and nobody made a fuss about it."

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Outlook good, but . . .

Spring Crop Conditions Are A Week Behind

by Dick Wanner

The early crop situation in Southeastern Pennsylvania is running about a week to 10 days behind schedule, according to our discussions with five county agents on Thursday and Friday. But the weather improved markedly this week. With another week or so of sunny skies, planting - and the crops that are already growing - should be pretty well caught up.

"We should be planting about 180,000 acres of corn in Lancaster County," we were told by Associate Lancaster County Agent Arnold Lueck. "There's been a lot of pressure from national groups to put in less corn, but I don't see that pressure having very much affect on farmers here. For one thing, we have a very small carryover of feedgrains from last year's crop. And our livestock farmers here will be needing all the feed they can get."

Lueck said that corn planting is a week or more behind schedule because of the cold, wet April weather. But with fields drying off rapidly towards the middle of this week, he expected to see a lot more corn in the ground by the time this issue of Lancaster Farming went to press.

"I think there'll be more corn grown for silage this year than last," Lueck said. "Our rural landscape is dominated by these towers, and farmers will be filling them up. They'll be making more use of forage this year,

I believe. They'll put up more haylage, and they're already putting in a lot of small grains silage."

As they did last year, many farmers will be hiring custom operators to plant their corn with minimum till planters. "There will be a sizable acreage planted to no till, but I don't think it will be a lot more than last year. For the time being, at least, I think we may have reached a plateau in no-till planting."

Lueck said he doesn't expect to see a big change in tobacco acreage this year. "The high prices for last year's crop may tempt some farmers to put in a few more acres, but I think we'll see another 13,000 to 14,000 acres to tobacco again this year."

Small grain crops in Lancaster County came through the winter well,

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FFA Contest Winners Named

FFA members from all over Lancaster County gathered at Ephrata High School on Monday (May 5) for their annual Leadership Training Conference.

The conference is held to instruct new officers and future officers in the roles of leadership which they will be assuming in their local chapters within the coming year.

Recognized for their outstanding FFA work were Ruby Ginder, a Manheim junior, who won the Red

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Cattlemen Tour Ayrshire Herds

by: Melissa Piper

Regardless of just where farmers originate from, when they meet the conversation usually drifts to the same topics; namely the price of corn, the weather and animals. So it was on Monday when a group of thirty farmers from England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland met with a number of Lancaster County farmers to tour the Masonic Home in Elizabethtown.

The guests were a portion of Ayrshire Cattle Breeders who were touring the Eastern United States as a part of the Centennial celebration of the Ayrshire Cattle Breed. The tour was held in conjunction with the

national Ayrshire Show which was held the later part of this week in New England.

The cattlemen and their families toured Ayrshire farms in Chester County including the Kennard Henley operation and the Ann Little farm before making their tour of the herd at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown.

Horace Mann, farm director at the Masonic Home facility, was in charge of the tour which included a visit to the dairy barns where the guests were invited to see the calves, heifers and cows along with three Ayrshire bulls kept in stud.

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Jeff Glackin, a senior at Solanco High School, has been an active FFA member, serving as president of the local chapter.

Solanco Youth Enjoys Dairying

Although many young people are finding it increasingly difficult to begin farming as a career, some youths are still interested in giving it a try in one way or another. One such person is Jeff Glackin, a senior and active FFA member at Solanco High School.

For the past few years, Jeff has been working part time and summers on the Paul Trimble dairy farm near Quarryville. The Trimble farm has a herd of 130 Jersey cows and affords Jeff the opportunity to work on the farm as part of his FFA work experience

project.

As one of the workers, Jeff helps finish the milking in the morning and does odd jobs until beginning his classes at noon. Then following school, Jeff returns to the Trimble farm to complete the evening milking and chores.

Although his work has taken up much of his time, Jeff admits that he likes farming and especially the dairy operation.

"Farming is the only really honest work, I can think of doing," Jeff ex-

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