

Farm & Home meeting featuring colonial fashions, 4-H grad.

LANCASTER - A former outstanding Lancaster County 4-H'er who went on to become director of Korea's 4-H program from 1966-72, will be the keynote speaker at this year's annual meeting of the Lancaster County Farm and Home Foundation.

He is Darwin Boyd who presently resides in Akron and works as an associate legislative research analyst for the Minority Caucus of the House of Representatives at Harrisburg. He will speak on the "Challenge of Commitment at Home and Abroad."

The meeting, which will be held at the Farm and Home Center, Lancaster, on Thursday, will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tickets must be ordered in advance and should be purchased no later than Monday, Jan. 26. They're available at \$4.50 each from Foundation directors of the Center itself. The Center is located at 1383 Arcadia Road, just east of Pa. Route 72 where it joins US 30. Their phone number is 394-6851.

Additional attractions to this year's program include

music by Gloria Longenecker, who's the current Miss Lancaster County, and a showing of colonial fashions by Lancaster County Farm Women Societies.

Since its opening in 1968, nearly half-a-million people have attended a broad variety of functions at the Farm and Home Center, which was constructed, and is supported entirely by funds from farmers and the business community. In addition to the Center itself - which was the first of its kind in the state - the Foundation also operates a scholarship fund to assist college-bound Lancaster Countians who are aiming at careers in home economics, agriculture, or nursing.

In addition to the dinner and Boyd's presentation, the gathering will also hear reports from Foundation president, Jay Landis, treasurer George Lewis and building manager Howard Campbell. A brief business meeting at the end of the program will include the election of seven new directors.



Miss Gloria Longenecker - Miss Lancaster County for 1976 - will provide musical entertainment at the annual meeting of the Lancaster County Farm and Home Foundation. Scheduled to take place Thursday evening at the Farm and Home Center, tickets must be ordered by Tuesday, Jan. 27.

Area corn growers elected to club

The Lester Brothers of Lincoln University were recently named members of the DeKalb Yieldmasters Club for producing 177.47 bu. of corn per acre in 1975.

Their yield, based on 15 1/2 percent moisture, was mechanically harvested from a solid block measuring 1.246 acres. An impartial third party verified the high yield which was recorded from a field of DeKalb XL-64a.

Forest Lester planted the crop on May 15 in 38 inch rows and harvested an estimated stand of 22,500 plants per acre on Nov. 3. Grain test weight was 58 lbs. per bushel.

Two Northampton Co. farmers were also recently named members of the DeKalb Yieldmasters Club for producing top corn yields in 1975.

They are: Nick Cihlylik, Treichlers - 215.96 bu. per acre with DeKalb XL-64a; and the Fulmer Brothers, Nazareth - 172.96 bu. per acre with DeKalb XL-64.

All yields were mechanically harvested from a solid block measuring one or more acres, calculated on the basis of 15 1/2 percent moisture and verified by an impartial third party.

Cihlylik planted his crop on May 21 in 30 inch rows and harvested an estimated stand of 30,000 plants per acre. Grain test weight was 56 1/2 lbs. per bushel.

Robert Fulmer planted the crop on May 13 in 36.7 inch rows and harvested an

estimated stand of 19,300 plants per acre on Nov. 6.

The purpose of the DeKalb Yieldmasters Club is to promote an exchange of ideas and information among the nation's leading grain producers and to recognize them for their outstanding accomplishments as well as their important role in helping feed the world. Through the sharing of such information, the program also encourages farmers to adopt management and cultural practices that will aid them in obtaining maximum profit from each acre.

Each year, farmers throughout the country submit more than 1,000 corn, sorghum, wheat and silage yields to the club.

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merely noted on the appropriate date, along with the animal's identification. A more convenient system is a "heat expectancy chart." Dates are listed in vertical columns of 21 days each and the chart includes a full year. It is easy to tell which animals should be in heat on any given date merely by noting which ones were in heat on the corresponding days in the column to the left.

These heat expectancy charts can be obtained without charge from any of the artificial breeding organizations.

From Local Ag Teachers:



Thoughts in Passing



By RONALD ALTHOFF
Solanco FFA Instructor
Many local FFA Chapters are now selling vegetable seeds.

Before seeds are ordered, a garden plan should be complete. Sometimes this plan is simply correcting the mistakes you made last year. For the beginning gardener it is planning crops for the complete growing season. A good plan should include which vegetables

you want to plant and the space that is available for a garden. In some instances certain vine type vegetables (cucumbers, pumpkins) may need to be eliminated because of insufficient space. Try to visualize the mature height and spread of the vegetables in order to plan for proper row spacing. Distance between rows also depends on the type of cultivation that will be used.

Narrow rows are easy to hoe, but it's difficult to find a garden tractor that will fit between the rows. To obtain needed sunlight tall vegetables need to be placed in a position so they do not shade low growing types of vegetables. By planning, you can use the same space to grow two or three crops in succession in a single season. When you take out an early crop, plant another one as soon as soil preparation is completed. When your plan is completed, you will have a more correct estimate of the seeds and plants needed to produce your dream garden.

Before you buy any seeds, consider the pros and cons of both seed catalogs and display racks in stores. Most catalogs offer you a wider selection than store racks, but when you buy from FFA members you also help your local chapter to raise some funds for FFA activities.

New varieties and hybrids are constantly being developed. Try them you might like them. Well-known varieties aren't necessarily the best. Some varieties are susceptible to a number of plant diseases, but because it is a familiar variety, gardeners continue to plant it.

Regardless of where you purchase seeds, buy only what you can use in one season and check the seed packages for expiration dates. Buying too much, is not only expensive, but it depletes certain varieties early in the season. Buy early to avoid the spring rush.

A well planned garden, usually means a garden with a better appearance. Proper planning also makes caring for the garden easier.

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