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## FFA Princess and President from County

### Lancaster County youths shine for FFA Week

DIETER KRIEG  
UNIVERSITY PARK - The  
in the head of the new  
princess, Marcia Hess,  
in more ways than  
The pretty brunette  
the Willow Street Vo-  
School received that  
quished and coveted  
here Wednesday night  
an evening ceremony  
ighting FFA Week.  
crown fit especially  
because as a Lancaster  
y girl, Miss Hess  
d off a series of out-  
ing performances by  
teams and individuals  
the County. For the  
12 months she will

reign over the state  
organization of Future  
Farmers of America which  
boasts a record membership  
of over 12,000 during this  
Bicentennial Year. The



activities which took place  
here on the Penn State  
University campus this week  
represented the best the  
FFA has to offer. A total of  
1870 FFA students and their  
advisors competed in more  
than 20 events.

Young Lancaster Coun-  
tians harvested a number of  
trophies as they tested their  
knowledge and skills of  
farming. Not far behind, and  
often, in fact, in first place,  
were individuals and teams  
from neighboring areas.  
Adding further glory to the  
Lancaster County per-  
formance was that a Solanco  
youth, Randy Ranck, is the

new State FFA president. (A  
special feature on Ranck,  
written prior to his trip to  
State College for FFA Week,  
appears on page 65 of this  
issue.)

In his acceptance speech,  
Ranck in part repeated the  
message given the night  
before by National FFA

President Bobby Tucker.  
That was to emphasize that  
failures are often really  
stepping stones to success.  
As one who had experienced  
defeat in FFA elections and  
elsewhere, Ranck accepted  
this high state office with  
humility. He paid tribute for  
this achievement to his

parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester  
H. Ranck, and his FFA  
teachers - Msrs. William  
Fredd, Arba Henry, Ronald  
Althoff and Charles Heim.

The Lancaster County  
performance in the state-  
wide contest was the talk of a  
number of FFA officials

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### Ms. Porter invited to farm

ALBANY, N.Y. -  
representing 7500 members  
of the states, delegates to  
the annual meeting of the  
National Milk Producers  
Cooperative Association  
met that the Association  
has invited Sylvia Porter, a  
columnist, to a dairy farm  
in the Northeast.

this year wrote a series of  
articles which did much to  
give the dairy industry a bad  
image, is a journalist whose  
work is circulated  
nationally. The series of  
stories have since been  
labeled inaccurate by  
dairymen and dairy  
organizations alike.

made by Ms. Porter in her  
stories were that: Dairy  
cooperatives conspire to  
keep prices high; the dairy  
industry's political muscle  
may inhibit reform; milk  
prices keep soaring; and the  
government pushes milk  
prices beyond the reach of  
the poor.

Among the allegations

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### Canning supplies available

### Several fruits are ripe

By JOANNE SPAHR  
LANCASTER - Sweet  
cherries will be nearly gone;  
sour, or pie, cherries will  
be available, but getting  
less abundant; and  
raspberries will be plentiful,  
succulent, and moderately  
ripe during this coming  
week.

The sweet, or Bing cherry  
crop which produced only  
about half of last year's  
amount, should be pretty  
well picked by this Saturday,  
according to several orchard  
owners here. What may  
sometimes be a month of  
picking time has been  
trimmed down to one week

this year because of low  
supply and high demand.  
Sour, or pie cherries, on  
the other hand, were not as  
affected by the frost as the  
sweet cherries and will be  
open for picking in most  
orchards today. Herr Fruit

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### Kerstetter airs opinions

By JUDY MITCHELL  
BERKS Co. Reporter  
READING - Pennsylvania  
Secretary of Agriculture  
Raymond J. Kerstetter  
appeared at the Berkshire  
fair on Tuesday evening  
along with Ed Osborne,  
Director of Bureau of  
Markets. The state officials  
were accompanied on a  
walking tour of the exhibits

at the mall celebrating Dairy  
Week by County Agent  
James F. Haldeman; Donald  
Duncan, president of the  
Berks County Dairy  
Association; Leon Kirkoff,  
Pomona Grange master;  
and William Myers,  
president of the Berks  
County Farmers  
Association.

the dairy picture, Ker-  
stetter commented that he  
feels "it is important for  
dairymen to get together and  
promote their product. You  
are going to have to do that  
and sell the people," he said,  
"because most people do not  
know how much it costs (to  
run a dairy operation)."

Asked for his thoughts on

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### Barley harvest begun

By DIETER KRIEG  
The barley harvest has  
begun, with yields varying  
considerably across the  
area, but moisture content  
being satisfactory in most  
places. One report indicated  
that a field of "barsoy" - an  
early variety of barley -  
yielded 90 bushels per acre.  
Most yields thus far,  
however, appear to be

between 45 and 50 bushels  
per acre, with a number of  
growers reporting a yield of  
70 bushels.

Prior to the rain received  
on Wednesday night, the  
moisture content was  
described as "good,"  
ranging mostly between 13  
and 14 per cent. It should be  
noted that these reports  
came from areas which were

not hit by the severe hail  
storm on June 1. The fields in  
the storm's path have been  
pretty much devastated and  
have been largely replaced  
with late-season corn.

Some of the barley coming  
in from the Eastern Shore of  
Maryland is reportedly  
testing close to 16 per cent  
moisture, although that's  
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### Marcia Hess - FFA Princess

Marcia Hess, daughter of Mr. and  
Mrs. Herbert Hess, Quarryville, the  
new Pennsylvania FFA Princess. She  
received her crown Wednesday night  
during ceremonies held at Penn  
State's new University Auditorium.  
More than 1800 FFA'ers from all over

Pennsylvania took part in the three-  
day long activities. Miss Hess  
represented the Willow Street Vo-  
Tech School. Since this is a special  
weekend, we'll put some words in her  
mouth and have her wish everyone a  
Happy Father's Day.

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