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## Thoughts in Passing

By James L. Green Elizabethtown **High School** SUMMER

Summer has finally arrived in this our Bicentennial year as in all the years that have gone on before. You must pardon my philosophizing for a moment, but haven't we all expected and planned for this summer as always? When spring came, we prepared the soil and planted counting on the sun and the rain to nourish the crops. We knew that the

was there and this possibility was realized for some when the sudden summer storms and hail struck. But for most it was a much needed rain, and now we look on fields of green, stretching corn, wheat ripening to harvest, and alfalfa soon needing to be cut again.

Yes, we can see the results of the hours of preparation and thousands of dollars spent this spring as we drive by the fields of corn, and wheat, and hay. But we can't see the desire of the heart that makes a man want to produce a better crop. Many are the decisions that must be made. Sometimes they are right, sometimes they are wrong. Risks are taken because it is impossible to account for all the possibilities of failure. Good management depends on understanding the best methods, products, and services available, and using them wisely. I believe practicing good farming leads a person to the realization that to keep up you have to try new things and evaluate them on your

Now is the time to look at what the results of this year's methods have done

possibility of crop failure for you. Are there still too many weeds in your fields? Have insects and diseases stunted your crops? Do plants show signs of a need for more fertilizer? Or should you have planted earlier? Did you lose too much soil in those spring rains? Remember there are alternatives that you may need to try, that have already been tested by researchers and are being used by other farmers.

Yes, summer is haying and combining time, but it is also a time to look at your corn and alfalfa crops for possible problems. Call the local agriculture teacher, county agent, salesman, or a neighbor and walk through your fields with them. Maybe you will learn something new that will help you have a better crop next summer.

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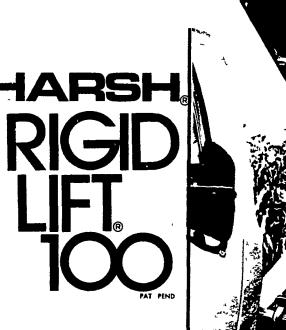
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## Thomasville 4-H Community Club meets

Members Thomasville 4-H Community Club approved a \$500 donation to the York County 4-H Center at their meeting on June 23 at the 4-H Center. near Bair. They also approved a \$25 donation to each member of the Thomasville Club going on the Sr. Exchange Trip to Illinois. Pledges were led by Christine Wolf and Sandra Eisenhart. Reports were given: County Council - Gary Welsh; Club Rural Life Sunday - Nancy Kulynych; County Rural Life Sunday -Joey Welsh; Five County Four-Day Camp - Nancy Eisenhart; Chicken Barbecue - Kathy Uhl; Exchange Club - Kelly Rentzel; National 4-H Conference -Jeff Roth; and Community Service - Tammy Wetzel.

Jack Parr, president, encouraged members to attend 4-H Olympics on July 12 at the athletic field of York College and County Demonstration Day on July 1 at the 4-H Center. The club members who attended Five County Four-Day camp were Nancy and Tim Eisenhart, Jim Roth, Joey Welsh, Jonathan and Paul Myers. The next meeting of the club will be on July 26 for a swim party at Lake Meade.

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