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The combines were busy this week as farmers took advantage of the sunny weather to get much of the wheat harvested.

## Wheat harvest nearing end, moisture content still high

By KENDACE BORRY  
LITITZ — With farmers estimating that the wheat harvest is now between 60 and 90 per cent done in the Lancaster Farming area, they are still calling the quality average to good and the moisture content high.

From Ephrata, Glenn Wissler reported that he thought the wheat looked pretty good, estimating that about 60 per cent of the area's crop had been harvested by Thursday night. He said moisture levels varied from about 12 to 16

per cent and reported that some farmers were getting 50 bushels per acre from their fields.

From the Marietta area in Lancaster County, J. Harold Frey noted that wheat was "just about all done". He (Turn to Page 33)

## Rural crime assessed

By LAURIE KNOWLES  
Lititz Record-Express

LITITZ — Most persons think of crime as a disease of the cities, where cars are stolen and houses are robbed, but many farmers in beautiful, supposedly crime-free rural areas are finding that that disease is spreading.

Just how quickly the crime problem is spreading is difficult to estimate. While

farmers in some areas find the problem rapidly getting out of hand, area police have had a few cases to support a tremendous growth of crime in rural areas.

The reason is simple, according to Tony Dobrosky, of the York County Extension Office. He considers that farm crimes like stolen equipment parts and van-

dalism to have much higher incidences than are ever reported to the police.

"The farmer knows what's happening, but what can he do?" he explained. "He doesn't think the police can do much about it after the fact, and for the most part, he's right."

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## Farm Safety Week declared

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Jimmy Carter, in a special proclamation, has designated July 25 to 31 as National Farm Safety Week in America. The theme for this year's observance, "Manage to prevent Farm and Ranch Accidents," marks the 35th annual observance of National Farm Safety Week.

Sponsored jointly by the

National Safety Council and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the observance emphasizes the need for farm safety as a means of reducing costly accidents that hamper agricultural productivity and cause great personal loss to thousands of farm families annually.

"All Americans, and a sizeable portion of the rest of the world's people, depend

upon American agriculture for much of their food and fiber," the President noted in his proclamation.

"Anything that diminishes the ability of farmers and ranchers to meet these vital needs is of great concern."

"Farm safety leaders believe that most farm accidents could be prevented with greater care in con- (Turn to Page 39)

## Lehigh County 4-H'ers win regional livestock judging event

NEW TRIPOLI — Seventy 4-H Club members from eight southeastern Pennsylvania counties competed near here this week in a livestock judging contest featuring beef cattle, swine and sheep. When the scores were tallied, two Lehigh County girls were the top individual winners and their county came out on top in

both junior and senior team divisions.

Gail Snyder, 18, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Snyder, New Tripoli R1, and the reigning queen of the Pennsylvania Hereford Breeders Association, was the top individual in the senior division, collecting 385 out of a possible 400 points.

In the junior division, top individual honors belonged to Jane Sikorski, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sikorski of Emmaus R2. She spearheaded the county team with 272 points out of a possible 300.

Held at the Carl Snyder farm, here, the contest was organized by New Tripoli (Turn to Page 19)

## Lanc. 4-H picks top stitchers

By JOANNE SPAHR

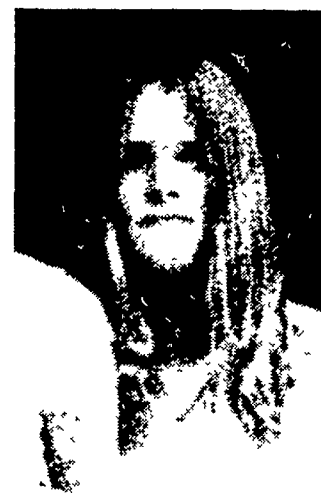
LANCASTER — The largest showing of seamstresses in over three years turned out to have a close encounter with fashion competition on Thursday when 110 Lancaster County 4-H stitchers took part in the that county's Fashion

Revue. The climax to a Summer's-worth of work, this year's revue theme was "Fashion Encounter", a take-off from the currently popular movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

Out of the 110 girls who participated, only 18 were

selected for special recognition. Eight senior seamstresses and several juniors will now go on to regional competition which is set for the Farm and Home Center this Thursday.

For many of the award-winning seamstresses, this (Turn to Page 38)



The first place senior livestock judging team from Lehigh County consisted of, left to right, Gail Snyder, Diane Krause, and Sarah Fretz.



The first place junior livestock judging team consisted of Lehigh Countians Jane Sikorski, Bonnie Wessner and Melissa Fretz.

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