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It's ideal spot to grow corn

It's been a tough summer for finding good locations to grow corn.

First, it was too wet to get the seed in the fields. Then, the continuing rain sledgehammered the ground hard and some corn never came up.

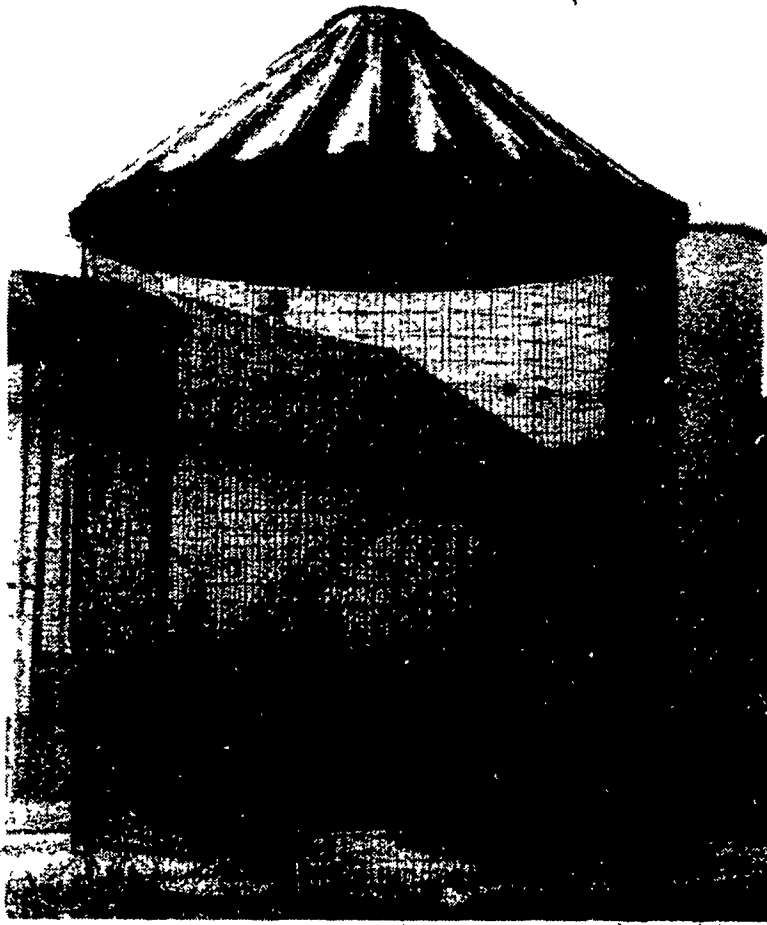
Finally, the sun and drought took over and the effect on the corn is all too evident in the withered, stunted fields.

But this small "corn patch" along Koser Road in Lancaster County didn't look too bad. It had a roof to shield some of the searing sun.

There's no competition with weeds so herbicides aren't needed. Concrete is the only real competitor for what little moisture fell.

Bugs could get through the wire, but browsing deer sure couldn't.

And when harvest comes, think of all the fuel that will be saved in getting the corn into storage.



Will third time be the charm?

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN

MYERSTOWN — The Pennsylvania Dutch have a few sayings about the number "3."

One of them states:

"What makes two, always makes three."

And the other saying that comes to mind:

"The third time is always the charm."

Well, for the Carl Wenger family, of Myerstown, the first saying has come true and the second will be tested in November.

Glenn T. Wenger, 20-year-old son of Carl and Margaret Wenger, has just been named Eastern Region Star Agribusinessman of the National FFA for 1983.

As the top FFA Agribusinessman in the Eastern United States, Glenn follows in the footsteps of older brothers Lloyd, who won the regional star title in 1971, and David, who repeated in 1981.

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Trio of Wenger family FFA Star Agribusinessmen include, front to rear, Glenn, David and Lloyd.

Weather/harvest outlook

And the rains finally came. But for many it was too much, too late, too fast with too much runoff.

This week, before the skies opened, two more Pa. counties joined the list setting drought relief wheels in motion. Adams and Lancaster joined Cumberland and York.

The full effects of the six-week drought and any recovery will be finally assessed at harvest. But here's some guesstimates from the State and Federal crop reporters on what that harvest may show:

Pennsylvania — Corn harvested for grain down 22 percent, with about a \$55 million loss. Statewide average yields showing about 85 bushels, with much lower figures in the south-central and southeastern areas. Tobacco yields may be down 17 percent (likely considerably more) due to lower weight and less acreage. Maryland tobacco acreage this year in Pa. is set at 4,300 and Pa. tobacco is pegged at 7,700. Maryland

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Gary, Barbara Lentz take Lebanon Holstein honors

BY LAURA ENGLAND

LEBANON — Gary and Barbara Lentz have been showing cattle for several years, but winning the grand champion title at the Lebanon Open Holstein Show, Thursday, was a first for the couple.

Owners of Dream-On Holsteins, Lebanon, Gary and Barbara both showed cattle during their 4-H and FFA days, and this year the experience paid off. With their 5-year-old Curtis-Haven San-Bo Glenna, sired by Paclamar Astronaut, the Lentzs were named the Open Holstein grand champion winners.

From the remaining 152 Holsteins, judge Billy Heath, Westmiller, selected Fountain Farm Pete Duchess for the reserve grand champion title. Owned by Kirby and Sheryl Horst,

named the show's best udder entry. A 3-year-old, Duchess was sired by Creek-Bluff Elevation Lester.

Winning the premier breeder award was the Harvey Bomgardner family of Annville. The premier exhibitor honors went to Klunedell Farm, owned by the Norman Kline family of Myerstown.

The junior champion Holstein was Loving-Meadows Rebecca, owned by John D. Bomgardner, Ono. The senior heifer calf was sired by Browndale S.C. Viking. The reserve junior champion title went to Lebanon dairyman David Vail and his junior yearling, Da-Lee-Bred Valiant Diana.

In the Open Colored Breed Show, held simultaneously with the Holstein contest, Pattie and Dale Maulfair, Jonestown, kept a



Winning the grand champion title at the Lebanon Open Holstein Show was Curtis-Haven San-Bo Glenna, a 5-year-old owned by Dream-On Holsteins. Pictured with Glenna are her owners, Gary and Barbara Lentz, Lebanon, and Lebanon County Dairy Princess