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**SAFETY WITH EQUIPMENT** actually begins before the machinery is in the field. Most non-fatal farm accidents involving machinery happen because the machine was not stopped when being repaired or adjusted. Many field adjustments or re-

pairs next summer can be avoided by getting equipment into good running order now. Shown here are Jake Kauffman, Quarryville, and Elwood Ammerman, Drumore, overhauling a tractor in a dealer's shop. (LF Photo)

## New Assistant Agent Serving In Chester Co.

Frank E. Bortz, R1 Shelocta, has been named to the Agricultural Extension Staff of Pennsylvania State University as an Assistant County Agent and will be stationed in Chester County. He will be a member of the extension staff headed by County Agent Robert A. Powers, Jr.

His appointment, effective Feb. 1, was announced by Dr. H. R. Albrecht, Director of Agricultural and Home Economics Extension at the University.

Bortz replaces H. Wallace Cook, Jr., who resigned last Dec. 15 to return to operate the home dairy farm in New Castle County, Delaware.

## Young Farmers Meeting Feb. 8 At Manheim

Saturday will see the first meeting of the Pennsylvania Young Farmers at the Manheim Central High School. The executive committee will meet at 10:30 a.m.

The general meeting will be held in the afternoon. Highlight of this meeting will be a slide show of conditions in Iran presented by George Derr, chief of agricultural education in the state department of public instruction. Derr was former agricultural ambassador to Iran.

According to J. J. Oberholtzer, R1 Bird-in-Hand, public relations officer of the state organization, the young farmers plan a meeting in each of the six districts of the state. Lancaster county is in Region 2, the southeastern part of the state.

## Lower Milk, Egg Prices Drop State Farm Income 3 Per Cent

Lower milk and egg prices in mid-January dropped the average Pennsylvania farm income for products three per cent from a month ago, the State Department of Agriculture said today.

According to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service farmers received 20 cents less for 100 pounds of milk last month than in December 1957 and eggs were five and a half cents a dozen below a month ago.

**IN ADDITION** to lower prices for milk and eggs, decreases were noted for hay, butterfat, tobacco and wool, and offset

gains for meat animals, poultry and other crops.

The prices received index for mid-January stood at 254 per cent of the 1910-14 base level and compared with 262 per cent for the month ended Dec. 15, 1957. Nationally, the price index was 247 per cent in mid-January against 242 per cent a month earlier.

**THE MOST APPRECIABLE** gain in prices received by Pennsylvania farmers in mid-January was for meat animals as calves showed a \$1 increase and hogs and beef cattle averaged 50 cents more for 100 pounds.

## Tobacco Co-op Believes Controls Will Raise Price

Acreage controls, long condemned in Lancaster County, were hailed as a possible solution to dropping tobacco prices by the Lancaster County Tobacco Growers Cooperative Assn. at a meeting Friday night.

Members of the cooperative association felt that an oversupply of leaf is causing current price slump and that controlled production is the best solution.

In the business session, acting manager of the cooperative, Mark Hess, R6 Lancaster, resigned both as manager and as a director. Hess said that his position as manager of the feed operations of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Cooperative make it impossible to give the cooperative jobs the time and effort required.

He has been acting manager since 1950.

Harry Hershey, R1 Marietta, Jacob Stahman, R6 Lancaster, Arthur Reist, 1050 Eden Road, Lancaster, and Cyrus Neff, R2 Lancaster, were named as directors from the northwest, southern and north eastern districts of the cooperative with Neff being named to fill Hess' unexpired term.

Also discussed by the growers was the possibility of establishing a tobacco auction. It was felt that this would give more competitive bidding for the tobacco.

However, it was pointed out that buyers now do not buy until they are ready. Questioned the value of holding an auction when nothing required the buyers to appear on the auction floor.

Cooperative president Harry Hershey said, "Only when we have enough cooperators willing to give us their tobacco, so much that the buyers have to have some of it, will we be able to have an effect on the market. We must have loyal, cooperative members."

Getting out of the realm of marketing and into production, presumably to grow more tobacco in case acreages are cut, the group passed a resolution asking Penn State for new tobacco fertilization recommendations in light of present soil tests.

## SCD Board Get Certificates From Goodyear

Seven members of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District board of directors were awarded Certificates of Merit for their work in soil conservation at a meeting Monday night in Lancaster.

Presenting the certificates was Robert Dickey, field representative of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., Dayton, Ohio. Last fall the District was given the Goodyear trophy as the top conservation district in the Commonwealth.

Receiving certificates were Chairman Amos H. Funk, R1 Millersville, vice chairman, Henry H. Hackman, R2 Manheim, secretary-treasurer, Wayne B. Rentschler, Lampeter, commission member, Charles H. Pearce, 11 Edgehill Dr., Lancaster, farmer member, Elmer V. Good, R3 Litzitz, and former member Elmer M. Sensenig, R1 New Holland. Andrew H. Hackman, R2 Manheim, was the conservator farmer of the year in the county.

Work unit conservatorist W. Martin Muth, Litzitz, reported to the board that 18 cooperators in the district have accepted an offer made by the Glatfelter Pulp Wood Co., Gettysburg, to furnish tree seedlings.

A total of 24,900 trees have been ordered for planting this spring. The only restriction made by the firm is that the free trees are to be distributed only to cooperators in soil conservation and that the trees be planted under the supervision of the work unit and woodlot conservationists.

Muth said that the numbers are varieties ordered are as follows: White Spruce, 7,550; White Pine, 11,300; Hemlock, 1,000; and Bank's Pine, 1,500.

The state Game Commission also has made trees and shrubbery plants available to organized groups. These are surplus seedlings not needed in the Farm-Game Land program.

The 385,650 plants available will be distributed in the 13-county areas of southeastern Pennsylvania. Application for the seedlings must be made before Feb. 24.

## 1957 Broiler Production Jumps by 8 Per Cent

During 1957 commercial broiler production in the 22 important broiler-producing states totaled 1,295 million birds, up eight per cent from 1956 and the largest number of record for these states.

Georgia, with a tally of 261 million buds in 1957, produced over twice as many as any other state. Runners up were Arkansas with 110 million, North Carolina with 105 million, Alabama with 102 million and Texas with 101 million.



**TOBACCO LOADED TRUCKS** are lining the streets adjacent to warehouses as the 1957 crop moves to market. Two things are noticeable this year when looking at the

incoming leaf. First is the shortness of the bales as compared with other years and the other is that bales are being made much tighter. (LF Photo)