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CONGRATULATING EACH other are Robert Fahnestock and Dean Hoffer with Andrew Hackman in the center. Fahnestock was presented a trophy as the best land. judge in the York-Lancaster County FFA

region and Hoffer was given a special citation for his conservation speech. Hackman was given a plaque as the Outstanding Conservation Farmer in Lancaster County. (LF Photo)

## **Feature of Food Council Meeting**

HARRISBURG - A "no holds barred" Pennsylvanta Food Marketing Advisory Council meeting near here March 26-27 is expected to give the food industry some 1000 for inought.

has been billed as a "new foods luncheon" at which experimental foods will be tasted and tested

We know of the cientific and technological advancements in the food industry as evidenced by strong midwestern competition for markets," John L. Rainey, director of the Bureau of Markets, State Department of Agriculture said "It is our hope the Pennsylvania food industry will recognize this competition," he added

Foods wil be tasted by impartial observers who will be asked to mark their product preference Products made from vegetable tats and other cientificaly developcd substitutes will be judged by tasters and compared with established foods.

Rainey admitted the results of the tasting could prove challenging but said the food industry must know whether consumer preference is for products manufactured from concentrates which in recent years has been the trend in the midwest.

We want to keep our eyes on the future and establish our promotional spatterns for food accordingly," Rainey said

The luncheon discussion will he centered around the outlook for tood technology research.

The meetings will be held at of the Pennylvania Turnpike.

## New Foods Lunch | Wheel Track Planting of Corn May **Work Here in Loose Drained Soils**

Have you tried planting corn preparation for planting corn re-A Powers, Jr says

tural engineers at Penn State sug- and in many areas overworking dressed out in terraces and divgest that farmers in some areas of the soil destroys soil structure ersions. The steeply rolling land nieetings and that 165 farmers Pennsylvania may find this meth- and may lead to increased ero-One of the features of the event od may be satisfactory in loose sion problems. well drained soils, but should not One or more manufacturers long periods of time

The current method of seedbed modified their own equipment.

in the tracks made by tractor wheels? Reports from farmers in Pennsylvania and experiment state expensive, Powers explains tions in other states indicate that It includes plowing, disking and this method has limited possibili- dragging to smooth the surface er. ties, Chester County Agent Robert and then a separate operation for planting. This is the tried and The agronomists and agricultrue method but it is expensive

be encouraged in tight soils where have adapted mounted corn plantin some instances farmers have outlined some of the highlights

## Soil District President Predicts 1958 to Be "Biggest Year Ever"

as the National Plowing Matches | shey next August and Conservation Exposition, Soil Stewardship Week, and that the assistance of additional groups such as the League of Women Voters is being obtained, the president of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District, Amos H Funk, R1 Millersville, predicted that this will be the "biggest year we've ever had "

Funk's remarks were made Monday night at the annual meeting of the district held at Hostetter's-Banquet Hall in Mt Joy.

He also called on the conservation minded farmers attending, some 270 in all, to look at their ictations to see that they are in step with the times. He said that present practices of fertilization and new varieties may allow the iotation to be stretched out, thus getting a greater return for the labor, seed and fertilizer saved.

Funk also voiced three proposals for the district to under-certification is expected to be take in 1958. A dollar and cents study of the value of conservation practices on the farm is need- burg tonight. ed, he said Many farmers ask, How much will it help me?" first when they are talking about putting in strips or terraces. The answer is that question is needed, he said.

He also called for the construction of 50 new farm ponds. Ten of these ponds should be of the reservoir or run-off filled type. The reason, he said, is that these ofter more capacity than the usual stream fed or spring fed type. With such a greater volume, more water would be available for supplemental irrigation or stock wat-

And lastly, he said that he would like to see two farms in the northern part of the county there requires such a practice.

Funk was followed by Leeland H Bull, state deputy-secretary of the cooperating agencies. agriculture. As national chairwater will puddle and stand for ers to this method of planting and man of the plowing matches, he

Pointing out that such events of the events to beheld in Her-

He said that crowds attending the event will overflow Hershey to as far away as Philadelphia. Already, he said Hershey is sold out as far as rooms are concerned.

One large manufacturer of farm equipment has made arrangements to bring in large aircraft to give attending tarmers an aerial view of the matches and the surrounding country-side.

Henry Hackman, R2 Manheim, cresident of the state soil conservation association, Bull pointed out, has one of the best jobs the exposition offers. Hackman is in charge of finding the "Queen of the Furrow" This will be a Pennsylvania farm girl who will reign as national queen. Five hundred dollars worth of new clothes and a trip to New York City go with the title.

Bull noted that the state will oe the first major state east of the Mississippi to be brucellosis free. Formal announcement of made at a meeting of the state brucellosis committee in Harris-

The current flare-up of rabies was noted by Bull. He urged farmers in areas with heavy fox populations to vaccinate against rabies and to exercise caution in handling any animals suspected of rabies. He said that several people in the state are now undergoing the Pasture treatment because of exposure.

Wayne B. Rentschler, secretary-treasurer of the association, reported that 120 new cooperators had been signed in 29 townships during the last year. This placed 8,890 acres in the district.

The district now has 1,604 cooperating members

He also noted that 1,497 persons attended 22 educational shed meetings held last fall.

He gave reports from some of

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## 3-point Plan to Be Given Chamber

Participation by the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce in an annual Farm-City Week observance an annual conference with the presidents of 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters and the establishment of a BIEA Day were suggested as possibilities in strengthening the farm program of the Chamber.

The suggestions were made at a meeting of a special task group which met Tuesday night in Lancaster. On the committee are Lester Brubaker, Walter Dunlap Jr., John E. McGrann and Robert E. Best, all of Lancaster.

McGrann reported that preliminary investigation showed that at one time the Lancaster Chamber had sponsored corn, capon and baby beef clubs. Now the sponsorship of these clubs has been taken over by service clubs or businesses An annual corn snow was dropped because of a lack of interest by contestants.

ber in the late 20's was a farmer- that crowds overflowed the facili- list. the Holiday West Motor Hotel businessman banquet The event ties of the hotel and hundreds of near the Gettysburg Interchange was held at the Hotel Brunswick people were turned away. in 1928, 1929 and 1930. The last

If you have any ideas on how the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce can help improve their relationship with the farm population in Lancaster County and help improve the business of farming in this area, let's

Have any Ideas?

hear from you. On the special group are Lester Brubaker, 350 Strasburg Pike; John E. McGrann, Farmer Supply Co., Lancaster; Walter Dunlap Jr, Union Stock Yards, Lancaster; and Robert Best, Editor, Lancaster Farming, Quarryville. Any of these men will be glad to hear your

Or you can put them in writing and send them to Lancaster Farming, Box 126, Quarryville,

However the spectacular suc- force. One was that a standing ing.

cess of the venture was its undo- committee on agriculture should

there is no specific agricultural taken. program being carried on by the the board of directors, one mem- ing Lancaster more aware of the ber is connected with the busi- National Plowing Matches and ness of agriculture.

One of the questions the group held in Hershey next August. was requested to answer was the County Agricultural Council. rate groups.

ing The next year hardly anyone be established by the chamber. showed up for the dinner because The committee would be charged of a fear that it would be over- with keeping in touch with crowded as it was the former changes, special events and special problems in the field of agri-Presently, to the best of the culture and advise the Chamber knowledge of the committee, when action should or could be

An example of the type of Thamber of Commerce. And on work that would be done is mak-Conservation Exposition to be

The situation facing the Farm-"With what organization should ers'-Markets in downtown Lancasthe Chamber maintain close con-ter should also have assistance tact?" At the Tuesday meeting, from the Chamber, the group the group felt that close contacts said This problem ties in closely should be maintained with the with downtown redevelopment re-Conestoga Valley Assn., the Agri- tailing and transportation, all of cultural Extension Service and which are being studied by sepa-

These recommendations are The group will meet again not final, and more groups may April 15 at the Chamber office, 45 Another venture of the Cham- banquet proved to be so popular be added to the recommended East Orange St., Lancaster. Several representatives of agricul-Two other recommendations tural organizations and farm leadwere formulated by the task crs will be invited to this meet-