

All Soil District Officers Returned To Posts for '59

Lancaster County's Soil Conservation District completed 1958 with a total of 1,702 conservation cooperators, an increase of 98 for 1957. The 98 district-cooperator agreements signed during '58 brought 7,031 more acres of county crop land under SCD practices. With 1,248 acres in 19 new cooperators' farm, East Earl township led the local area parade for the year.

Provision of technical assistance for district cooperators by the Lancaster Soil Conservation Service office helped add a wide variety of resource conserving practices to county farms, according to Martin Muth, SCS work unit conservationist.

FHA Farmers In Year-End Studies

Lancaster County farmers who have previously qualified for Farmers Home Administration loans and are building their operations through the supervised use of this capital are participating in a year-end analysis with FHA supervisors, according to Richard W. Hoover, county FHA supervisor.

Hoover reports that "FHA farmers" are finding the use of capital combined with modern methods, is increasing their income and a second look at their records aids in outlining new programs.

Improved farming practices which have paid off this year include complete soil analysis and the proper application of lime and fertilizer; higher quality roughage and improved pasture, rye and sudan for spring summer and fall supplemental pasture. DHIA herd improvement and artificial breeding and soil conservation measures through the help of SCS technicians.

These included conversion of 136 acres of cropland to 129 acres of grasslands and seven acres of woods. Contour and strip cultivation each crop rotations. Fifty-eight farmers included 3,618 acres in conservation farm plans developed during 1958.

Officers Reelected

Following the annual reports and closing of 1958 business, all district officers were unanimously reelected to their posts.

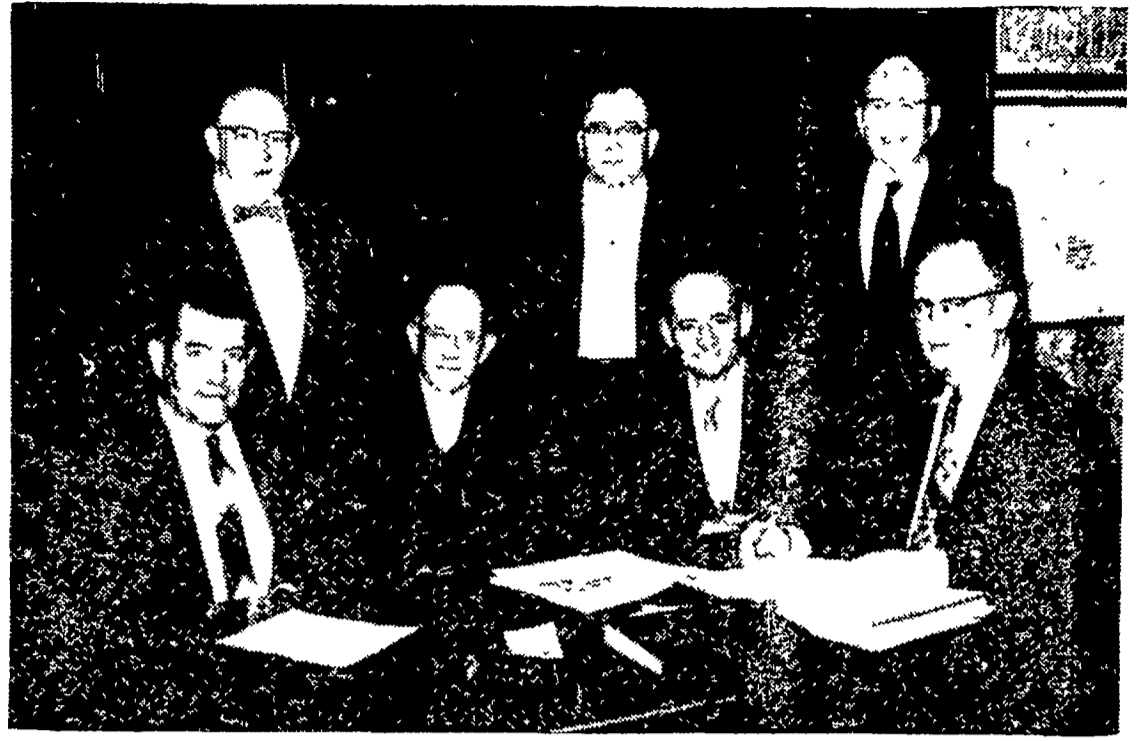
Amos H Funk, Millersville RD 1, was returned for his seventh term as district chairman.

Wayne B Rentschler, Lampeter, who has served as secretary-treasurer for the district since its organization in 1950, and Henry Hackman, Manheim RD 2, vice-chairman since 1952, were returned to office to serve for 1959.

In other business, the directors scheduled the dis-

trict's annual banquet for Feb 27 in Quarryville Methodist church.

They approved three new cooperator agreements, totaling 281 acres. These included Harry E Landis, Strasburg RD 1, 193 acres, Lathrop B Nelson, Lititz RD 3, 74 acres, and Harold M. Barley, Millersville RD 1, 14 acres.



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