

Campaign Starts for IFYE Funds

The Lancaster County International Farm Youth Exchange Committee, headed by Wayne B. Rentschler, of Lampeter, is launching a drive for Lancaster County's share of funds to send the local youth delegate to Peru next autumn.

James Hess, 22-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Hess, Strasburg RD1, has been selected by the national IFYE committee to represent the county and the United States in the unique "work-and-visit" international program.

Although the program has government "blessing" in the United States, it is supported by private contributions to help pay each delegate's expenses.

"This method of operation," Rentschler points out, "emphasizes the people-to-people good will factor of the ordinary working folk digging down to help build friendship between countries."

"Our delegates earn a good share of their expenses by working on farms in other countries, plus contributing many hours in preparation for the trip and the time involved in the trip," he added.

"Our local committee hopes to raise at least \$700 for our share, which will not pay near all of the cost. The rest will come from contributions

JAMES HESS, Strasburg RD 1, is shown at right inspecting one of the trio of "Hess family lemon trees" grown as a hobby by his family for the past century. Hess has been selected as an IFYE delegate to Peru and aside from helping around the modern family farm is starting to study language and social customs he expects to encounter in the South American mountain country. He hopes to acquire enough Spanish before leaving on the six-month trip to thoroughly study the fabled "Land of the Incas"

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throughout the state and nation."

Contributions may be mailed to Lancaster County IFYE Fund, 23 E. King St., Box 779, before May 1 if possible.

Hess is the youngest son of an "old-time" county farm family. He compiled an outstanding record in 4-H Club work and achieved the FF-A's American Farmer degree. He has been a member of two state 4-H judging teams.

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