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AFTER PRESENTATION OF THE PLAQUES for outstanding work in the field of soil conservation, the donor's representative poses with the recipients of the awards. Standing left to right are Robert Dickey, field representative of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. donor of the plaques; Elmer Sensenig, New Holland R1; and Elmer V. Good, Lititz R1. Seated L to R are Henry Hackman, Manheim R2; Amos H. Funk, Millersville R1; and Charles Pearce, County Commissioner. Not present to receive his award was Martin Greider, Lancaster R2, farmer of the year. The awards were made at the regular meeting of the Soil Conservation District at the courthouse on Monday evening. —L F PHOTO

## Pequea Valley FFA Hosts Watershed Mtg.

Officers of the Pequea Valley Future Farmers were hosts at the watershed meeting held in Pequea Valley High School on Wednesday evening in conjunction with the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District. Lynn Hess, president of the FFA chapter was master of ceremonies, introducing the speakers and the panel to the group of over 80 farmers from Leacock and Paradise townships.

The program planned in cooperation with John Yost, Associate Township Director, featured a panel discussion, "Some things I have observed about Conservation", moderated by Henry Givler, teacher of Vocational Agriculture and advisor

of the Pequea Valley FFA. Donald Ranck, J. Arthur Rohrer, and Kenneth Skiles, farmers in the area told of the experiences they have had since they have applied conservation on their farms. Skiles said that he was about ready to destroy all the contours on his farm, but he saw the good they were doing and had learned to farm with the contours instead of against them.

Rohrer, a road supervisor as well as farmer told the farmers in attendance that their tax money goes to help in the removal of mud from the roads when landslides erode

Elmer Sensenig, New Holland R2, a farmer director of SCD told of some of the interesting experiences he has had in trying to convince his neighbors that they need conservation practices on their land. He said most farmers are sure that soil conservation is a good thing, but they are not sure it is a good thing for them.

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## New Cooperators Sign Up For Soil Conservation

The board of directors of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District accepted the application of 25 new cooperators to sign up a total of 6,464 acres at the regular monthly meeting on Monday evening.

Two of the larger tracts, 4400 acres in area, were signed up by two municipal groups. The Borough of New Holland and the New Holland Borough Authority through their respective, J Paul Kachel, president of Borough Council, 12 North Railroad Ave., New Holland applied to cooperate on 2400 acres in Earl Township. The Chester Municipal authority, Nottingham, signed up 2000 acres in Little Britain and Colerain Townships.

After discussion of the tentative program of the year and presentation of the objectives of the participating agencies by secretary Wayne Rentschler, the Goodyear award plaques were presented to cooperators for outstanding soil conservation work.

Robert Dickey, field representative of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company presented the plaques to Amos Funk, Chairman of the county SCD, Charles Pearce, County Commissioner; Henry Hackman, Vice Chairman Elmer M Sensenig, Director, New Holland R1; and Elmer V Good, Director, Lititz R1.

Secretary Rentschler called on cooperating agencies to submit their annual reports by December 31.

New Cooperators, in addition to the two mentioned above, address, township, and acres are as follows: Clarence Brubaker, Mount Joy R1, East Donegal, 40 acres; James P Ewert Avondale, Fulton 385. Oran Dillabaugh, Conestoga R2, Manor, 48; Garland E Gungich, Millersville R1, Manor, 23; H M Kendig, Conestoga, Manor, 16; Amos Keppert, Millersville R1, Manor, 103; Amour Frev, Conestoga R2, Manor, 185.

Mark Hershey, Paradise (Turn to page 8)

## Warwick Senior Is Peach Queen

Pennsylvania's 1959 Peach desert Queen, Miss Mary Jane Hill, has been named 1960 National Peach Queen.

The 17-year-old senior at Warwick High School learned of her election to the national honor on Tuesday



MARY JANE HILL

night at her home at Bucksville, Lititz R2.

Confirmation of the selection came from Mrs. Fredrick Greist, Miss Hill's chaperone during her reign as Pennsylvania Queen.

Mary Jane said that she had an indication that she had been picked on Monday when Jack Grey, president of the Pennsylvania Packers Association asked for a picture of her wearing her crown. Miss Hill said that when she learned from Mrs. Greist that she had been elected, she was so excited she could hardly think and was sure a joke was being played on her.

The only child of Mrs. Arthur Hill does not yet know what her duties or rewards will be as a result of the honor.

## Square Dancers To Show Skill

Three teams of square dancers will allemande and do-si-do their way through state competition at the farm show in January.

All three of the teams entered in the C division of the contests which is for teams with at least one member over 21 and one member under 21.

Folk dancers from Fulton Grange, Senior Extension (Turn to page 8)

## FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday

Temperatures for the next five days will average one or two degrees below normal. Normal temperatures for this time of year range from a low of 26 at night to a high of 41 in the afternoon. Temperatures during the month have been above normal for most of the days. Colder temperature is expected over the week end with warmer Monday and colder again about Tuesday or Wednesday.

Precipitation is expected to be light. Light rain or snow Saturday ending sometime before noon. Light precipitation again about Monday or Tuesday. The rain during Saturday of last week totaled .67 inch.

May the peace of which the angel sang so long ago, be in your home during this joyous season, and may the truths brought to earth by the Babe of Bethlehem, be with you and your loved ones throughout the New Year.

The staff of Lancaster Farming takes this opportunity to wish to one and all—

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS"



## Little Change Seen In 1960 Farming Picture

The farm picture in 1960 will not be very much changed from the one we saw in 1959. There will be a gradual improvement in a few commodities, but the change will be slight. This seemed to be the consensus of the speakers at the 1960 outlook meeting on Tuesday evening.

The panel of six leaders in the agricultural field pointed out that small changes in the selling price of some agricultural products would strengthen the economy considerably. While prices of consumer goods have gone up and the costs of production have risen, the agricultural products have lagged behind. Panel members pointed out that farmers will have to be more efficient in order to compete in the next few years.

## State Agri. Teachers To Hear Dean Hoffer

Dean Hoffer, President of the North Atlantic region of the National Association of FFA will address the Pennsylvania Teachers of Vocational Agriculture at their annual convention on December 28.

Speaking before the agriculture section of the Pennsylvania Vocational Association in Harrisburg, the Manheim R3 youth will bring greetings from the national Future Farmer organization and recount some of his experiences since his election to the office in October.

The PVA meeting is held annually in conjunction with the winter conference of the Pennsylvania State Education Association. The convention is normally scheduled during the Christmas school holiday.

Panel members told farmers that they can expect good supplies of feed for livestock, but a small drop in the net returns from cattle, hogs and wheat. Cash returns from dairy and poultry products will increase slightly for quality products, and the returns from other crops will remain about the same as this year. Farmers should also expect a slight rise in operating expenses the panel warned.

Kermit Birth, Extension Agricultural Economist from Pennsylvania State University, was of the opinion that farmers who operated in the black in 1959 will have a good chance of doing the same thing in 1960.

Birth also said that the egg picture may be one of the brightest spots in the farm enterprise next year, and broiler prices are expected to improve during the

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