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Farm Bureau Cooperative Purchases Top \$4 Million

atron purchases exceeded four million dollars in 1959 for the first time in the history of the Lancaster County Farm Bureau Cooperative Association, members were told at the fifth annual meeting at Pequea Valley High School on Wednesday.

The 600 members and guests in attendance heard general manager, Charles C. Burkins cite advances in the phases of every commodity except miscellaneous supplies over the previous year.

John Wolgemuth, assistant manager and sales manager, told the farmers in attendance that Farm Bureau will institute bulk fertilizer service in the very near future. Some of the advantages of the bulk application pointed out by Wolgemuth include no handling of the material by the farmer and direct application on the field at the time of use with no loss in storage on the farm.

By the use of high analytical fertilizer materials, much weight must be transferred over the fields and soil compaction is likely, Wolgemuth pointed out. Farm Bureau plans to use

granulated Phosphorus and Potash materials and a liquid nitrogen material.

Harry R. Metzler, secretary-treasurer of the County organization was honored for 25 years of service to the cooperative. In presenting a Hamilton electric watch to Metzler, Willis Z. Esbenshade, president, expressed appreciation for the years of service beginning with the presidency of the cooperative during the first year of operation.

Three directors were returned to office for another term and one new director was elected for one year.

J. Everett Kreider, Quarryville R1, southwestern district; Henry E. Shenk, of Manheim R2, northwest district, and Elvin Hess, Sr., Strasburg R1, southeastern district were returned to office.

Allen Risser, Bareville R1 northeastern district, was elected to the board of directors.

Earlier this month the organization had honored the general manager, Charles Burkins for 25 years with the cooperative by presenting an electric watch to him.



Harry R. Metzler, left, secretary of the Lancaster County Farm Bureau Cooperative Assn. accepts a watch from president, Willis Z. Esbenshade. The gift was presented in token of appreciation for the 25 years of service to the company at the annual meeting on Wednesday.

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Robert Hess Is Elected By SPABC

Robert Hess, Strasburg R1 dairyman, was elected to the board of directors of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeders Cooperative in the annual meeting of the group on Thursday night.

Hess deposed another Strasburg R1 farmer, Earl L. Groff from the board after 16 years as a director and president of the organization during the past year. Hess was nominated for the office by Paul Wenger, Quarryville R1, who had been nominated for the post by the nominating committee. Wenger withdrew from the race and proposed Hess' name from the floor.

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Farm Calendar

February 20 — Gilt sale by the Lancaster County Swine Producers Association at Martin's sales barn in Blue Ball.

February 22 — 7:30 p.m. — Poultry Management meeting with Extension Poultry Specialist, Carl Dossin in the Church Bell Restaurant in Ephrata.

February 25 — 12:00 noon — Meeting of the Lancaster County Farmers' Association and the state legislators at the Hotel Douglas, Lanc.

7:30 p.m. Holstein 4-H club meets at the Farm Bureau building, Dillerville Road, Lancaster.

February 25 and 26 — Southeast district 4-H club conference at Hershey.

February 26 — 7:30 p.m. — Educational meeting and roundup of the 4-H laying hen club. Panel discussion on poultry problems, special music and question and answer period. Lancaster Poultry Center at the 230 by-pass and Roseville Road.

February 29 — 7:30 p.m. — Election of officers of the Dairy Herd Improvement Assn. at the Farm Bureau Auditorium, Dillerville Rd Lancaster.

March 1—8:30 a.m. — Market hog show and sale

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National FFA Week Is Observed Feb. 20 - 27

Editor's Note: Throughout Lancaster Farming this week you will see the emblem of the Future Farmers of America. This is our tribute to this fine organization of farm boys. National FFA week is celebrated each year during the week of George Washington's birthday because Washington's first love was life on the farm. We have asked each of the reporters in the local chapters in the county to submit an article about their activities. These articles, too, are throughout the paper.

The national emblem of the Future Farmers of America is significant and meaningful in every detail. Used by members in all recognized units of the organization, it is made up of five symbols: the owl, the plow, and the rising sun, within the cross section of an ear of corn which is surmounted by the American eagle.

Upon the face of the emblem appear the words "Vocational Agriculture" and the letters "FFA."

The owl is symbolic of knowledge and wisdom; the plow is the symbol of labor and tillage of the soil; the rising sun is emblematic of

progress and a new day that will dawn when all farmers are trained and have learned members to develop farming programs, to encourage membership to cooperate; the cross section of an ear of corn represents a common agricultural interest since corn is native to America and is grown in every state; and the eagle is indicative of the national scope of the organization.

The primary aim of the Future Farmers of America is the development of a cultural leadership and citizenship specific purpose.

The organization was formed to develop competent, (Turn to page 12)



SKILLS IN FARM CARPENTRY have an opportunity to develop in the Agriculture shop in the high schools in the county offering courses in Vocational Agriculture. Here Richard Eby, Kinzers R1 works on the framing for the hog house he is constructing in the school shop at Pequea Valley High School. Richard who farms with his brother Chester is the son of Mrs. Gladys Eby, Kinzers R1. Teacher of Vocational Agriculture at the school is Henry E. Givler. —LF PHOTO

WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday
Temperatures will average normal to four degrees above normal for the next few days. Normal temperatures for this week range from a low of 26 at night to a high of 43 in the afternoon. Cold Saturday. Warmer Sunday and Monday turning colder again Tuesday or Wednesday. Precipitation in the form of rain or snow is expected Sunday night or Monday. During the past week precipitation totaled about 2.5 inches.

This Is FFA Manheim Reporter Gives Details

By IRA FAHNESTOCK
The Future Farmers of America or "FFA" as it is commonly known, is a national organization of, by, and for boys studying vocational agriculture in public schools. Organized in November 1928, it has served to motivate and vitalize, the systematic instruction offered to students of Vocational Agriculture, and to provide further training in farm citizenship.
The FFA is an intra-curricular activity, having its origin and root in a definite part of the school curriculum - Vocational Agriculture. Among other things,

members learn through active participation how to conduct and take part in a public meeting; to speak in public; to buy and seek cooperatively; to solve their own problems; to finance themselves; and to assume civic responsibility.

The Future Farmers of America is a non-profit, non-political, farm youth organization of voluntary membership, designed to take its place with other agencies striving for the development of leadership; the building of a more permanent agriculture, and the improvement of country life.
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INSTRUCTION IN MANY PHASES of farm mechanics goes into the schedule of the courses in Vocational Agriculture in the county high schools. Typical of the demonstrations provided for farm boys is this testing of tractor motors for cylinder compression. Teacher of Vocational Agriculture at Penn-Manor, Garland Gingrich, instructs ninth grade students Harold Herr, Millersville R1; Glenn Mylin, Millersville R1; Jerry Breneman, Lancaster R2; Frank Edgell, Washington Boro R1; and Robert Harnish, Pequea R1, in the proper use of the compression gauge. The boys bring equipment from their own farms into the shop for repair or adjustment. —LF PHOTO