

OUTLOOK

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to seedbed management weed and insect control. was done with irradiation tobacco with disease control in mind. Tobacco was in several M-H 30 extents again this year. have not yet received test information on leaf from the 1958 1959 crops. 1961, all of the above tests will be continued. release of any of the disease-resistant tobacco in 1961 will depend upon test information from four large cigar companies. No recommendations concerning the use of M-H will be made by the state until results from the comprehensive experiments of 1960 are in. and small grain testing tests should give additional information on

those best suited to Lancaster County and adjacent areas.

Henry E. Givler, teacher of Vocational Agriculture at Pequea Valley H. S. and secretary of the Lanc. County Soil Conservation District says: On looking back over the past year of Vocational Agriculture it is satisfying to realize that it has withstood the test of "Sputnik" and is probably better off due to the panic. Certainly we need scientists, etc., but we also need good farmers.

Many people have made the old statement, "My father, or I, didn't go to school to learn to farm. He probably didn't raise 120 bushels of corn per acre; he was probably lucky to raise 60 bushels per acre. He didn't have a herd of cows capable of producing upwards of 12,000 pounds and more of milk per cow; it was more like 5,000 or 6000 pounds per cow. We can go into many other enterprises of the farm and find the same advances being made.

We might also look at another important phase of Agriculture, that of Conserva-

tion of our land. Granted this job is not done, but there are a few in the County working hard to educate the people to this fact and hoping the job will some day near completion. Lancaster County, I feel, did a good job this past year in bringing the farmers to realize the importance of Conservation. Vocational Agriculture, directly and indirectly, gave young men a background in Agriculture, con-



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fidence in themselves, and a determination to make farm life better and more profitable.

In looking back at the progress in Lancaster County

—from about 1935 to 1955 there were six departments of Vocational Agriculture in Lancaster County. Since '55, a period of five years there were four new Departments started. Likewise the enrollment went up. Many of the results of Vocational Agriculture don't show up until years later. As Agriculture changes and improves Voc. Ag must and will be ready to change and meet the new demands.

In 1961 and the years that follow there is still a great task to be done. Voc. Ag. and other Agriculture Educational Agencies will not be finished until every farmer can go to his record books and tell you how much it is costing him to produce a bushel of grain, a hundred pounds of meat, or a hundred pounds of milk. The Education of farmers to Conservation will not be complete until you can go to any stream right after a rain and find it clear and not clouded by the topsoil that has been washed out of some farmer's field. Or until the Highway Department does not have to go out after a heavy rain and use tax money to remove the topsoil from the road.

These are some of the tasks for us to accomplish in 1961 and the few years ahead of us.

With the loud cry to abolish or hold still Vocational Education. (Agriculture) I would like to see the day when every student completing High School, even if he is preparing for college, has had at least a general course in Agriculture. It would certainly broaden their understanding of how complex and interdependent our society is.

Stanley Musselman, Director of Personnel & Community Relations:

program in 1961. This is especially true as the total capital needed by farmers for operating expenses continues to increase substantially. Farms are becoming larger, costs are higher and a larger percent of the items used in



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production are purchased. Therefore, the use of farm credit will continue to be necessary to furnish the necessary capital

The interest rates have tended to level off. However, if there is any lessening of interest rates in 1961 it will probably be on mortgages rather than on short term loans.

The farmer's credit program will need to be based on earning capacity as well as collateral in the period ahead. Financial management, increasingly, will determine which individual farmers will remain in agriculture.

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