

● **Business-Farm**

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would still be around 25 years hence — not only as a business but as a "way of life". But they agreed, also, that fewer farmers would be needed in the next 25 years, but that farming would become more specialized.

Master of ceremonies at the Conestoga Valley High School meeting was Robert Groff Quarryville R3, president of the Lancaster County Extension Association.

The chamber agricultural committee includes John E. McGrann, chairman, Willis Z. Esbenschade, William J. Delsley, Isaac M. Groff, B. Snaveley Garber, William A. Mehler Jr., Smith, Paul L. Denlinger, Charles E. Cowan, Stanley Musselman and Dr. E. I. Robertson.

Special guests Thursday were Lancaster Mayor George B. Coe, county commissioners' chairman, C. Abram Snyder and George H. Hartman Jr., president of the chamber.

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A BEST-OF-SHOW AWARD went to a Lancaster County egg processor in the annual market egg competition of the Northeastern Poultry Producers Council (NEPPCO) last week in its three day show at Harrisburg's Farm Show Building. Victor F. Weaver (right) of Weaver's quality eggs, New Holland, receives his gold award from J. C. Lambert, Jr. (left) chief of New Jersey Poultry Service, and Richard I. Ammon, NEPPCO executive director (formerly of Ephrata). Weaver's entry scored a perfect 100 on both interior and exterior quality.

● **Tobacco Experts**

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ly increase rather than decrease.

Ben E. Mann, independent buyer and president of the Lancaster Leaf Tobacco Board of Trade said, the use of spraying and other improved methods have reduced the cost of producing tobacco. This, coupled with new uses for tobacco have helped to keep the price at a reasonable level.

When homogenized tobacco leaf binder was developed, it killed the Lancaster County binder market temporarily, but the chewing tobacco industry, which normally makes use of trimmings, was forced to buy more tobacco directly from the farmer.

Richard A. Lantz, superintendent of the Lancaster division of P. Lorillard Co., a firm mainly for the chewing tobacco industry in Lancaster said he sees a stable market for that type of tobacco.

Disagreement among the panel members arose over the merits of the new varieties of tobacco. Mann, who raised 11 acres of the new varieties on his farm last year said he feels it produces an unfavor-

able finish.

Lantz agreed with Mann, saying that for chewing tobacco the leaf is too slick with not enough open grain. Greenstein said he thought the two new varieties — Penleaf and Penbel — were acceptable to his company, and that the quality of the leaf would probably differ from farm to farm.

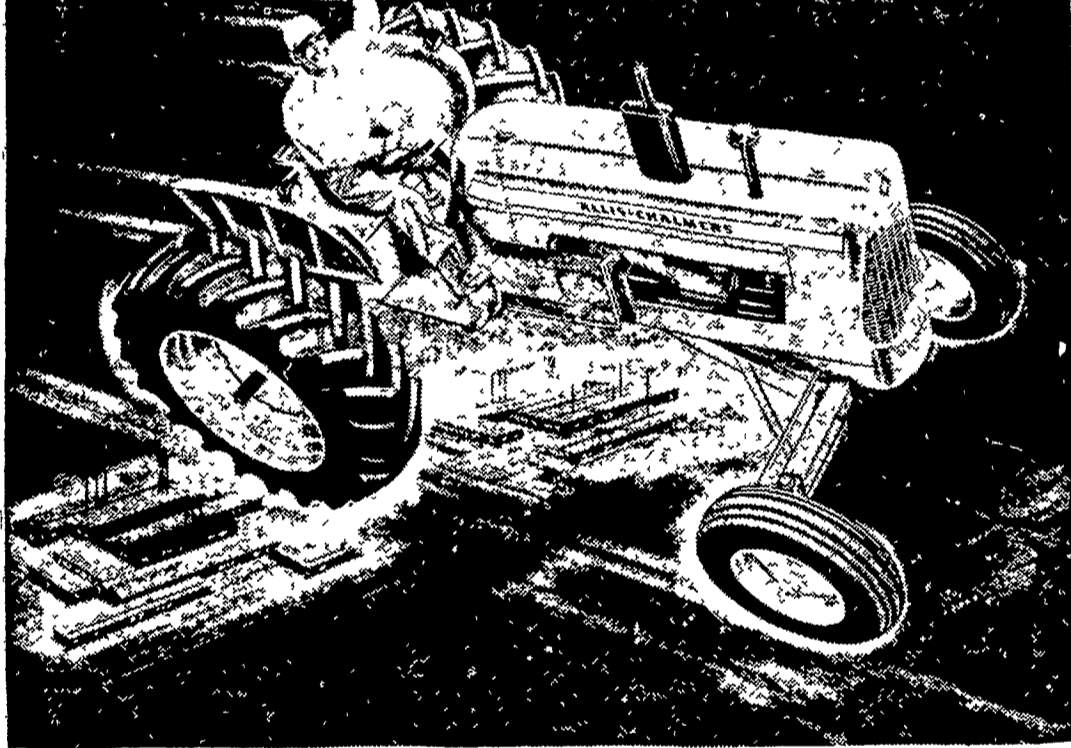
None of the panel favored the establishment of a tobacco auction. They felt an auction would add to the farmer's cost of marketing his crop.

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