

Shafer Describes

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cent of all Pennsylvanians are engaged in some form of agribusiness — Pennsylvania's major industry.

Chester Himes, a state director spoke briefly describing Project 70 a form of deficit financing, and said the \$70 million bond issue was only the beginning. The Federal Government has already agreed to match up to \$30 million bringing the total to \$100 million, "and this is just for acquisition of the land. Parks will have to be developed on top of this," he said.

Other recommendations passed to be referred to the Pennsylvania Farmers Association legislative committee and the number of votes received were as follows:

1. Amend the constitution to permit Bible reading and prayer in the public schools. 76-1.
2. That taxpayer's money be used only for transporting pupils to public schools. 65-8.
3. Enact legislation to legalize the destruction of woodchucks in their burrows. 70-3.
4. That public utilities and governmental agencies be limited on the use of estertype herbicides in areas of grape, tomato and tobacco production. 75-0.
5. Legislation to protect any persons from liability for treatment and tobacco production accident. 75-0.
6. That any inspection requirements to produce quality milk be sustained by research before enforcement. 71-3.
7. That no handler of milk or their employes shall change or adjust any producer's dairy equipment other than the manufacturer's recommendation. 69-4.

In other business, members voted to change the local by-laws to increase the number of directors from 11 to 13. Seven new directors were elected, bringing the total to 12. Another one will be added next year.

The new directors are Clyde Wivell, Columbia R1; Clyde Buchen, Manheim R3; James Martin, 567 Delp Road, Lancaster; Abram Zeiset, East Earl R1; Robert Hess, Strasburg R1; James Wood, Peach Bottom, and Donald Ney, Marietta.

Present directors are Harold Rohrer, 1623 Book Road, Lancaster; James Kreider, Quarryville R1; Ellis Mentzer, New

Holland R1; Leroy Pfautz, Stevens R1, and Noah Wenger, Stevens R1.

Noah Wenger was also appointed membership chairman for the year.

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til 1965," Dr. Davenport said, "will give our shippers a year and a half to decide on what course of action they will take . . . whether to find another market for can milk or to switch to bulk tanks. Usually, we give six months notice on the closing of a receiving station, but because of other factors affecting our shippers here, we have increased that time

"The decision by Lower Merion health officers to postpone the effective date of the new health regulations will help, too," Dr. Davenport declared. "Previously, the Township had named March 1 of next year as the final date for compliance. Now, our Amish shippers will be able to continue their regular milk shipments through 1964, if they wish, and can make plans for the plant closing and the new health regulations at the same time.

The new Lower Merion health regulations call for increased lighting in barns and milk houses, and many observers felt that they could be met only on electrified farms, which are forbidden by the Amish religion.

After Lower Merion announced its new regulations last spring, Sealtest asked lighting and refrigeration experts to study the problem faced by the Amish to see if some equipment could be designed to meet the regulations while keeping within Amish religious beliefs. The designs that resulted from these studies were displayed Tuesday at the Pavilion. Dr. Davenport encouraged the Amish to study the models closely, even though the new regula-

tions have been postponed for another year. "It's a question which must be decided, sooner or later," he said. "We urge you to inspect the plans displayed here and to make your decisions accordingly"

Dr. Davenport added that the decision to keep the Leaman Place plant open for another year will not be limiting if too many shippers stop using the plant. "But if we are forced to close the plant sooner, you will be given several months notice," he said.

Dr. Joseph Walker, veterinarian with the Milk Control District No 1, which included Lower Merion Township told the dairymen, "I know you are perturbed by the regulation, but we believe it is justified"

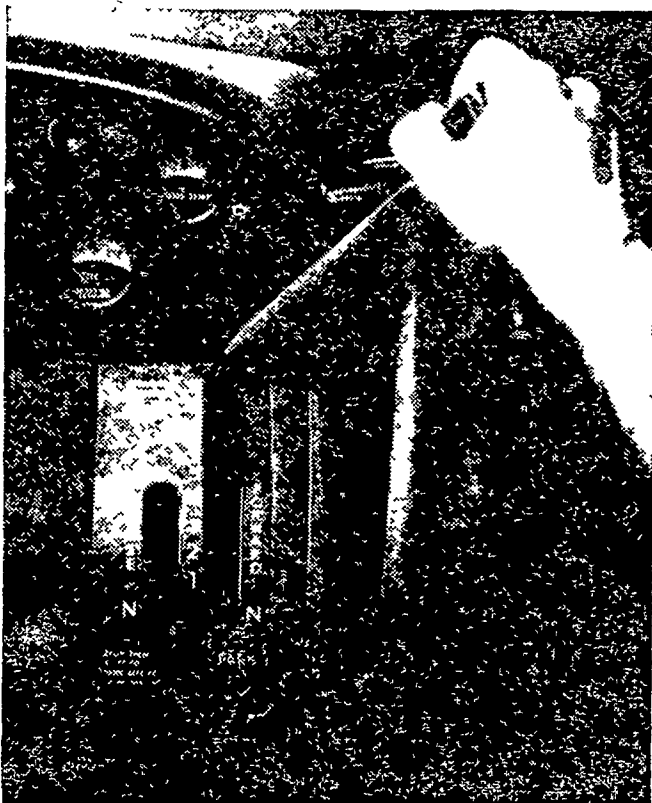
He said he does not believe the Amish dairymen are the subjects of discrimination. If the regulation is not enforced, the 6,800 other shippers under the regulations will be discriminated against, he said.

One Amish farmer then asked Walker "Do you believe in creation or evolution?" When Walker declined to answer, the farmer said, "If you believe in evolution, we have no basis to do business with

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