

● **Disaster**

(Continued from Page 1) and the section of the county is declared a disaster area. Farmers will be able to purchase corn at a reduced rate, Smith said.

Other members of the committee are Fred Seldomridge, County Agriculture Conservation and Stabilization committee chairman, and Richard Hoover, County Supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration. Miss Dorothy Neel is secretary.

● **Farm Bureau**

(Continued from Page 1) would be profitable to our organization and after a lot of deliberation on the matter, your board of directors decided we should consolidate the Lancaster and Manheim operations into one and serve our patrons out of the Lancaster Facilities."

**Business increases**

In a report to the patrons Charles Burkins, General Manager and Heber Shelly, Assistant General Manager and Sales Manager, said total

patron purchases during 1963 were \$4,352,372.00, up \$330,930 from 1962. The only division showing less volume in 1963 than in the previous year was twine. Volume of chick sales more than doubled during the year, fertilizer and lime purchased increased more than 1,000 tons, the highest increase on record, and feed, seed and petroleum products all showed substantial increases.

Burkins noted that while gross income was up from the previous year, operating costs were also up some \$51,506 leaving a net savings of \$85,629.00 in 1963 compared to \$93,615 in 1962. Burkins also noted that net worth of the cooperative at \$1,501,325.00 went over \$1 1/2 million for the first time.

**Specialization Predicted**

County Agent Max M. Smith said, "I am inclined to think the days of the farmer with many incomes is on the way out."

He said he believes the trend toward specialization in farming will continue. "We used to say 'Don't put all your eggs in one basket', but the day when a farmer can have a few cows and a few pigs and a few chickens, and perhaps some tobacco or tomatoes, and still be efficient is fast disappearing."



**DIRECTORS OF THE Lancaster County Farm Bureau Cooperative Association, elected at the meeting Tuesday at Quarryville are, left to right: Willis Z. Esbenshade, Veryl Brown, Paul G. Hershey, and Amos H. Funk. L. F. Pl...**

He said we must gear to produce a quality product in large volume. He predicted that 1964 would see greater demand for food products because of a growing population, but he also believes that cost of production will go higher and net income will be reduced below present levels. He said he believes money will be somewhat "tighter" in the new year because of depressed prices of farm products.

He suggested that farmers give more thought to long range planning, keep better

records, test soil and to develop a "yearn to learn" order to keep up to date, stress quality of product.

**Directors Elected**

Patrons re-elected four directors for three year terms. They are as follows: From Northeastern District, Willis Z. Esbenshade, 1631 Esbenshade Road, Lancaster; Southeastern District, Veryl Brown, Peach Bottom, Northwestern District, Paul G. Hershey, Manheim R4, and Southern District, Amos H. Funk, Millersville R1.

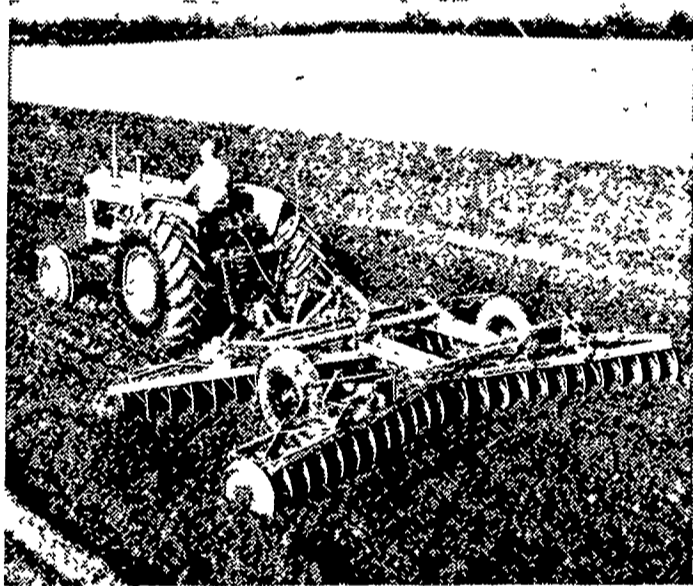
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