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NEWSPAPER FARM EDITORS MET with President Johnson this week. Shown left to right are, Bill Humphries, Raleigh, (N.C.), News and Observer, president of the NFEA; Herb Kanner, Tulsa World; Jack Owen, Lancaster Farming, (Arrow), Bernie Benner, UPI, Washington; Rex Conn, Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Gazette, Ike Groff, Lancaster Livestock Reporter (Arrow); Bill Zipf, Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch, and President Johnson. Also present at the conference but not shown in the picture were Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Keyser, Lancaster.

## President Sees Brighter Beef Price Picture Ahead

WASHINGTON — President Johnson told Newspaper Farm Editors, Tuesday, the combination of increased beef consumption, increased government buying for school lunches and needy families, and lower beef imports, will have the effect of pushing the cattle business back to 1962 levels. He said the federal Government plans to buy an additional 100 million pounds of beef for the two programs, and added, "We have sent a team of top men to Europe to try to find new markets." Raymond Ioanes, Administrator of Foreign Agricultural Service, believes the U S will export more meat in the year ahead. He said the price of dressed beef in France is nearly double the price of carcasses here. In Italy the prices are nearly as high, and the Italians have turned to beef imports to help fight inflation in their country. In addition, he said, Australia, today, can make as much (Continued on Page 9)

## War On Poverty Can Only Present The Opportunities

WASHINGTON — All the War on Poverty can do is provide opportunities, the people must take advantage of the opportunities, a Deputy Under Secretary of Agriculture said Monday. James Sundquist of the U.S. Department of Agriculture told Newspaper Farm Editors that the Economic Opportunity Act is just a gap filler rather than the whole war.

"Even if the bill fails," he said, "The war is on. People have enlisted and anything that helps the economy is part of the war on poverty." This program is not a "hand out" he said. The objective is to find the cause of poverty and help people find the way out. "We have found that poverty can be inherited just as wealth can be inherited," he added. Sundquist pointed out that 93 million families, about 20 per cent of the population, earn less than \$3,000 yearly. The \$3,000 figure, he said is an arbitrary one, and is used only as a guide line for determining who needs help. Poor people are poorly educated and have children who are poorly educated, he explained. The program is aimed (Continued on Page 7)

## Wheat Program Sign-Up Period Extended

The sign up period for the 1964 voluntary wheat program has been extended for one week, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The final date for farmers to sign up was moved back from May 15 to May 22. The extra week was added for two reasons. The late, wet, cold spring in some areas forced extensive field work during the original sign up period, and the extensive interest and program participation overworked some county ASCS offices. A spokesman for the Department said this week in Washington at a meeting of Newspaper Farm Editors. While the program is voluntary, the producer who wishes to get price support loans and purchases, plus acreage diversion payments, and certificates based on his proportionate share of the domestic and foreign market must sign up with the county office before May 22. The domestic certificates will have a fixed face value of 70 cents per bushel and the extent (Continued on Page 4)

## Plastic Tobacco Cover Pushes Early Plants

How do you get tobacco plants ready for the field two weeks earlier than normal? One answer may be a miniature greenhouse made of plastic over a wooden frame. Henry B. Engle, research agronomist with the U. S. Department of Agriculture stationed at the Southeast Pennsylvania Research Laboratory farm near Landisville, believes tobacco plants grown under the clear plastic may be field ready nearly two weeks ahead of plants under glass or muslin. All beds in the experiment were seeded on the same day—April 10—but the plants certainly do not look the same. Leaves on the plants under plastic were easily the size of a half dollar at the middle of the week while those under the glass in sashes averaged about the size of a dime, and the plants under muslin had leaves (Continued on Page 8)



A MINIATURE GREEN HOUSE made of plastic over a framework of wood strips pushes tobacco plants in this bed on the Southeast Pennsylvania Research Farm near Landisville. Henry B. Engle, research agronomist with the US Department of Agriculture, working in cooperation with the Pennsylvania State University, shows how he uses bricks to hold down the ends of the plastic cover. Holes in the plastic are for ventilation. Additional ventilation is supplied by opening the ends on bright days. L. F. Photo.

## Fruit Growers Plan Meeting

Lancaster County fruit growers will hold a twilight meeting on Thursday evening, May 21, at 7 p.m. at Shank Fruit Farms, Farm No 2 on Long Lane, about one mile southwest of New Danville. A tour of the Shank orchards, conducted by Amos Rutt, manager, will present an opportunity to observe and hear about the orchard management which they successfully use. Following the orchard tour, Mr. Larry Yeager, Extension Area Marketing Agent, will emphasize retail marketing problems. He expects to give the present and possible future picture of the apple and peach producer-consumer situation.

## FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures will average near normal during the next five days with mild weather on Saturday, cooler on Sunday and Monday and milder again on Tuesday and Wednesday. Normal temperatures during the period range from 52 at night to 75 in the afternoon. Scattered showers Saturday night or early Sunday are expected to bring 1/4 to 1/2 inch of rain.

## Farm Calendar

- May 18 — all day — Southeast District County Agents meet in Reading
- May 18 — 8 p.m. — County 4-H Leaders Council meets at the Farm Bureau Cooperative Building, Dillerville Pike
- May 19 — 7:30 p.m. — Lincoln Community 4-H club meets at the Mount Airy Fire Hall.
- 8 p.m. — Drumore Community 4-H club meets at the Chestnut Level Church house
- 8 p.m. — Agriculture Committee of the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce meets at the Chamber's Office, Or (Continued on Page 14)