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Know Your Rights And Hold Your Tempers, Hatfield Advises Middle Creek Area Farmers

At a meeting jointly sponsored by the Lancaster and Lebanon County Farmers Associations last Monday night Hollis A. Hatfield, Administrative Secretary of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association, told about 100 farmers and other interested parties that when dealing with government condemnation procedures a cool head and an informed mind provide the farmer's best defense.

Emotions and tempers have been running high in this Lebanon-Lancaster County community ever since it became known that 2400 (now increased to 2900) acres would be taken by the state for gamelands under Project 70. Hatfield's realistic approach seemed to ease the tension of the meeting somewhat.

He pointed out that farmers had certain rights under the new eminent domain law of which they should be aware.

For example, within thirty days after being served with the notice that his land has been condemned the property owner may file preliminary objections challenging the right of the condemnor to condemn his property. Property to be condemned must be appraised by two local realtors, and a just compensation figure reached. Where a partial taking of a property is involved, Hatfield suggested that the farmers not make final settlement until they know how the acquired property is to be developed. Then if any damages occur to the remaining land or buildings damage claims can be listed and action taken to correct the situation. The property owner has recourse to the

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Slaton Featured At Kiwanis Farm-City Week Celebration



The Lancaster Kiwanis Club observed Farm-City Week at their regular noon luncheon meeting at the Hotel Brunswick this week, and the featured speaker was Charles Slaton of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, Harrisburg.

Slaton presented an illustrated slide talk and stressed the importance of soil and water conservation practices to farm and city people alike.

This is the first year that the New Holland 4-H Soil and Water Conservation Club exhibits have been held in conjunction with the civic club's meeting. The outstanding exhibit was shown by Gary Musser, New Holland. The 4-H'ers were the luncheon guests of the Kiwanians.

Winners of the conservation essay contest sponsored by the Lancaster Kiwanis Club were announced at the luncheon. They were H. Melvin Brene-

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Agr. Census Will Measure Changes And Estimate The Trends In County Farming

Probably by this time you have received the many-sectioned Agricultural Census form through the mail. Its appearance may have scared many farmers half to death. But after studying it over, it should have become quickly apparent that its bark was worse than its bite. Most of the questions can be answered with a check mark, a word, or one number.

The Census of Agriculture is a detailed survey that is taken by the U.S. Department of Commerce every five years, and this is the year. This survey is designed to yield a great amount of information

which will be used to measure the changes in agriculture in the past five years, give some indication of the trends, and aid materially in evaluating the effects of past government farm programs as well as help plan needed new ones.

Some of the old familiar questions are missing this year, and some new ones have appeared. For example, you may have noticed that no questions on horses or mules are included for the first time in the 120-year history of the Agricultural Census. The 1959 census showed that horses and mules on U.S. farms numbered fewer than 3 million, compared with a peak of over 25 million in 1920. Although horses especially seem to be staging a comeback in Pennsylvania—from 50,000 a few years ago to about 100,000 today—they are no longer judged greatly important to the U.S. farm

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Trading In Beef Futures Starts

It has been announced that trading in live beef cattle futures will commence on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange on Monday, November 30. On that day futures will be offered on cattle for delivery in April, June, August, and October 1965.

Some authorities seem to feel that this innovation will result in an improvement in the functioning of the cattle industry. Others have expressed the opinion that they expect no help from this marketing approach.

Another authority takes a wait-and-see attitude, saying that whether it will help feeders will depend on how many buyers and sellers participate.

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Musser Exhibit Tops 4-H Club Consv. Roundup



The top exhibit at the Soil and Water Conservation 4-H Club Roundup held Tuesday at the Hotel Brunswick belonged to Gary Musser, fourteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Titus Musser, 518 W. Broad St., New Holland. Musser, a ninth grader, is in his third year of 4-H Club work, but this is his first year with the Soil and Water group.

Musser's outstanding tabletop display was titled "Changing To Conservation." Using concrete in a frame about three by four feet, he depicted a farm that was about 80 per-

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Red Rose FFA Elects Officers

The Red Rose Future Farmers of America held their selection of officers on Monday night at the Lampeter-Strasburg High School.

Glenn Weber, sixteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Weber of Mohnton R2, was chosen as president to succeed John Frey of Quarryville R2.

Weber, a member of Grasslands FFA Chapter, is a junior at Garden Spot High School. He and the other newly-elected officers will be installed during the January meeting.

Other officers elected Monday night were:

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Pa. S & W Consv. Directors Hold Annual Meeting

The Pennsylvania soil and water conservation district directors held their annual meeting last week at Mount Pocono, Pennsylvania.

Lieutenant Governor Raymond Shafer, speaking to 300 conservationists from 62 districts, praised the work the group was doing and said that state government recognizes the outstanding leadership districts are giving to the conservation of the natural resources of the Commonwealth.

For over a quarter of a century, Shafer said, districts have played a leading role in moving Pennsylvania's conservation work ahead. "You can expect even greater assistance from the Commonwealth in your dedicated work," Shafer said.

The three-day meeting highlighted the importance of

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THE NEWLY-ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE RED ROSE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA shown following their selection at Lampeter-Strasburg High School on Monday night. From left to right they are: (sitting) Sanford Hostetter, Pequea Valley H. S., Recording secretary; Ken Hess, Lampeter-Strasburg H. S., 1st Vice-president; Glenn Weber, Garden Spot H. S., President; William Ulrich, Solanco H. S., 2nd Vice-president; Dale Greiner, Manheim Central H. S., Reporter; (standing) James Nolt, Donegal H. S., Chaplain; Clifford Bollinger, Ephrata H. S., Corresponding secretary; David Erb, Penn Manor H. S., Sentinel; Donald Gruber, Elizabethtown H. S., Treasurer; Robert Eby, Warwick H. S., Parliamentarian.

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Weather Forecast

Temperatures for the five-day period Saturday through Wednesday are expected to average near, or slightly above normal. Normal for this time of year is a high of 46 degrees and a low of 29. It will be cold during the first half of the period, moderating toward the end.

Precipitation is expected to total less than 1/4 inch. This will occur as scattered showers over the northern mountains Saturday and Sunday, with more general rain toward the end of the period.

Farm Calendar

Nov. 30 — 7 a.m. Pennsylvania deer season opens — Good Hunting!
 — All Week — International Livestock Show, Chicago
 Dec. 3 — 7:30 p.m. Ephrata Young Farmers Class — "Vitamin and Mineral Feeding", Ephrata High School.