

Vo-Ag Teachers Survey Agr. Jobs In County

their regular monthly meeting, held at the Ephrata School on Thursday, the Lancaster County teachers of vocational agriculture voted

unanimously to undertake a study of agriculturally related jobs and job opportunities in the county.

Dr. Norman K. Hoover, Associate Professor of Agricultural Education at Penn State, told the group that 17 Pennsylvania counties had been selected to make this study and had actually begun to do so.

He felt that no such survey could be meaningful without including the state's leading agricultural county, Lancaster

The purpose of the Pennsylvania Study of Agricultural Occupations is to provide information for occupational guidance in agriculture, and for planning new programs in agricultural education. The primary intent of the study will be to analyze the segment of the agricultural economy not now adequately served by vocational and technical education, and about which sufficient knowledge for program development is not available

Several of the specific objectives outlined by Dr. Hoover were.

1 — To identify present and emerging agricultural occupations, other than farming, for which vocational and technical education should be available.

2 — To determine present

and anticipated numbers of employees in these occupations. 3 — To estimate the annual turnover and entry opportunities in these occupations.

4 — To determine continuing education needs of those employed in these occupations

This survey will involve contact by the teachers of all of the agriculturally-related businesses in the county, these may run as high as 500. Then a 25 percent sample of the total will be taken at random and the teachers will pursue detailed interviews with these businessmen to learn how vocational and technical training can be used to better fill the employment needs of the county's agricultural businesses, and to create more job opportunities for youth interested in "agri-business" occupations. It was estimated that 35-40 hours time for each teacher would be needed to complete the study.

New programs are now possible in agricultural education because the Pennsylvania State Legislature and the United States Congress both passed bills in 1963 authorizing expansion of vocational and technical education.

The teachers plan to work out further details for the conducting of this survey at a special meeting in January to which they plan to invite local businessmen

The vo-ag teachers also held their annual election of officers at Thursday's meeting. They elected Elvin Hess, Elizabethtown High School, as president; vice-president, Gene Daugherty, Garden Spot High School, secretary, Charles Ackely, Ephrata High School. Tom Malin, the area supervisor, was elected as treasurer. One of three advisers was up for selection and Robert Herr, Garden Spot High School, was picked for that post. Herr will serve a one-year term as adviser because the county FFA president, Glenn Weber, is also from Garden Spot High School and it was thought desirable

to have an adviser associated with the same FFA chapter as the current FFA president. A special change in the minutes was voted to make this one-year term possible. The customary term for an adviser is three years.

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