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A GROUP OF THE SIXTY-PLUS COUNTIANS ATTENDING THE AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION'S 46th Annual Convention on "Pennsylvania Day" at Philadelphia's Convention and Trade Center were (left to right): Harold Rohrer, 1623 Book Road, Lancaster, a state director of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association; Elias Groff, RD 6 Lancaster; Roy Erb, 118 Kreider Ave., Lancaster; John Charles, RD 1 Millersville; David Hess, and Mervin McMichael, both of RD 6 Lancaster. L. F. Photo

"A Republic—If You Can Keep It" Was Theme Of AFBF 46th Annual Conv.

The words of old Ben Franklin rang again last Tuesday in that birthplace of freedom, Philadelphia. The occasion was "Pennsylvania Day" at the American Farm Bureau Federation's 46th Annual Meeting. The speaker was Governor of Pennsylvania, William W. Scranton, as he welcomed the AFBF to Pennsylvania. The words were a quotation reputedly spoken by Benjamin Franklin in response to a woman's question at the conclusion of the Constitutional Convention "Well, Dr. Franklin, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?" "A republic," Franklin replied, "if you can keep it."

This phrase was the keynote of the convention. It was further exemplified in a pageant that combined slides,

music and live performers to depict the struggle of the colonies for independence, the drafting of the Constitution, and the internal conflicts that threatened to tear the young Republic asunder.

Senator Allen J. Ellender, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, was the featured speaker in the morning session. He used the cotton legislation as an example of the costly effects of any legislation, ill-conceived, scarcely studied, but ramrodded through Congress. He hit the apparent trend toward direct payments in government-controlled agriculture as unsound "I believe," Ellender said, "that farm income, just as the income of the jobholder, ought to come from the marketplace."

The real highlight of the day was the fiery annual report delivered by Roger Fleming, secretary-treasurer of AFBF. He told the group of delegates from the 49 AFBF states (including over 900 Pennsylvania members, of which over 60 were from Lancaster County) that AFBF membership for 1964 stood at an all-time high of 1,647,455 farm families, and that represents over six times as many members as the next

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ASCS Releases Early Tobacco Quotas For '65

Preliminary acreage allotments for Pennsylvania Seed-leaf Tobacco were announced this week by the Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. ASCS allotment estimates totaled 27,251 acres for the county for 1965.

The final allotment figure will be determined by the U. S. Department of Agriculture sometime in January. Whether or not USDA will cut the preliminary figure will depend to a large extent on the Department's analysis of carry-over stocks.

Three years ago when marketing quotas were issued for Type 41 cigar-filler the USDA cut the county preliminary allotment by 15 per cent, allowing only 21,982 acres to be planted in the county.

Lancaster County grows about 90 per cent of the nation's cigar leaf tobacco, and can reasonably expect to receive about 90 per cent of the national quota that will be set by USDA.

The Lancaster County ASCS office manager, Miss Dorothy Neel, said that the preliminary allotment figures for the county were determined from the actual acreage grown in the last three or five-year period; which ever was the higher figure for each farm was the figure used in estimating the 1965 allotment.

After final allotments are established for individual farms, these will be mailed to the growers. There will be informational meetings held in the county prior to the ref-

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Hess Represents Co. At Int. Dairy Show At Chicago

Ken Hess, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Hess, Jr., of Strasburg, was the only county representative competing at the International Dairy Show in Chicago last week. He won the trip by placing 4th high in the state individual dairy judging at Penn State University last August.

The county team that won at Penn State was Blair. That team went to the show in Waterloo, Iowa, where they represented Pennsylvania.

The top four individual judges in state competition

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Weather Forecast

Temperatures for the five-day period, Saturday through Wednesday, are expected to average well above normal. Normal for this period would be a high of 40 degrees and a low of 25. It will be mild throughout the period, with the warmest temperatures at about the middle.

Precipitation is expected to total 3/4 inch, or more. This will occur as rain at the beginning and again during the middle of the period.

A Contrast In Agriculture: — Korea And America

By Darvin Boyd

(Note: Darvin Boyd, RD 1, Ephrata, has recently returned from a five-month tour of duty in Korea where he served as a member of the International Farm Youth Exchange (IFYE) program. We asked him to contrast agriculture as he found it in Korea with that of Lancaster County. His letter follows.)

It certainly is a pleasure to observe the beautiful landscape of Lancaster County again. On my recent travels in six countries I haven't seen any farmland that compares with the beautiful landscape and topography of our unique homeland.

Agriculture in Korea is quite a contrast with that in America for several reasons. About 75 per cent of the land area there is mountain or forest land; 60 per cent of the cultivated land is "paddy" area, and the rest is ordinary



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fields.

The population density per square mile in the Republic of Korea is 412 persons, as compared to 32 in the United States! About 55 per cent of the Korean people are farmers, and the average household contains six and one-third persons. This means there is only an average of 411 pyong (about one-third acre) of cultivated land per farm person. This is why there are so many poor people in Korea using every inch of tillable land to exist.

The expansion of tillable farm land is being encouraged by the American-Korean Foun-

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Penna. Co-Op Asked To Consider Agway Merger

It was announced this week by the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Cooperative Association that they had asked their 34 local associations to vote next month on a proposal to merge with Agway, Inc.

Agway was formed last July through the merging of Eastern States Farmers' Exchange and Cooperative GLF Exchange. In a letter to Agway members it was announced that the Agway board of directors approved last week a proposal to include the Penn-

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AFBF Will Study Plan To Acquire Nat. Food Chain

In the closing session of the American Farm Bureau Federation's annual convention on Thursday the Ohio F.B.'s proposal that the Federation should consider acquiring a national food chain came up for discussion.

According to Robert Steele, Research Director of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association—the State branch of the Federation—the Ohio proposal was as follows:

"We recommend the AFBF Board of Directors make a comprehensive study of the feasibility of purchasing control in one or more food chains. If the Board of Directors determine that such an acquisition is feasible from an economic, fiscal, and legal

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Farm Calendar

December 14 — 7.45 p.m. Manheim Young Farmers, at Manheim Central High School. Subject, "Determining Farm Value"

December 17 — 6.30 p.m. L.C. Farm Equipment Dealers' Ass'n Annual Christmas meeting; Hostetter's Banquet Hall, Mount Joy.

— 7.30 p.m. Ephrata Young Farmers Class, Ephrata High School; subject, "Quality Milk Production".