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## Foreign Credit Specialists Study Lanc FHA Program

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Eight farm credit specialists representing four nations will arrive in Lancaster over the weekend for a close look at U.S. Farmers Home Administration (FHA) programs in action in Lancaster County.

These specialists are: Lawrence G. Odukwe and Omwusikawa Nwawri, Nigeria; James L. Msongolo and Wylie B. Tsamwa, Malawi; Mahmoud El Menouchi and Larbi Mehri, Tunisia; Ismet Topac and Ilhami Sozen, Turkey.

These foreign officials will spend one week in Lancaster to study the FHA operating loan program. Visits will be made to borrower farms in Lancaster, Lebanon and Chester Counties, representing the area served by the Lancaster office. Training will be given in the FHA office by Richard W. Hoover, County Supervisor. The Agency makes loans for farm operations and ownership, rural housing, recreation and water associations, and to help farmers hard hit by drought or other natural disasters.

The Lancaster office was selected as a study location for the group because of the outstanding FHA program here. Approximately 125 local families are presently using credit from the Agency Local FHA borrowers have an excellent repayment record, and are among the most efficient farmers in the area. During the past year over \$620,000 in loans were extended, and over \$310,000 in repayments were received by the local office.

Recently in Harrisburg, Raymond T. Kerstetter, State FHA Director, commented "The entire Pennsylvania farm community can take pride in the visit of these outstanding foreign officials. The fact that they are devoting so much time during their

US visit to study of the FHA here in Pennsylvania is concrete proof of the good record made by farm families using the agency's program. These officials came here to learn how to help their own farmers. Motivated by the remarkable accomplishments of family farms in the U.S., they are seeking ways of building strong, independent, family

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## Health Regs. For Cattle Shown At State Farm Show

Following are some rules, regulations, and suggestions for anyone showing cattle, particularly dairy type, at the Pennsylvania Farm Show this month.

The County Extension Office advises that no entries under quarantine for any disease or showing clinical symptoms of contagious or infectious disease will be admitted. All entries must be accompanied by a health certificate for tuberculosis issued by the Bureau of Animal Industry, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Breeding animals must also be accompanied by a chart for brucellosis.

### TB REQUIREMENTS

All cattle, including steers, shall be identified as have been tuberculin tested in

A Herds that have been negative to a complete herd test within twelve (12) months

B Herds that have been negative to a complete herd test conducted more than twelve (12) months prior to the first date of the show and the cattle to be shown shall be negative to the tuberculin test conducted within 120 days of the show.

C. Assembled herds that have not had a complete herd test or herds that were not tested on the last area re-accréditation test must be negative to a complete herd test before any animals are eligible for health certificates.

D. Progeny from herds that were negative to the tuberculin test conducted within twelve (12) months born since that test, may be shown without a tuberculin test.

### BRUCELLOSIS REQUIREMENTS

All cattle, excluding steers, shall be identified as brucellosis tested in.

A. Herds that have been negative to the brucellosis blood test within twelve (12) months

B Herds that have been negative to the brucellosis blood test conducted more than twelve (12) months prior to the show provided the herd

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## Imes Elected President Pa. Seedsmen's Ass'n.

A. Floyd Imes, 523 Rambler Road, Manheim, has been elected president of the Pennsylvania Seedsmen's Association.

Imes is manager of Seed Services for PFBCA. His election took place during the group's annual meeting at The Pennsylvania State University.

Also elected were Fred Bell of Seaboard Seed Company, Philadelphia, vice president; Charles Abbott, Seaboard Seed Company, secretary-treasurer.

Directors: Charles Storey, Schell Seed Company, Harrisburg; Milton Hoffman, Hoffman Seed and Grain, Muncy; William Burpee III, W. Atlee Burpee Company, Philadelphia, and Chris Nissley, A. H. Hoffman Seed Company, Landisville.

## Tobacco Ass'n. To Hold Annual Meeting Jan. 7

The Lancaster County Tobacco Growers Association will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, January 7, at the Farm Bureau Cooperative Ass'n building on Dillerville Road, Lancaster, according to Jacob Stehman, vice-president.

The meeting will be held in conjunction with the County Tobacco Show. The growers will begin classifying tobacco at about 12:30 p.m. in preparation for the show. While the tobacco is being judged the Association will hold its meeting upstairs.

According to Stehman the meeting will involve an annual report to the members, a discussion of the tobacco situation, the election of officers for 1965, and a talk on "New Developments in Handling of Tobacco," by Henry B. Engle, Research Agronomist at the P.S.U. Field Laboratory near Landisville.

The present officers of the Tobacco Growers Ass'n are: Harold Endslo, president; Jacob Stehman, vice president; Marlin Cassel, secretary; and Leroy Funk, treasurer.

Lancaster County tobacco growers are invited to participate in the county show, and according to Stehman, are welcome to attend the Association meeting at that time.

## County Holstein Ass'n. Starts Annual Drive For New Members

The Lancaster County Holstein Association started its annual membership drive with a kick-off banquet Tuesday evening at the Holiday Inn, 1492 Lititz Pike.

A special effort will be made by the 40 solicitors involved to have the drive completed by January 8.

State director Elvin Hess, Jr., Strasburg Rd., stated the goal is a "few more members"

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## Snavelly and Monaghan Will Head Special Gifts Division In Farm And Home Foundation Campaign

One of the county's leading businessmen and a former Mayor of Lancaster have accepted major positions of leadership in the conduct of the forthcoming Farm and Home Foundation Campaign, officials announced this week. The drive, with a minimum objective of \$375,000, is aimed at raising adequate funds to construct a Farm and Home Center in Lancaster County.

Named to head the Special Gifts Division of the campaign are Jesse Snavelly, Landisville, President of J. C. Snavelly & Sons, and Thomas J. Monaghan, Investment Broker, former Mayor of Lancaster and a member of the State Cabinet under the Lawrence administration. In announcing the enlistment of these two business and civic leaders, Levi H. Brubaker and Lawrence H. Skromme, General Co-Chairmen of the Campaign, said: "We are highly pleased that two men of the

calibre and ability of Mr. Snavelly and Mr. Monaghan will dedicate a portion of their time and attention to helping to organize this very significant project. Both men have long been identified with many challenging and beneficial endeavors in the City and County, as well as on State levels. They are deeply interested in seeing the Farm and Home Center become a reality and have agreed to give their best efforts to enlist an adequate number of industrial, business and professional men to help solicit funds for the Foundation."

The Farm Gifts Division will spearhead the drive for funds by launching its phase of the campaign on Monday, January 25, with a "Kick-Off" Rally of volunteers serving in the northern area of the County. The rally will be staged in the Lititz Recreation Center, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Volunteers serving in the Eastern and Southern portions of the county will launch their solicitation with a rally to be held in the lower end of the county the same week. The place and exact date of the

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## Zoning Meeting For Farmers To Be Held Monday

It was announced this week by the East Hempfield Township Zoning Commission that zoning ordinances similar to those in some other Lancaster County townships would be adopted. A series of four public meetings was planned at the same time.

In addition, a special meeting for farmers was set for Monday, January 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Rohrerstown Fire Hall.

William Carroll, a rural zoning expert from Penn State University, will discuss the concepts and ambitions of modern zoning in rural, agricultural areas. This meeting is open to farmers from anywhere in the county, and the topic under discussion does not concern just farmers in East Hempfield Township.

Many county farmers on the so-called "urban fringe" have already encountered zoning problems; those who have not as yet become acquainted with this modern problem can be sure that sooner or later they will

An understanding of zoning is becoming as necessary to the modern farmer as an understanding of tax laws and business management. Perhaps more so because zoning hits the farmer where he lives. Since zoning ordinances affect the farmer directly, it is vital that he take an active and aggressive part in developing the ordinances for his township.

The meeting Monday night will provide a good place to start learning about zoning.

## County Tobacco Show On Thurs.

The Lancaster County Tobacco Show will be held on Thursday, January 7, starting at 12:30 p.m. in the basement of the Farm Bureau Cooperative, Dillerville Rd., Lancaster.

The classes offered for this show are the same as for the State Farm Show.

Class 75—Wrapper B's—C1 (a)—Over 26 inches; C1 (b)—26 inches and under.

Class 76—Filler B's—C2 (a)—Over 26 inches; C2 (b)—26 inches and under.

Class 77—Binder—Div (a)—Over 26 inches; Div (b)—26 inches and under.

Class 80—FFA Wrappers.

Class 81—FFA Fillers.

According to the Show rules, a hand of tobacco shall

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## Weather Forecast

Temperatures for the five-day period through Monday are expected to average well above normal, with daytime high of 50 degrees and overnight low of 30. Normal for the period ranges from a high of 39 to a low of 24.

Precipitation is expected to total at least one-half inch. This will occur as widely scattered showers during the early part of the period, turning to general showers at the end of the period.

## Farm Calendar

January 4—7:30 p.m. Special Zoning Meeting for County Farmers; Rohrerstown Fire Hall.

January 7—12:30 p.m. Lancaster County Tobacco Show; basement of Farm Bureau Cooperative building, Dillerville Rd., Lancaster

—2 p.m. (approximately) Annual Meeting of Lancaster County Tobacco Growers Ass'n; upstairs Farm Bureau Co-op Bldg., Lancaster

—7:15 p.m. Annual Stockholders Meeting Pa. Farm Bureau Cooperative Ass'n. at Manheim Township High School.

—7:30 p.m. Ephrata Young Farmers Class; subject "Quality Milk"; Ephrata High School.