

Farm & Home

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 meeting, for volunteers serving in the Southern and Eastern ends of the county, will be held Wednesday, January 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Strasburg Fire Hall. Both rallies will be identical in character, with a well-rounded program planned including the distribution of canvassing supplies, and several speakers scheduled to present a full explanation of the project. Only volunteer canvassers, enlisted by District Chairmen, will be invited to these sessions, according to drive officials.

The special statement, prepared for distribution by the Committee, includes some of the following points: "No matter what your special interest in agriculture may be, the Farm and Home Center can be of benefit to you." Continuing, the item states: "Today's progressive farmer must be well informed concerning the newest techniques in breeding, feeding, seeds, fertilizers, soil conservation and equipment. And he must have up-to-the-minute knowledge about the most recent advances in many specialized areas if he is to realize the highest

income from his efforts. An efficient Center can provide this information."

The advantages of grouping many scattered farm agencies under one roof is touched upon in this manner: "The Farm and Home Center will be headquarters for agencies such as the Agricultural and Home Economics Extension Association; Soil Conservation Service; Farmers Home Administration; and the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee. Other non-profit, agricultural services will be welcomed into the Center as conditions permit. All agencies will pay rent for the space used and, in this manner, help to pay for the maintenance costs of the building. The big advantage of having these services grouped, to the farmer, is that of having to make only one stop to transact his business with these agencies which now are in scattered locations. Ample parking space is assured."

Since the Center would also be designed to serve the needs of groups, special emphasis is being placed upon its use for Youth Activities. The statement adds: "Approximately 1,800 young people

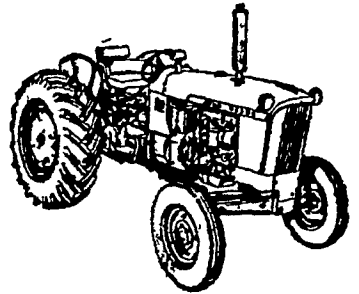
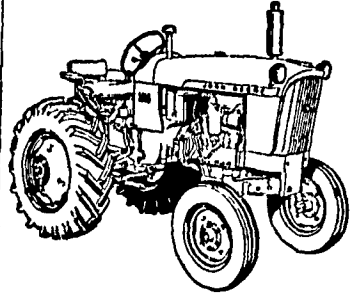
participate in 4-H Club work, alone. Other youth organizations, such as Future Farmers of America, could utilize the new Center. Because these young people "learn by doing" in a wide variety of projects, they deserve a good, centralized meeting facility where exhibits, demonstrations, and social functions could be held. The proposed Center, to be located along the route 230 by-pass, north of Lancaster, is approximately in the middle of our county's farm population. It would be convenient to reach and would be used widely, once it is established as a focal point of farm organizations and county-wide activity."

Proper recognition is given to the important role farm women play in the whole of agriculture, as this sentence, found in the statement, tends to indicate: "The Farm and Home Center will contain special facilities which will permit holding classes and demonstrations in the home economics department. In addition, the providing of a large multi-purpose room will make possible the holding of either small or large group meetings in attractive surroundings. A place for conferences, fellowship, and friendly social gatherings is an essential part of our farm life," the statement adds.

In summary, the Steering committee, planning the conduct of the fund-raising appeal, simply states: "The Farm and Home Center represents an opportunity for individuals, and families, and other related interests, to invest in the future of farm business in Lancaster County."

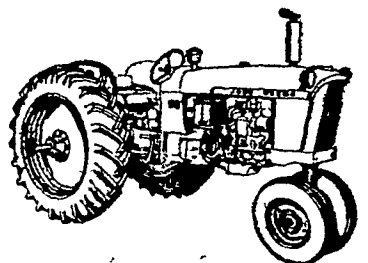
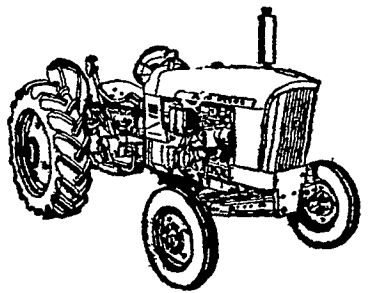
The central theme of the Farm and Home Campaign is: "Let's keep Lancaster County FIRST in agriculture." Reference is made to its front rank in the State and its position of being ninth in the nation for county agricultural production. The Center would be the first of its kind in Pennsylvania.

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