



GARDEN SPOT FFA CHAPTER ELECTS LARRY BRENNEMAN PRESIDENT. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Henry Breneman, Strasburg R1, and will be installed at a January 26 meeting by retiring president, Kenneth Hess. Other officers elected by the Lampeter-Strasburg group were left to right: secretary, Lloyd N. G.; vice-president, Robert Weaver; reporter, Robert Meck; sentinel, Gerald Hart; Breneman, chaplain, Marlin Groff; treasurer, Barry Herr.

Consy. Directors

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The price of the dinner tickets was set at \$2.00 per person, the selection of the Solanco Senior High School at Quarryville was confirmed, and the choice of several menus was considered.

The lack of a quorum at the meeting prevented decision on several items requiring votes such as approval of applications of six new cooperators—Paul R. Linfield, Millersville R1, David E. Reiff, Ephrata R3, Amos M. Hess, Drumore R1, S. S. Baird, Manheim R4, B. C. Brubaker, Columbia R2, and William A. Rowsmith, Peach Bottom R1. Approval was deferred to the next meeting on February 8.

Spokesmen for several of the cooperating agencies were present and each gave a brief report on pertinent points of interest. Wayne Maresch, soil conservationist with SCS suggested four general areas of the county that should be considered for sites of watershed meetings this year: Churchtown, Fetteville, Denver and Elizabethtown. Maresch proposed that key personnel, SCD associate directors, might be effectively employed in organizing such meetings. Maresch also reported that 45 new cooperators had been enrolled in district programs since the fiscal year began July 1, 1964.

Richard Hoover, County FFA Supervisor, reported on two new types of credit programs that will involve his agency under the Economic Opportunities Act: (1) loans to individual families, farmers and rural people, who are in dire economic straits with incomes too low to cover basic needs, or to finance some income-producing phase of the small farm business. These loans will require no tangible security, will carry a \$2,500 limit, be repaid over a 15 year period, and bear interest at 4 1/2 per cent. (2) secured loans to cooperatives, expected to average \$25,000, also 4 1/2 per cent interest, to be repaid over a 25 year period.

John Kitch, State Service Forester, reported that his agency was involved in gradually replacing the dead and

damaged trees at the Lancaster Water Works Filtering Plant. These trees are 14-16 inches in diameter and were planted about thirty years ago. The white pines, Kitch said, are dying because of a handpan that lies about one-foot under the ground and prevents effective tap root development. The spruce trees are being severely damaged by the hordes of roosting starlings that congregate there. The plan is to gradually replace diseased trees with shallow-rooted varieties and Kitch reported.

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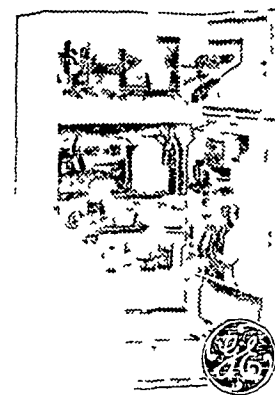


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