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## District Directors Protest Cut In Consv. Funds By Budget Bureau

The Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District directors drafted a resolution at their regular meeting this week vigorously opposing President Johnson's proposal to cut back on federal funds for soil and water conservation practices on privately-owned lands.

Two-thirds of the valuable agricultural lands in Lancaster County remains unprotected by conservation practices, the directors reported.

This situation exists, they claimed, in spite of all past efforts of the Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District directors working closely with Soil Conservation Service and other cooperating agencies since 1939.

The district directors help organize and participate in conservation educational meetings in an effort to persuade

farmers to accept recommended conservation practices on their farms. These directors serve without pay, and some of them donate as many as 1,000 hours per year in carrying out the district programs.

The government proposal of charging farmers for services rendered by SCS technicians, and a reduction in cost-sharing payments through the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) would seriously curtail or even end, the establishment of adequate con-

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## Type 41 Tobacco Referendum 18th

Official notices of 1965 farm acreage allotment for cigar-filler (type 41) tobacco were sent to farmers this week according to the Lancaster County Agricultural & Stabilization Service.

At the referendum February 18, 1965, Lancaster County tobacco growers will be given an opportunity to decide whether they want marketing quotas for the next three crops of type 41 tobacco.

They will vote a simple "yes" or "no" to the question, "Are you in favor of marketing quotas for cigar-filler (type 41) tobacco for the three marketing years beginning October 1, 1965?"

If at least two-thirds of the growers voting, vote yes, marketing quotas will be in effect for the next three crops—with acreage allotments and price support. If more than one-third of the voters, vote no, there will be no acreage or marketing controls or price supports on the 1965 crop of cigar-filler, and another referendum will not be held for another three years. If approved, type 41 tobacco will be supported at 27.0 cents per pound.

Who may vote? Any owner, operator, tenant or sharecropper who shared in the production of a tobacco crop in 1964 is eligible to cast his vote in the referendum.

The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the following locations.

Conoy, West Donegal & Mt. Joy Twps., at West Donegal Township Building, ¾ mile SW of Elizabethtown on Maytown road.

East Donegal & West Hempfield Twps., at Red Rose Dairy Bar, ¼ mile N of Donegal School on road to Flourin.

Rapho Twp., at Stricklers School House, 1½ mile NE of Mt. Joy.

Penn. Warwick & Elizabeth Twps., at Levi Heitzog farm, 1 mile NW of Litzitz.

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## Am. Meat Inst. Charges USDA Denied Hearing In Meat Insp. Transfer

The American Meat Institute has sharply questioned an action by Secretary of Agriculture Freeman transferring Federal Meat Inspection from the Agricultural Research Service into a marketing-oriented Federal agency without first holding public hearings.

The statement by the AMI, representing the nation's meat packers, follows:

"We regret that Secretary of Agriculture Freeman has transferred the Federal Meat Inspection Division from the scientifically-oriented Agricultural Research Service to the Agricultural Marketing Service which he has renamed the Consumer and Marketing Service.

"In his action, the Secretary has completely disregarded the objections of the nation's meat and livestock industry.

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## F&H Farm Gifts Nears 1000 Mark

Close to 1,000 pledges and cash gifts have been reported from County farmers and farm-related businesses to-date, in the Farm and Home Foundation Campaign, it was reported by campaign officials late this week. The results, tabulated up to Thursday, represent the reports turned in by volunteer solicitors in the Farm Gifts Division of the drive. All but 8 of the 39 campaign districts have reported, thus far, and total reporting represents about one-third of the number of contacts solicitors have been assigned to make.

The first public announcement of the total contributed, to-date, in the Farm Gifts Division, will be made Monday evening, when volunteer workers in the Special and General Gifts Divisions of the city will launch their phase of canvassing. The "Kick-Off" meeting will mark the beginning of soliciting of industries, retail stores, and numerous individuals in the metropoli-

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## Consumer & Marketing Service Established

Secretary of Agriculture Freeman announced today that the Consumer and Marketing Service will be established immediately.

All functions administered by the Meat Inspection Division of the Agricultural Research Service, and all warehouse examination functions of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, will be transferred to the Consumer and Marketing Service Program direction of the Meat Inspection Division functions is being transferred im-

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## Sugarbeets Have Promise As County Crop Analysis Of Pa. Yield Data Shows

During the past growing season the Agronomy Dept. and the Agricultural Extension Service of Penn State University cooperated in a study of several experimental plantings of sugarbeets. This experiment was designed to learn whether sugarbeets would be an adaptable crop for Pennsylvania. Beets were studied on farms in Lancaster, Dauphin, Luzerne, Lebanon, York, Westmoreland, and Centre counties, with the most extensive trials being in the Lancaster-York area.

Although rainfall was 8½ to 10 inches below normal in most of the areas where the beets were grown, it was found that the overall State yield averaged 14½ tons per acre. Considering the drought conditions that existed this compares to a reasonable extent to the long-term averages of 18-20 tons per acre in Ohio and Michigan.

A total of nineteen sugarbeet varieties were tested. It was found that the best yields came from a variety that was

grown commercially in Michigan last year. Sugar content, another factor analyzed, ranged from 15 to 17½ per cent of harvested weight.

In Lancaster County three plots were tested. At the P. S. U. Southeastern Field Research Lab near Landisville, 14 different varieties were studied. At the Willis Kilheffer farm, Manheim R1, one variety was observed under different cultural practices. At the John Neff farm, Mount Joy R2, the response of one variety to three different fertilizer treatments was studied. The fertilizer used was an 8-16-16 analysis, and the rates were 500, 1000, and 2000 pounds per acre.

Sugarbeets are a long-season crop. They should be planted at least as early as oats, according to Dr. Albert S. Hunter, prof. of soil technology, P.S.U. However, for this experiment it was not possible to get the planting done until the first week in May. Using a standard commercial vegetable planter, Dr. Hunter and John Yocum, superintendent of the P.S.U. Research Farm, seeded the beets on 24-inch rows 35 feet long, with the seeds spaced an inch apart—the plants were later thinned to one foot apart.

On September 1, a group of Extension specialists from

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## SCD Enrolls 25 New Cooperators

During the course of their regular monthly meeting the Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District directors this week approved 25 new-cooperator applications, totaling 1804 acres, to go under the conservation program. Wayne Maresch, SCS county conservationist, stated that most of the new applicants were a direct result of several community meetings held in the county in recent weeks.

The County Commissioners

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## Weather Forecast

Temperatures for the five-day period, Saturday through Wednesday, are expected to average near, or slightly above normal. Normal for the period is a high of 41 and a low of 23 degrees. Little day-to-day change is expected.

Precipitation is expected to total near ¼ inch melted. In the eastern section this will occur as rain over the weekend.

## Prompt Construction Of Holtwood Bridge Urged By Fulton Grange #66

Fulton Grange #66 held their regular meeting February 8 at Oakryn, Pa. with Gyles H. Brown in charge of the business meeting. The Grange adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The plans for a bridge across the Susquehanna river at Holtwood are almost completed, and

WHEREAS, Susquehannock Park will be opened on Memorial Day with no means of reaching it from the west side of the river except via Conowingo or Columbia which entails an extra drive of at least fifty miles, and

WHEREAS, The said bridge is almost a necessity to our civil defense program. And

WHEREAS, Rerouting of route #30 over said bridge would shorten the distance between Philadelphia and points

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## Farm Calendar

Feb. 15—1:30 p.m. Celery Growers meeting at Amos Funk farm, Millersville. Jim Dutt and Ernie Bergman from Penn State Univ. will be on hand.

—7:30 p.m. Northeast 4-H Tractor Club at Farmersville Equipment Co.

—7:30 p.m. Young-Adult Farm Welding Class—Ephrata High School, Subj: Soldering and Brazing.

—7:30 p.m. Manheim Young Farmers Class at Central High School Subj: "Soil & Water Conservation;" speaker, Charles Hess, former M. C. H. S. vo-ag teacher.

Feb. 16—7:29 p.m. Garden Spot Young Farmers Class at Garden Spot H.S. Subj: "Liquid Feeding;" panel discussion: Panel guest, Bill

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