

**● Farmers Assn.**

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fact will be felt in businesses dependent on agriculture, and eventually the entire economy will suffer.

He delivered a quotation which he suggested could have been made today, but which in fact he attributed to Plato, a Greek philosopher who lived 23 centuries ago—"The real destroyer of liberty is he who spreads bounties, donations and benefits among the people"

During its business session the county farmers association was told by Harold Rohrer, PFA state director, that it had topped the new membership drive made by the PFA Farm Management Service Rohrer also reported that PFA had been instrumental in getting the "water rights bill" (H.B. 1676) referred back to committee for further study because "the language was indefinite, and the power to distribute water should not be in the hands of any one body"

Clyde Wivell, county association vice-president, presented a list of 11 policies formulated by the association. The members present voted by ballot to approve these as they stood. The policies demanded retention of the Delaware Valley milk marketing area's handler pool; resolved that the county tobacco market remain free of government controls and price supports, recommended that Class 1 and 2 agricultural lands not be included in Project 70 condemnations; opposed repeal of Section 14(b) of the Tatt-Hartley law; demanded lifting of transportation restrictions on U.S. wheat sold to foreign countries, condemned the use of Area Redevelopment Administration (ARA) money in agriculture—this referred to a \$2.4 million ARA loan applied for by Lipman Bros. of Augusta, Maine, to finance a broiler growing complex at New Castle, Pa.

Noah Wenger, chairman of the nominating committee, presented a slate of 14 nominees, seven of which were to be selected by the group as directors for 1966. Re-elected to director posts were: Clyde Wivell, Donald Ney, James Wood, Clyde Buchen, James Martin, and Abram Zeiset. One new director, William A. Dean, Jr. of Strasburg R1, was named to replace retiring director J. Robert Hess.

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**● Sam Long**

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feed down about six feet. Samples are taken in six to eight spots and mixed. To sample hay he gets an auger from the Extension Service, attaches it to his electric drill, and draws samples from eight or ten representative bales.

These samples go to Penn State for analysis. In addition, Long sends them a complete inventory of his grain and forage, plus his cost figures on purchased feed materials, and his present feed ration. The University then programs two rations for him—one which it recommends and his own—taking into consideration the feed materials which he has on hand. He learns how much silage and hay to feed each cow to balance his supply. This is designed to utilize what he has to best advantage. The program carries no charge. Each month when his herd records come back, the recommended amount of "short feed" is shown for each individual cow. This changes from month to month as an individual progresses through her lactation.

Long found, for one thing, that he had actually been over-feeding many of his cows, and that he could cut back to the programmed recommendations without losing production. This saving in "wasted" feed accounted for part of his added \$30 return.

Some examples of individual cow increases in return over feed costs are shown by records of two animals picked at random from Long's record summary book for 1964 and 1965 lactations. Sadie, a three-year-old went from \$198 in 1964 to \$375 net return last year. She showed a gain in milk production of 2,629 lbs., and in fat of 126 lbs. Much of this gain may be due to her increasing maturity. Star, a six-year-old, gained 220 lbs. of milk and 64 lbs. of fat,

**Advisory Committee Has Annual Meeting**

Growing problems of water quality and quantity throughout the country underscore the urgency of continued emphasis on soil and water conservation, the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Public Advisory Committee on Soil and Water Conservation declared in its annual meeting last week.

Committee members pointed out that recurrent water shortages as well as floods are stimulating rapid construction of dams and storage reservoirs. The committee considered a proposal that treatment of land above dams to prevent their premature loss through siltation be re-

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but her return over feed cost showed a \$21 increase. At twenty-two years of age, Sam got started in farming on his own in April 1962 with the help of an FHA livestock and equipment loan. He and his wife Sandra leased the 100-acre farm on which they are now tenants, and with careful management and hard work have been able to show an increasing return each year—in spite of the three-year drought that plagued the area. The Longs are a fine example of one route that young people can follow to get into farming in these days of high land and building costs.

They are presently milking 31 cows, and raising 14 heifers. About 43 acres of corn is raised, 16 of it for silage; alfalfa accounts for 16 acres, and small grains and pasture for the balance.

Anyone arriving at the Long farm is likely to be greeted by four, big brown eyes at about car-window-level. These belong to two St. Bernard dogs which represent a sideline enterprise the Longs are finding unexpectedly profitable. They are also finding that the St. Bernard's are exceptionally good companions for the three pre-school-age Long children.

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**Farm Women No. 3 Meet At Mt. Airy**

The Society of Farm Women, Group No. 3 met recently at the home of Mrs. William Eberly, at Mt. Airy.

Mrs. Harry Usner, president, conducted the business meeting. Volunteers to fold Christmas seals were requested. A visit to the county home with a treat of cookies was planned for November 18th. The group also plans to hold a Halloween party on October 30 at the Mt. Airy Fire Hall.

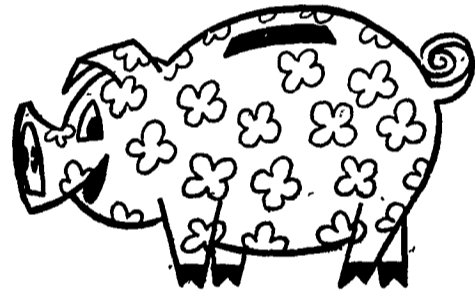
It was announced that the county convention will be held on November 6 in the auditorium of the Ephrata High School. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Among other business, Miss Hannah Wissler gave a report of the auditing committee. The nominating committee placed the following names in nomination: Mrs. William Eberly, president; Mrs. William Stober, vice president; Miss Marian Martin, secretary; Mrs. Raymond Rhail, ass't. secretary; and Mrs. Harvey Gehman, treasurer.

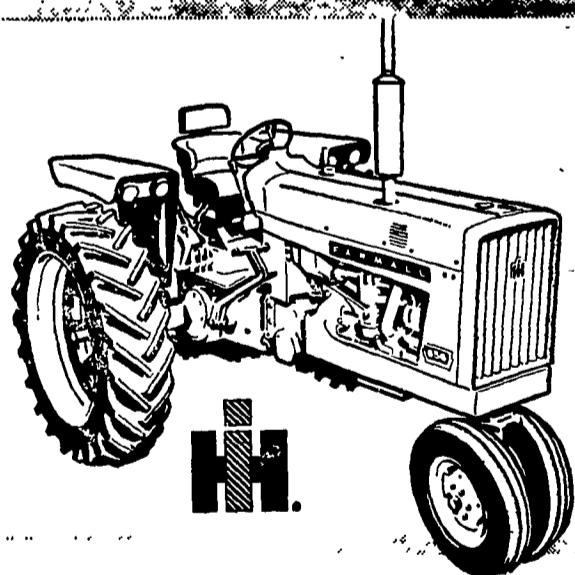
Mrs. John Enck gave a demonstration on arrangement of dried flowers, fruits, nuts, vegetables, etc.

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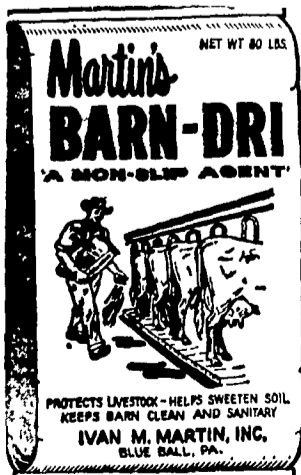
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