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on results of a survey which showed that farms operating under a prescribed conservation plan will generally earn 20 percent more net income. "Seventy percent of the farmers in Lancaster County are not now taking advantage of this program, and are therefore passing up this potential increase in net return," Funk said.

Referring to the statement of County Commissioner Arthur Campbell, Jr., in which he said that 10,000 acres, 25 percent of all the county's agricultural land, will be lost to production by 1980, Funk said the conservation district will spearhead the move toward building a better county. One way in which it will do that, Funk stated,

will be through increased promotion of conservation at all levels; which will include joint meetings with township supervisors and the county planning commission, for the purpose of making the best possible use of our remaining agricultural land.

Director Aaron Stauffer told the associate directors that the District was asking for some of their time so they could enlist in the battle to conserve the county. He cited projected population figures for the year 2000. When the world population doubles, as the experts say it will, food production will have to double to keep pace. "This can't be accomplished if we keep sending topsoil down stream," Stauffer said.

The group of associate directors was told that their help was urgently needed, and they responded enthusiastically to this challenge.

Stauffer told them the District will select the "Outstanding Associate Director" and plans to send him to next year's State Conservation Convention.

County conservationist Wayne Maresch told the members that, generally, decisions are made for the moment, but the effects of decisions reach out into future generations. When a farmer decides to enroll in a conservation plan, he is helping himself and those future generations, Maresch said.

"The Soil Conservation District is the best example of people making decisions at local levels with state and federal assistance anywhere in the world today," Maresch told the conservationists.

Funk called on each of the associate directors to tell the group a little about how conservation was working for

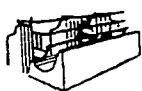
them, and asked each to tell his ideas on promoting conservation to the evening's discussion. One important point brought out by several of these men was the need for teaching the principles of conservation to the young, preferably through the schools, 4-H groups, and others.

Four new agreements, totaling 459 acres, were presented for the directors approval.

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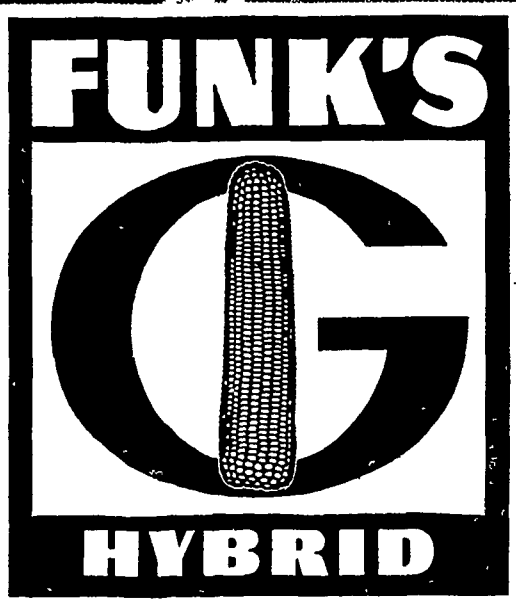
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