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Maresch, County Conservationist, To Wash., D. C.

Before the door blows shut on the month of March, Lancaster County soil conservationist Wayne F. Maresch will be marching off to Washington, D. C. to accept a promotion with the USDA Soil Conservation Service.

According to Ivan McKeever, state conservationist, Maresch will become assistant chief of the management records branch of the SCS Washington, D. C. office. He will be working primarily with field program reports from all over the nation.

Maresch, the father of six children — ranging in age from 9 months to 13 years — has been in charge of the Lancaster SCS office since July, 1964. He is a native of Allegheny County, and a 1951 graduate of Penn State University. After serving as a jet pilot for four years with the U. S. Air Force, Maresch began working as a soil scientist (Continued on Page 9)



COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST Wayne F. Maresch discusses district business with a caller at the Soil Conservation Service office in Lancaster. The county map behind Maresch is an aerial photo index map.

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Record Crowd At Annual SWCD Banquet Hears Pa. Conserv. Director

"The biggest turnout in at least five years," District Soil and Water Conservation Chairman Amos H. Funk termed the 254 friends of conservation present for the District's annual banquet meeting held Tuesday night at the Blue Ball Fire Hall.

The district's top award, "Outstanding Conservation Farmer for 1965", was presented to Lester M. Weaver of New Holland R1 by County

Commissioner Arthur R. Campbell, Jr. Campbell, a director in the Lancaster County SWCD, also presented awards to Mrs. Robert Eshleman and Mrs. John Walters, on behalf of the efforts toward conservation education in the public schools sponsored by the county Federation of Women's Clubs. He cited two area Boy Scouts of America who represented the County Council (Continued on Page 6)



CHARLES F. HESS, State Conservation District director, left, admires the plaque awarded to Lester M. Weaver as the County's Outstanding Conservation Farmer for 1965. Hess was the featured speaker at the Lancaster County SWCD annual banquet.

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L.C. Swine Assn. To Hold Annual Banquet

The Lancaster County Swine Producers Association will hold its annual banquet meeting on Friday, March 18, 6:30 p.m., at the Blue Ball Fire Hall.

Following a ham supper, Warren Leininger will give an illustrated talk on his recent South American Livestock Tour. There will also be awards, entertainment, association reports and business, and reports from Penn State specialists.

An amendment to the association by-laws will be acted on by the membership. It is designed to choose directors on an at-large basis, rather than on the present purebred-breeder basis.

Tickets for the affair may be obtained from secretary (Continued on Page 7)

Lester M. Weaver Named Outstanding Conservation Farmer At SWCD Banquet

A New Holland area farmer, Lester M. Weaver, received the Lancaster County Soil & Water Conservation District's top honor — "Outstanding Conservation Farmer" — Tuesday night at the annual cooperators' banquet at the Blue Ball Fire Hall.

Long active in conservation work, Weaver has been an as-

sociate SWCD director for approximately ten years, he also helped organize the New Holland 4-H Soil Conservation Club. Weaver has served as a 4-H Club Leader for a number of years, and was one of the original leaders who helped form the New Holland 4-H Baby Beef Club in 1953.

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CONSERVATION AT WORK on the Lester M. Weaver farm. The wheat stubble and windrowed straw outline the contour curve followed on this land. With the exception of one narrow field, the entire Weaver farm utilizes contour stripping.

L. F. Photo

County Growers Seek Solution To Tobacco Woes

A small, but enthusiastic, group of county farmers, calling themselves the Tri-County Tobacco Growers, met Wednesday night at the Moore Farms, Inc. hatchery building on Eden Rd., Lancaster.

The aim of this new association is to try to do something about the worsening tobacco price situation in the county. Their program calls for a two-fold approach to the problem:

- (1) Establish price-supported quotas for Type 41 tobacco,
- (2) Market all of the county crop through a central marketing agency controlled by farmers, not buyers.

To achieve its goals, which basically is a better tobacco (Continued on Page 5)

Poultry Assn. Annual Meeting Set For 17th

With the announcement by committee co-chairman John E. Copenhaver and Ben Burkholder that the Lancaster County Poultry Association will hold its annual meeting on March 17th, the final meeting victim of the blizzard has been accounted for.

At the St. Patrick's Day meeting, to be held at the Park Credit Building, 411 W. (Continued on Page 6)

Weather Forecast

Temperatures are expected to average slightly above normal for the next five days, but most of "the warm" won't arrive until after a cool weekend. The normal temperature range for this period is 49 to 30 degrees.

The weekend is also expected to bring a little rain or snow along the coast, with local showers following about Wednesday. Total precipitation may total 1/4-inch, says the weatherman.