

● Co. Farmers Assn.

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"But what makes the headlines in the U.S. consumers' newspapers? That farmers are making \$44 billion dollars a year; not that their share is \$10 billion less than it was four years earlier," he thundered.

"One-third of the goods that fill Mrs. Consumer's shopping cart at the super market are NON-FOOD items, but they're all charged to the food budget and that's the figure she refers to when she complains about high food prices," Biggs said.

"Only 18 cents of the consumers' food dollar ever finds its way to the farmer," he said, adding, "We've got to get that story across to the consumer."

After describing the so-called master plan, which was proposed several years ago by Senator Russell of the U.S. Senate, Biggs asked, "Is this the program we want? We'll have to decide pretty soon," he warned; "Those consumers aren't picketing the food markets for nothing"

Biggs, a Fulton County beef cattle breeder, congratulated the county association on its becoming the number one county affiliate of PFA in membership. It had been announced earlier that 1966 county association membership stood at 947, compared to 818 last year, and 750 in 1964. The goal for 1967 will be in the area of 1100 members, which

would assure Lancaster of being the first county in PFA to pass the 1000 mark. Membership committee chairman Clarence Stauffer reminded the group that the 1967 membership drive will start January 2nd. He urged the committee to get the membership drive done early by starting early.

Members re-elected six directors to two-year terms: James M. Garber, Mount Joy R2; John H. Charles, Millersville R1; James G. Kreider, Quarryville R1; Ellis K. Mantzer, New Holland R2; Leroy Pfautz and Noah W. Wenger, both of Stevens R1.

Members also approved 12 proposals submitted by the policy committee and one from the floor. The 13th proposal was offered by J. Robert Hess, Strasburg R1, stating that PFA support a move to increase the limit the county commissioners

Milk Support Price Announced

Dairy farmers were assured by Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman last Friday that the present \$4.00 a hundredweight support price on manufacturing milk will be continued through the 1967 marketing year, which begins

can appropriate for county extension work. At present, \$20,000 is the maximum that can be appropriated, Hess said, adding that in large, agriculturally-active Lancaster County, this is not sufficient.

Association president Noah Wenger announced that a testimonial dinner was being planned for retiring Congressman Paul Dague. It is set for November 25, 6:45 p.m., at the Dutch Town and Country Inn at Vintage. He urged all members to attend.

April 1. The present support price of 68 cents a pound for butterfat in farm-separated cream will also be continued, consumers," Freeman said.

Since prices of milk sold for consumption as fluid milk are closely related to prices of milk used in manufacturing dairy products, Freeman said the action also will help maintain prices that farmers receive for milk marketed under federal milk marketing orders.

"I am announcing the dairy support level for 1967-68 at this time so dairy farmers can plan their future dairy herd management with greater confidence as to next year's price

and to provide greater assurance of adequate supplies of milk and dairy products for consumers," Freeman said. "Dairy farming requires more advance planning than many other types of farming. As consumers, we can all be grateful that dairy farmers have responded to a long-needed improvement in the prices they receive for milk. September production was only one percent below the September 1965 level, whereas production last January and February, was five percent below that of the corresponding months in 1965."

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