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## R. L. Kimble To Direct New Pa. Meat Animal Evaluation Center

HARRISBURG — State Secretary of Agriculture Leland H. Bull has announced the appointment of Robert L. Kimble, Bellefonte R2, as director of the new Meat Animal Evaluation Center at University Park.

The center, aimed at the efficient production of quality meat, has been erected by the State Department of Agriculture on the grounds of the Penn State University with General State Authority financing. It is scheduled to start operating in mid-January.

Kimble, a native of Tioga county where he graduated from Liberty Joint High School, earned a bachelor of science degree in animal husbandry from the University, and for the past six years has been on its county agricultural agent staff.

He has been associate agent in Centre county where he had

charge of the extension livestock program. In college he was a member of the livestock judging team and was treasurer of the Little International Livestock Show and the Block and Bridle Club.

## Five Area Cows Get "Excellent" Classification

Five Lancaster County registered Holsteins on four Lancaster County dairy farms have been officially classified "Excellent", according to the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

This highly-coveted designation is applied only to animals scoring 90 or more of the 100 possible points representing perfection in body conformation.

Two cows in the herd of J. Robert Hess, Strasburg R1, scored "E" for the first time—Bachlea Ridge Citation-Silver, 91 points; Moo-Haven Queenie Gracious, 90 points.

Groffdale Reflection Delight, owned by Robert C. Groff, Quarryville R3, scored 91 points.

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Clement W. Squires

## Conservation Tech. Squires To County SCS

Conservation technician Clement Squires recently began a new assignment with the federal Soil Conservation Service in Lancaster County, according to an announcement this week by SOS County work unit conservationist Orval A. Bass.

Squires, who has been with

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## 1967 Outlook For Farmers Good On Gross; Slightly Lower On Net Returns

by Don Timmons

Farmers in Pennsylvania and in the nation can expect an increase in cash receipts in 1967, according to the "outlook specialists" in the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The economists tell us that prices of some commodities will be higher — notably, milk, beef, and some grains. But on the down-side, government payments to farmers will be less and production costs will continue their upward spiral.

In summary, economists see a net farm income in the coming year that may be as much as five percent under the near-record level set in 1966, still well above most other recent years.

### PER CAPITA CONSUMPTION

Although food prices are not expected to go up as much next year as they did in 1966, they will be higher, the experts say. However, food expenditures will not increase as rapidly as consumers' disposable income. So, will they eat more, or less?

On the grain side, consum-

ers will eat more, say the economists, anticipating more plentiful grain supplies. They look for consumption of livestock products to hold about steady however.

The demand for food goes beyond state and national borders. It is impossible to estimate food consumption without considering what purchases the military will require, whether the state of the war in Vietnam will accelerate or decelerate, and what foreign demand will be.

World food shortages in 1966 stimulated a strong, worldwide demand and exports reached new highs. U.S. population continues to increase. We conclude that, although per capita consumption of food

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## Care Urged In Handling 1966 Tobacco Crop

Growers attending either of the two Agway meetings Tuesday at the New Holland warehouse were urged to use special care in handling the 1966-crop tobacco because of the high stem moisture and shed frozen leaves on late maturing tobacco.

Ray Link, sales specialist for the Agway tobacco division, said, "This is a different crop than you've had for three or four years. The late tobacco has a lot of gum in it, and should be stripped on the dry side."

USDA grader Leonard Ford told the growers, "The small, late tobacco has done all the curing it's going to do. If you have some of this, have it isolated and marked. We feel the best advice we can give is to take the fillers off and straight strip the rest."

Both Ford and Mark S. Hess, director of Agway's tobacco division, stressed that they were not running down the 1966 crop as a whole, although they felt that on the average it was not up to 1965-crop quality. How much actual shed damaged tobacco there is around the county has not yet been fully assessed, Hess said.

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## Farm Calendar

December 29 — 7:30 p.m., Ephrata Adult Farmer Class, "Income Taxes"

December 30 — 1:30 p.m., Lancaster County Farmers Assn meeting on "Eminent Domain Laws", at Mount Joy Fire Hall.

— 1:30 p.m., 4-H Corn & Tobacco Exhibit at Bayuk Cigar Co. Warehouse, 850 North Water Street, Lancaster.



FROM ALL OF US AT LANCASTER FARMING TO ALL OF YOU — A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

## LCFA To Air Eminent Domain Laws Dec. 30th.

The Lancaster County Farmers' Association will hold a meeting at the Mount Joy Fire Hall to discuss and review some of the laws of Eminent Domain, association president Noah Wenger of Stevens R1 announced this week.

The meeting, which will be held on the 30th of December, Friday, at 1:30 p.m., will feature Hollis Hatfield, administrative secretary of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association.

"This meeting is being held in the Mount Joy area," Wenger said "because landowners in that vicinity have expressed concern over land condemnations making way for the proposed By-Pass." But Wenger stressed that the meeting did not indicate any official resistance to the By-Pass, nor to its

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**Weather**  
A White Christmas? You better believe it! The weatherman is calling for temperatures to average below the normal range of 39 to 24 degrees with cold readings prevailing throughout the period, Saturday through Wednesday.

Snow for our area is scheduled for Saturday. The weatherman says amounts will probably be greater than 1/2-inch, melted — that means more than five inches of actual snow. He doesn't think this has the makings of a really big storm though. We're going to second-guess him this time, and look for amounts of the white stuff approaching 10 inches! Just got that feelin', folks.