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Corn Controls Favored In County — Lancaster County corn producers voted 191 to 86 on Tuesday (Dec. 11) in favor of the proposed new federal control program for corn. Nationally, however, farmers rejected the measure. Although some 10,000 producers in Lancaster County were eligible to vote, only 277 votes were recognized of 293 cast, meaning that less than three percent of eligible county farmers voted. Nationally, the required 66.7 percent of favorable votes needed to pass the program fell short by about 5.5 percent.

Givler, New President Vo-Ag Teachers — Henry E. Givler, teacher of vocational agriculture at Pequea Valley High School, was elected president of the Lancaster County Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association Wednesday night (Dec. 6). He succeeds Solanco teacher Herbert Heberlein. Other officers named included vice president, Garland Gingerich, Penn Manor, and secretary, Lewis Ayers, Ephrata. Gingerich was also elected to a three-year term on the board of advisers of the County FFA Chapter.

Other results showed growers favored continuing federal marketing quotas on rice, peanuts and cotton.

Lancaster County Seeks Fourth Farm Agent — The Lancaster County Extension Club, meeting in executive session Monday night (Dec. 10th), expressed the need for a fourth agricultural agent in the county.

The committee requested the County Commissioners to include such an addition in their 1957 budget. The extension group pointed out that the only cost to the county would be an estimated \$1200 travel expenses and \$400 stenographic services, with salary to be paid by Penn State University extension service.

At present, the staff consists of agent M. M. Smith, associate agent Harry S. Sloat, and assistant agent Victor M. Plastow. Two home economists are now serving the county, with one of the positions created only last June.

Sloat Elected President of State County Agents — For the first time since its organization, a Lancaster County agent has been elected president of the Pennsylvania Association of County Agents. He is Harry S. Sloat, associate agent.

Secretary-treasurer of the association last year, he was elected Tuesday night (Dec. 11) at the agents' annual banquet at Penn State University. At a separate meeting, Ruth K. Kimble, county home economist, was reelected secretary of the Pennsylvania Association of Extension Home Economists.

Sensenig Becomes Soil District Director — Elmer Sensenig, New Holland R1, was named a director of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District Monday night (Dec. 10) at a directors' meeting at the county courthouse.

Sensenig succeeds retiring director Lem S. Weist, Ephrata R1, who was cited for his contributions to the organization during the past four years.

Reappointed as commissioner-director was Charles H. Pearce, County Commissioner.

New Editor Named At Lancaster Farming — Robert E. Best will become editor of Lancaster Farming on January 1, replacing Ernest J. Neill who has accepted a position with a major advertising agency.

Best, a native Missourian, was raised on, and later operated, dairy farms. He graduated from the University of Missouri, and has served as farm reporter on the Columbia Daily Missourian.

Neill, who came to the county in August, 1955, and helped launch Lancaster Farming, had previously served with Corn Belt farm papers from 1946-1955.

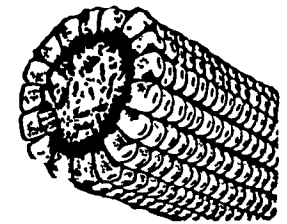
Editor To Speak

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 farm surpluses have ceased to exist.

The community meetings will be scheduled for the Lincoln Independent School every other Wednesday night, and future meetings will feature discussion of such topics as corn and tobacco production, with speakers to include county extension personnel. Fox said. He added that all the meetings will be open to the general public.

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