

## ● Farm Press

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Reber said, is to better inform farmers on management problems. In the early days of farm papers, editors generally relied completely on specialists—extension and colleges of agriculture. Today, the editors are in the field gathering their own information, to a large extent. As they gain knowledge of one farmer's success, they share this information with all farmers," Reber stated.

Another important function of the farm press, the editor said, is to stimulate sound, serious thinking on controversial issues that affect farmers. He cited the Susquehanna River Basin Compact as one such subject.

"Towns and cities are making their plans to assure future water needs under the Compact," he said. "If farmers want water to meet increasing irrigation needs, they will have to get the voice of ag-

riculture into the picture before too long."

Several questions raised by the audience inquired how farmers could manage to cope with rising land, labor, and material costs, and still survive on the farm. One farmer asked why farm publications didn't feature stories on farmers who failed, showing the mistakes they may have made that led to their failure. "Why not tell some of the bad?" the man asked.

Reber agreed that some farm magazines tend to sensationalize, or, dress-up the story to look too good, but he pointed out that the responsible farm press tries to avoid this pitfall and stick to the facts. He suggested to the questioner that writing a story on failure might present some problems which were considerably different than telling what a certain farmer is doing to succeed.

Miles Fry, Ephrata R3, an-

## Dog Licensing Time Nears, Dept. Warns

HARRISBURG — The State Agriculture Department this week warned dog owners to obtain 1967 licenses for their pets before the mid-January deadline.

The new Pennsylvania dog law requires that licenses must be obtained "on or before January 15." Since that date falls on Sunday this year, the deadline for obtaining 1967 licenses has been extended until Monday, January 16, according to T. Luke Toomey, director of the department's Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement.

announced that in two weeks, January 18, county agent Max Smith would present a meeting at the schoolhouse on farm management. Future meetings will feature discussions on conservation and, possibly, steer feeding, Fry said.

## For the Farm Wife and Family

## Ladies, Have You Heard? . . .

By Doris Thomas, Extension Home Economist

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When buying unshelled nuts, select those without scars, cracks, or holes. The kernel should not rattle.

It will take about two pounds of unshelled nuts to give you one pound or about four cups of nutmeats. Weight may vary with type, condition, and size of the nut.

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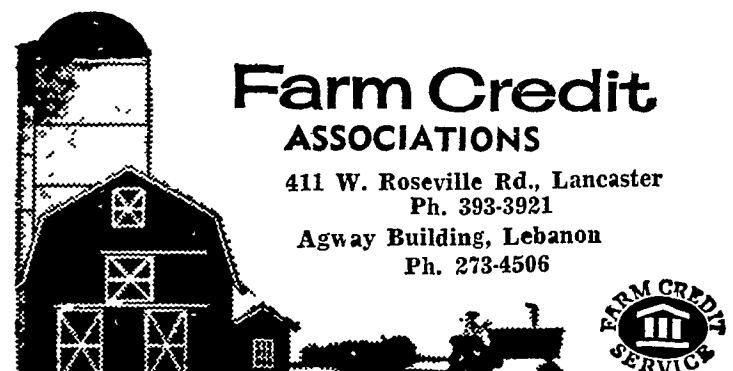
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