

● **Farmers Protest**

(Continued from Page 1) would have to be transported to Manheim Central or Ephrata schools. Board members were doubtful whether students' transportation costs to other schools could, or would, be paid by the local district. Tuition costs, however, would be paid by the Warwick district.

Several other farmers prominent in the Warwick area also registered protests of the board's proposed action stating that continuation of the Warwick agriculture course was a direct benefit to the community.

Milton M. Brubaker, Spruce Villa Farm, told the board that it would not be in the best interests of the boys to be uprooted from their friends and associates and placed in other schools. He cited several outstanding graduates of the Warwick vo-ag course as evidence of the program's effectiveness.

Howett Seiverling, a senior at Warwick and president of the county chapter of Future Farmers of America, stated that the school administration was partly at fault for the low enrollment because "it does not emphasize the vocational agriculture curriculum. All the emphasis here is on the academic program," Seiverling said.

In response to a suggestion by S. Gerald Darlington, Speedwell Forge Farm, the board agreed that a committee of interested persons should study the problem and present their findings to the board not later than March 21st.

At present, the number of county schools offering vocational agriculture is nine. The program was discontinued at Cocalico and Donegal high schools in the past few years.

Warwick agriculture teacher Clair W. Zerby told this reporter that a survey of eighth grade students at Warwick showed that 14 would definitely be interested in taking ag-

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● **MASTER CRAFTSMEN**

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● **Turkey Growers Urged To Limit '67 Increase**

Turkey producers should limit 1967 production to no more than a five percent increase over 1966, and breeder hens should increase by no more than four percent, the U. S. Department of Agriculture recommended this week.

In its 1967 Turkey Marketing Guide, the Consumer and Marketing Service said the favorable price-supply relationship in 1965 and 1966 is stimulating production in 1967 which could become excessive if producers do not take adequate precautions.

USDA estimates that although the demand for turkey will increase in 1967, the gain may be more moderate than during the past two years. Factors which contribute to increased consumption, according to the Guide, are rapidly increasing consumer incomes, a high level of employment, less competition from red meats, and the growth in popularity in further-processed foods containing turkey. These factors will still help enlarge the demand for turkeys in 1967, but probably not as much as in 1966. USDA officials estimate that most of the increased production suggested by the 1967 Guide will be absorbed by a higher consumption of further processed and cut-up forms of turkeys.

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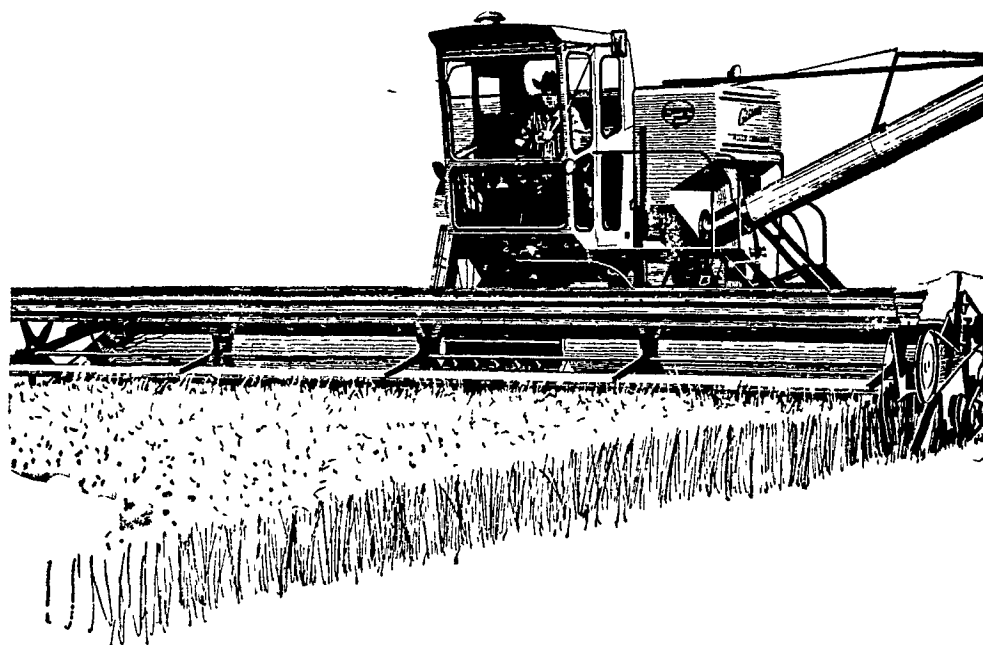
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