

Lancaster Farming

SECOND SECTION

"Grass Roots Responsibility Hope Of World", Extension Speaker Says

Speaking to approximately 250 persons Tuesday night at the annual meeting of the Lancaster County Agricultural and Home Economics Extension Association, J. Kenneth Stern expressed shock at the direction our present federal administration seems to be leading the country.

"We're in the greatest period of national prosperity in our history," the president of the American Institute of Cooperation in Washington, D.C. stated. "yet we're still priming the pump! We've never had so many Americans employed before yet the headlines are all about the jobless. We're putting too much emphasis in the wrong places today," he added.

Speaking at the Dutch Town & Country Inn, Vintage, Stern said a lot of folk

in this country are saying that agriculture isn't important anymore. "According to the Federal Reserve Board, agriculture is the most important single industry in the country. It provides three times more jobs and involves the expenditure of more capital than any other industry," Stern stated.

He said that American agriculture is the envy of the world because of the "whole package" of agriculture in this country—the farmer, the extension worker, the 4-H and vocational agriculture youth leaders, and agribusiness.

In bemoaning the increasing dominance of the federal government in our daily lives, Stern said that "life can't be forced to give us joy, it can only give us the time and the place. It's up to us to fill it."

"Grass roots responsibility,

that's the true hope of the world," he added.

DIRECTORS NAMED

Extension Association members elected directors for the five districts in the county. Named were Harry S. Muma, northwest; C. Warren Leminger, northeast; J. Wade Groff, southwest; Melvin R. Stoltzfus, southeast; and Mrs. J. Everett Kreider, southern.

Levi H. Brubaker, Rohrerstown, speaking for the Lancaster County Farm & Home Center, reported that "industry has supported this project well," he added that addition-

al farm support was needed. "This project is the most important thing to our community in our generation," Brubaker stated.

Brief reports and remarks were made on behalf of the county extension staff by Mrs. Joanne Warner and Winthrop Merriam. Other speakers were Lancaster County Dairy Princess Carol Hess, County Commissioner Benjamin Weaver, and Marion R. Deppen, southeast extension administrator. Toastmaster for the affair was Samuel Dum, association president.



Francis Roberts

Roberts Named Hubbard Mgr. At Lancaster

Francis Roberts, who began his hatchery experience several years ago in the Hubbard Farms central plant in Walpole, N.H., has rejoined the firm as manager of its operations in Lancaster.

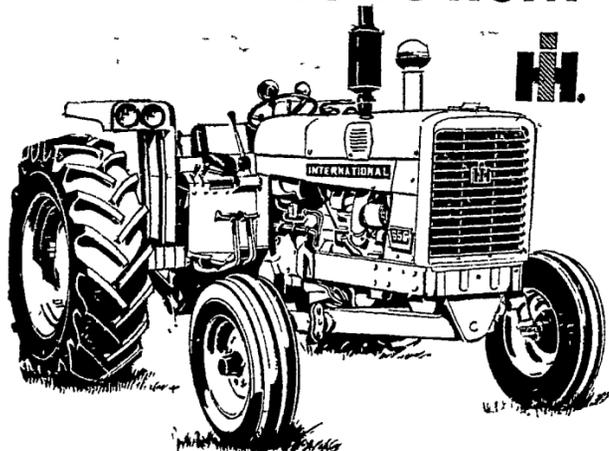
The announcement of his appointment was made by Wentworth Hubbard, general manager.

Most recently, Roberts has been Buckeye technical manager for the Gordon Johnson Co., Kansas City. He grew up (Continued on Page 19)



FEATURED SPEAKER at the Lancaster County Agricultural and Home Economics Extension Association banquet this week, J. Kenneth Stern, visits with Samuel Dum, association president following the meeting. L. F. Photo

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