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**(FIVE YEARS AGO)**  
ga R1, president of the organization He had served as secretary of the association during 1961. Warfel succeeds Mark Myer, Lampeter.

Other officers elected were: vice president, Ben Burkholder, secretary, Robert Harnish; treasurer, Cleve Hastings.

**Jersey Breeders Reorganize**  
—Edison Osborne, Peach Bottom R2, was reelected president of the Lancaster County Jersey Cattle Club Thursday (Feb 1) at a reorganization meeting at the Spanish Tavern, Quarryville.

Reelected secretary was Willis Groff, Willow Street.

**Extension Assn. Elects** — Four directors were returned to office and one new one was elected to a one-year term Monday night (Feb 19) at the Lancaster County Extension Association annual meeting

Directors were: J. Clayton Sangrey, northwest; Willis Z. Esbenshade, northeast; Mrs. J. Robert Hess, southeast; and Richard P. Maule, southern district

Mrs. Kenneth Musser, Columbia R2, was elected to the board from the southwest district.

**Ten Years Ago**

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**Three Lactations To Pay Calf Costs** — It takes almost three full lactations from a good cow to pay for feed and care given her as a calf, a dairy specialist told 250 Lancaster County dairy farmers here Tuesday (Feb. 14).

Harvey Sheaffer, Penn State University, speaking at the annual district meeting of the Southeastern Artificial Breeding Cooperative at East Hempfield Elementary School, pointed out that the average cow remains in the herd only six and one half years. She actually produces milk less than half of that time, and to make her stay profitable the dairyman has to overcome losses due to: 1) more than 12 months between calving; 2) not getting her into the milking herd by 24 months of age.

**Tobacco Sells In A Rush** — It appeared that a rash of buying last week (Feb 8) cleared up at least 95 percent of the county's 1956 tobacco crop. Reported prices ranged from 28 to 12 cents per pound.

The buying, following a long period of virtual inactivity in the local market, was believed by many to be the result of the efforts of the Lancaster County Tobacco Growers Cooperative Assn

**Hybrid Poplar New Cash Crop** — A new crop is being developed for the 195-year-old Miles W Fry & Son farm, Frysburg, Ephrata R3. It is a hybrid poplar tree that Fry plans to plant in the farm's 80-acre woodlot for pulpwood production

Fry began this project two years ago when he sent for six seedlings of the newly developed tree. The seedlings grew about waist high the first year, he said, then shot to 14 feet the second year with a stump diameter of 14 inches.

Fry said that as far as he knows, this is the first hybrid tree that has been offered farmers. He compared the impact on farming to that of hybrid corn.

**Poultry Industry Plans Surplus Reduction** — "Operation Bootstrap" went into effect

yesterday (Feb. 19) in an effort to reduce hatching egg supply, the State Poultry Federation president told Lancaster County poultrymen.

Robert R. Parks said the drive, which will extend through March, will help market a million more stewing chickens than would normally go to market at this time of year.

In outlining the heavy fowl selling program for members of the Lancaster County Poultry Exchange, Parks said that processors will have facilities ready to double normal slaughter of hens. Stores and other outlets will actually promote consumption of stewing chickens by the public.

This effort to reduce chicken surpluses will be in addition to the seasonal 10 percent reduction normally made by breeders.

**Farmers See Trench Silos** — Some fifty-three farmers attended a tour of two trench silo operations Tuesday (Feb.

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speakers are as follows:

February 20 — "Building a Savings, an Investment, and an Insurance Program." B. Wayne Kelly, farm management specialist, Penn State University.

February 27 — "Transfer Arrangements." Edward Pawlick, extension service attorney,

19), one at the Levi H. Brubaker farm at Rohrerstown, and the other at the Miles W. Fry & Son farm, Ephrata R3.

John Walker, Penn State agricultural engineer, who assisted county agent M. M. Smith with the tour, listed some specifications for trench or bunker silo construction. There must be adequate drainage for the silo, he said, describing adequate as "a one-foot drop in 50 feet of length for concrete lined silos, and three feet in 50 for dirt trenches".

Walker recommended avoiding having the feeding face of the silo on the south side as this practice will increase spoilage.

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