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Cigar Tax Opposed By Farmers

HARRISBURG —

A group of Lancaster tobacco farmers—350 strong—tramped into the capitol building here Tuesday morning, to "See what could be done" about the proposed 35 percent tax-increase-on-cigars rider bill now pending in the Legislature.

Carrying signs reading "H.B. #1893 Unfair To Farmers" or "Farmers Oppose Cigar Tax" and wearing lapel cards stating, "I Oppose The Cigar Tax", the nine bus load of sincere but orderly protesters marched past the capitol guards (they required the signs to be left at the door), in under the Capitol dome, past the tree being dec-

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orated for the Christmas season and up a flight of stairs to wait for a meeting with senators and representatives from local districts.

And they got their meeting. Several congressmen met the farmers outside on the capitol steps and inside the available congressmen from local districts were introduced by Sen. Richard S. Snyder and spoke briefly to the farmers. The government representatives who

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New Holland YF Tax Course To Finish Tues.

The New Holland Young Farmers will meet at the high school Ag room on Tuesday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. for Part 4 of their income tax course.

A brief summary and discussion of previously presented material will be followed by a practical application on a sample problem using examples from the class. The ins and outs of actually filling out the form will be shown according to Donald Robinson, Vo-Ag teacher.

Tobacco Growers To Vote On Marketing Quotas Early In 1968

The Lancaster County tobacco farmers will vote early in 1968 to decide if they do or do not want marketing quotas on Type 41 tobacco in 1968, 1969 and 1970, according to the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Notice of 1968 allotments will be mailed to all farmers before the Referendum.

For quotas to be effective, two-thirds of the farmers voting in the Referendum must vote in favor of quotas.

THE JOHN H. NISSLEY HOME—STEAD, Mount Joy R1. Nissley topped the national steer market on Sept. 5,

1967 with 20 head selling for 30.25 cents per pound. L. F. Photo

County Steer Farmer Tops U.S. Cattle Market With 20 Head

A Lancaster County steer feeder topped the United States fat steer market on September 5, 1967 with 20 steers.

John Nissley, Mount Joy R1, had an average weight of 1,303 pounds per head. The steers dressed out at 63 percent and brought 30.25 cents per pound.

And if that isn't good enough, 30 more of Nissley's steers brought second best in the U.S. at that time—29.50 cents per pound.

The buyer (Allen Packing Company) had these comments about the steers: "They were a beautiful lot that gave maximum yield with no shrinkage and no strings."

When you drive in the Nissley Farmstead lane, you come right to the airy and modern steer pens. It was here this reporter met John, Monday afternoon, and questioned him about his national price toppers. "They were good cattle," he said. "But we also had a little bit of luck as we hit the best market of the year."

Right now Nissley has 210 steers in his lots—half Angus and half Herefords. "I lean a little toward the Angus because they seem to sell a little better," he said. "But the Herefords put on weight better."

John does all his buying and selling through the Lancaster Union Stockyards. "I always

market through the Stockyards," he said. And of the steers he has now, most of them were bought for him in the South by a stockyard cattle. (Continued on Page 8)

Soil And Water District Directors Plan Goals For 1968

The Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District Directors set their budget at \$5,900 and recorded a goal of 140 new district co-operators for 1968 at a planning meeting held at the Lancaster Court House, Monday evening.

Other district objectives were listed as follows:

I. Promote wise use of conservation in Lancaster County — (A) Have four watershed meetings; (B) Have meetings with builders and contractors to plan erosion reduction; (C) Request the Extension Association to use at least two radio programs on conservation; (D) Have Vo-Ag teachers use conservation radio and TV programs; (E) Have meeting with equipment operators; (F) Plan and build as many ways and terraces as possible.

II. Finish and publish a long range plan — (A) Urge full cooperation of cooperating agencies in preparation and use of that plan; (B) Meet with County Planning Commission.

III. Education — (A) Prepare annual report; (B) Plan plowing contest and field day including Land Judging Contest and Queen of the Furrow Contest; (C) Investigate the value of an air tour; (D) Plan a conservation camp for youth groups; (E) Hold annual meeting March 5.

IV. Investigate the benefits and problems of having an executive associate.

V. Encourage the implementation of the county water study.

VI. Investigate the merits of the Chickies Watershed Plan.

Subirrigation Effective Del. Research Shows

Eight hours of subirrigation increased corn yields by 16 bushels per acre this year. During one of the wettest growing seasons in 50 years, irrigation was needed only once at University of Delaware Georgetown substation plots. But those few hours made the difference, according to Dr. William Mitchell, extension agronomist at the University of Delaware.

In three years research with subirrigation at the substation, the system gave an appreciable yield increase each year. In 1965 with adequate rainfall, irrigating resulted in 40 bushels per acre more corn. In the 1966 drought, subirrigating corn meant a yield of 165 bushels compared to a mere 7 bushels per acre without water. "It proves subirrigation is an effective way to supply moisture to row crops," Mitchell says.

The system can be turned on at a minute's notice. When the corn began to look wilted in June 1967, turning on a valve meant the plants received the moisture they needed when they needed it. Thus the subirrigation system can be valuable. (Continued on Page 5)

4-H Veal Club Will Hold Meet December 19

A meeting for 4-H Veal Project Club members will be held Tuesday evening, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Farm Credit Building, according to Victor Plastow, Associate Agricultural Agent.

At this meeting a detailed discussion of the project will take place and record books will be distributed. "We sincerely hope that you can be present at this meeting," Plastow said.

Joint Meeting Of Young Farmers Dec. 19

A joint meeting of the Manor Young Farmers and the Manheim Young Farmers will be held December 19, at 8:00 p.m. in the Penn Manor High School Ag-room.

A panel of men who have been on the Electronic Farm Accounts system will discuss their experiences.

Ephrata Adult Farmers To Tour Dairy Barns

A dairy barn remodeling field trip will be held by the Ephrata Adult Farmers Class on Thursday, Dec. 21, leaving from the high school Ag Room at 10 a.m.

The farms to be visited are: Earl D. Hurst, Lititz R3; Albert Mellinger, Strasburg; and Turkey Hall Dairy, Conestoga R2.

Those going on the tour should bring lunch. Everyone is invited according to Lew Ayers, Vo-Ag teacher at Ephrata.

The tour will return to the school by 3:30 p.m.

Farm Calendar

Tuesday, December 19

1:30 p.m. — Agway Dairy Seminar, Blue Ball Fire Hall
7:30 p.m. — Manheim-Penn Manor Young Farmers meet, Penn Manor High School Ag room.

7:30 p.m. — New Holland Young Farmers meet at High School Ag room

7:30 p.m. — 4-H Veal Project Club meeting, Farm Credit Building

7:30 p.m. — Agway Dairy Seminar, Quarryville Fire Hall

Thursday, December 21

10:00 a.m. — Ephrata Young Farmers Field Trip, leave Ag room.