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Farm And Home Mortgage Limit At \$235,000

New Farm Campaign To Commence Feb. 28

The board of directors of the Lancaster County Farm & Home Foundation met Monday evening in the new Farm & Home Center board meeting room.

After lengthy discussion, they voted to increase the mortgage limit on the Center property with the Conestoga National Bank to \$235,000, making it clear they would not use the entire amount unless it was needed. To pay current contractual obligations the directors used \$65,000 mortgage money already granted, and borrowed \$13,000 on a 30-day note to add to the \$7,898.64 balances on hand.

A new farm campaign is scheduled to start Feb. 28 with a meeting for farm campaign workers to be held at 7:30 in the Center. An open house and industry campaign is planned for later this spring.

In other business the board decided to prohibit alcoholic beverages on the premises and smoking in the meeting rooms. Smoking in the board conference room, lunch room, offices and halls is allowed.

A proposed letter, explaining rates for use of the center, was distributed to board members. The letter will be sent to organizations who might be interested in using the Farm & Home Center as a meeting place. It explains that a one-third discount is offered to organizations or individuals who have strongly supported the foundation with contributions or pledges.

With this discount, a fairly large organization can secure a meeting room in the Farm & Home Center for as little as \$10 for an evening or a half-day meeting. Also, with this discount, the entire multi-purpose auditorium can be secured for a large meeting of up to 600 persons for a net cost of \$36.67.

Farm Calendar

- Monday, February 26**
 8:00 p.m. - Red Rose DHIA Directors meet, Farm & Home Center
 8:00 p.m. - Soil and Water Conservation District Directors meet, Farm & Home Center
Tuesday, February 27
 27-28 - Farmersville Equipment Co. Oliver Farm Fair, Ephrata R2
 9:00 a.m. - Forage Workshop, Cocoa Inn, Hershey.
 9:30 a.m. - 3rd Southeast Dairy Conference, Guernsey Barn, Lincoln Highway East
 10:00 a.m. - Potato Growers Meeting, Galcherville, York Co
 6:30 p.m. - Regional No. 2 Production Credit District Banquet Host Farms, Lincoln Highway East.
 7:30 - Ephrata Adult Farmer Program. (Mastitis & Udder
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GOTTLIEB STROHMAIER feeds his 18,000 pound producer a chunk of fine hay. Strohmaier and his wife and five children were selected as the "FHA Family of the Year" from the local three county district. L. F. Photo

Extension Association Meeting Sees Soil Slide Presentation

In a slide presentation entitled "For Land's Sake", Dr. Milford Heddleson, Extension Agronomy Specialist from Penn State, told the crowd gathered at the Agricultural and Home Economics Extension Association Annual Meeting, Tuesday evening, that you can't judge soil by looking at it from the surface. "You have to look at the entire profile," he said.

Heddleson's illustrated talk at the Plain and Fancy Farm Restaurant, Bird-in-Hand, listed mineral factors, organic matter, air and water as the soil components. He showed how important it is to know the soil structure in building as well as farming.

Miss Mary Rosenberger, Assistant Home Economist, and Jay W. Irwin, Assistant County Agent, gave the extension staff reports and Miss Ellen Garber gave remarks as the Assistant State Home Economic Leader.

In the election of directors during the business meeting the following people and their area were named as: Northwest, John J. Herr, Mt. Joy, Northeast, Melvin G. Rohrer, Litz R3; Southwest, Mrs. John Sangrey, Conestoga, Southeast, Mrs. Roy Book, Ronks R1, and Southern, James G. Kreider, Quarryville R1.

Harry Kreider Is Elected ABC Director

The Atlantic Breeders Cooperative County District meetings were held recently to elect directors, and sire reporting committeemen and to present business highlights and certificates of production for outstanding members of the organization.

In the Southern Lancaster County District meeting held last week at the Solanco High School, Harry G. Kreider, Quarryville R1, was newly elected as a director succeeding Elvin Hess Jr., Strasburg R1.

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Progressive Farm Family Receives FHA Year Award

An On-The-Farm Visit

by Everett Newswanger
 Lancaster Farming Editor

The soft music drifting from the green carpeted living room into the maple-paneled modern dining room of the Gottlieb Strohmaier farm home when this reporter visited there Wednesday morning, is symbolic of the peaceful, good living that is so evident throughout the farming operation of this Oxford

area Farmers Home Administration "Family Of The Year".

In the barn, the 60 clean, mostly Registered-Holstein, milk cows stretch back to back through the spacious well-lighted stable. These cows, "our only business," as Strohmaier says, have turned out 720,000 pounds of milk last year and, since last December, have been putting 50 pounds of milk per head a day in the bulk milk tank.

A member of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association, Gottlieb's records show \$480 profit per head above feed cost. His best cow last year milked over 18,000 pounds.

The crop yields have been excellent, with 125 bushel of corn and 125 tons of silage per acre being harvested in last year's good growing season. The contours and waterways give positive evidence of the cooperation that has been done with the Soil Conservation Service.

But, it wasn't always this way. Gottlieb started farming in 1934 on a cash rent basis with small equity but a lot of determination and ability. Then, ten years ago, with help of FHA mortgage, operating and equipment loans, he bought and started improving the present homestead. Major investments in personal property were made to develop a good herd of cows. Equipment investment is adequate to farm efficiently but has been kept to a minimum.

The family operates the farm.
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Garden Spot YF Assn. Reelects All Officers

The entire slate of officers of the Garden Spot Young Farmer Association was reelected at the Annual Banquet held Tuesday evening, at the Blue Ball Fire Hall. They are Robert Martin, president, Larry Weaver, vice president, John C. Campbell, secretary, Eugene Eberly, treasurer and Mervin Weiler, member at large.

A number of awards were presented. Melvin Brendle and Eugene Eberly were presented awards for attending the most meetings; Andrew Stoltzfus had the high dairy herd with 14,970 pounds of milk and 597 pounds of butterfat; and Ivan Yost was the county winner of the Young Farmer Plowing Contest.

In the Grain Corn Growing Contest these winners were named: 1, Clyde Martin (186.0 bu.), 2, Raymond Hoover (171.0 bu.), 3, John Landis (169.8 bu.); 4, Alfred Wanner (160.0 bu.); 5, Clarence Weaver (159.0 bu.); 6, John Yost; 7, John Campbell; 8, Robert Martin; 9, Charles Martin; 10, Guy Wanner.

Winners in the Corn Silage Contest were: Andrew Stoltzfus (12,900# TDN, 30.4T); 2, Clarence Weaver (12,320# TDN, 28.5T); 3, Ivan Yost (11,900# TDN, 28.6T).

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Third Poultry Meeting Feb. 27

The third in a series of Poultry Education meetings will be held February 27 at the Farm & Home Center. Time is 7:45 p.m. Speakers Sam Berenson and Richard Ammon will discuss production controls. Refreshments and entertainment will be provided.



EXTENSION DIRECTORS elected at the Association's Annual Meeting held Tuesday evening, at the Plain and Fancy Farm Restaurant. They are: (left to right)

Mrs. Roy Book, Mrs. John Sangrey, James G. Kreider, John J. Herr, and Melvin G. Rohrer.
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