

## 600 Attend Dedication Of Farm And Home Center

Dr. Russell E. Larson, dean of The College of Agriculture at Pennsylvania State University, was the featured speaker at the open house and dedication of the Lancaster County Farm and Home Center last Sunday.

Despite warm, muggy weather, the event drew a crowd of more than 600 to the air-conditioned center.

Other speakers on the program included Mayor Thomas J. Monaghan; Benjamin F. Weaver, chairman of County Commissioners; B. Snively Garber, Farm and Home Foundation president; County Agent M. Maxwell Smith, and State Sen. Richard A. Snyder.

Dr. Harry K. Gerlach, County Superintendent of Schools, presided.

Dr. Gerlach acknowledged the presence of Willis Z. Esbenschade, first president of the foundation, then introduced the county agent, saying "When we speak of agriculture, the first name that comes to mind is Max Smith."

The county agent said "The completion of this project is an accomplishment for all of us." Noting that the idea for it was conceived "over a decade ago," Smith said, "It is the first of its kind and one that will add to the prestige of the county."

Various leaders of agriculture introduced by Dr. Gerlach included Thomas H. Patton, director of Extension; Marion Deppen, Southeast Extension director, "Dutch" Bucher, county agent here from 1913 to 1949; and retired Associate County Agent Harry S. Sloat.

Also introduced were Mrs. Mary B. Howry, who was Mr. Esbenschade's housekeeper after his wife's death, and Helen E. R. Shenk, a niece of the benefactor.

The master of ceremonies said "If we had one wish, we would have wished that Elmer L. Es-

benschade could have been here today."

Dr. Larson said "Lancaster County has invested in its soils." The investments include 61,000 tons of fertilizer in 1966, and an-

other 54,500 tons in the first half of last year. "Lime application has generally averaged between 40,000 and 50,000 tons per year."

The speaker noted "Lancaster was one of the pioneer counties in soil testing work."

Lancaster County leaders he cited by name included Amos Funk and his associates, Bucher, Sloat, Smith, Esbenschade, Brubaker, Lawrence Skromme, Willis L. Esbenschade, Garber "and countless others have had a part."

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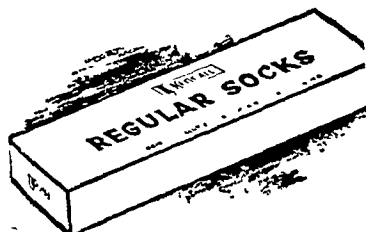
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