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LANCASTER COUNTY FARMERS' ASSOCIATION re-elected directors at their annual meeting held Tuesday night at the Holiday Inn, Lancaster are (left to

right) Ellis Mentzer, Leroy Ptautz, James G. Kreider, and James Garber. The newly elected directors Earl Martin and Robert Harnish were not present L. F. Photo

Formers' Association Annual Meeting

Charles Ord Sees End To Gov't Farm Programs

"I get the feeling, (when I look into my crystal ball)" said Charles O. Ord, Administrative Secretary of the Pennsylvania Farmers Assn., "we are going to be without government farm programs in the future." He was speaking to the 200 members and guests present at the Lancaster County Farmers' Association Annual Meeting held in the Holiday Inn Lancaster, Tuesday night.

"In light of what city governments are asking for, I don't believe there is going to be any money left for farm programs," Ord continued. "Also, politicians know where the votes come from."

But he said this may be good. "When these government programs get out of the way, farmers can then start to solve their own problems. I am convinced they are able," he said.

On the subject of marketing the secretary said, "If you are going to bargain, you are going to have to know how much it costs to produce."

During the business meeting, in the election of directors, James Garber, Mt Joy R2, Ellis Mentzer New Holland R2, Leroy Pfautz, Stevens R1 and

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Clyde Wivell

Clyde Wivell Is New Farmers Assn. President

Clyde Wivell, Columbia R1, was elected president of the Lancaster County Farmers' Association Wednesday evening at a re-organization meeting held at the home of Noah Wenger, Stevens R1. Wivell succeeds Wenger, who was president for the past three years and chose not to run for re-election as a director Tuesday night at the Association's Annual meeting at the Holiday Inn, Lancaster.

James Garber, Mt Joy R1, continues as vice president and James Martin, 567 Delp Road, Lancaster was elected secretary-treasurer.

Fifty Local Poultrymen Tour York and Adams Counties Tuesday

Fifty poultrymen and friends rode to York and Adams Counties Tuesday, on the annual Lancaster County Poultry Tour. The first stop was in Hanover at the Utz Potato Chip Company.

Nearly 45 years ago, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Utz formed a man and wife team to make potato chips in their home kitchen. Now they have 150 employees. Facilities for storing potatoes have been enlarged over the years to the present 250,000 bushels and they operate a fleet of 70 delivery trucks serving an area within 75 miles of their home base.

In the processing plant potatoes

are received at basement level and conveyed to peelers and slicers and on to the fryers. They use 5,000 gallons of vegetable oil and 3,500 pounds of salt in an average week. Their output is 400,000 packages of chips per week.

At the Gettysburg battlefields the poultry people acquired an official guide and were given an hour-long ride through the fields and a resume of the history of the area. After a box lunch, it was on to Adams County and apple butter and apple slices at the Musselman Division of Pet Milk Co., Biglerville.

The apples are mechanically peeled and cored. But there is still much hand work involved. The seasonal employment in the five plants totals 3,500 to 2,800 people during peak seasons. At the Biglerville plant

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New Feature This Week

The new monthly feature of the Lancaster County DHIA Report starts this week on Page 13 in cooperation with the local milk testing unit. One hundred eleven dairy cows finished the month with 675 pounds of butterfat or more. Also beginning with the report is Associate County Agent Victor Plastow's column, "Facts Dairymen Should Know".

Your comments and suggestions on this Lancaster Farming service are invited.

Don Snyder Named Manager Of PSU Horticulture Show

Don Snyder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren B. Snyder, Litz R3, has been elected General Manager of the 1968 Penn State Horticulture Show. A 21 year old senior majoring in pomology, Don is the first Lancaster

Countian ever to be selected to direct the show.

He graduated in 1965 from Manheim Township High School. He was active in the Lancaster County Red Rose 4-H Baby Beef

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County Youths Attend FFA Convention

Two Lancaster County farm youths Wednesday won the highest award any youth in agriculture can receive — the American Farmer Degree — at the 1968 National Future Farmers of America convention in Kansas City, Mo.

James R. Esbenshade, 21, Quarryville R1, and Glenn S. Weber, 19, Mohnton R2 captured the coveted awards which are bestowed annually to one out of every 1,000 FFA members nationwide.

The two farm youths were among 10 from the Keystone State selected to receive the top degree. The ten boys are

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Farm Calendar

Monday, October 21
21-24—96th State Grange Convention, Butler, Pa.
8:00 p.m.—Fall meet. of Southeast Pa. District Baby Beef Committee, Exchange Room, Lancaster Stock Yards.
8:00 p.m.—4-H Development

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LOOKING ACROSS THE BEAUTIFUL FARM POND of the L. M. Sweitzer Farm at Dover. The local

poultry tour visited this poultry, beef and game bird operation Tuesday. L. F. Photo