

# Lancaster Farming

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FARMERS DAY AT THE LANCASTER ROTARY CLUB. (left to right) Roger Fleming, guest speaker from the Washington office of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Noah Wenger, out-

going president of the Lancaster County Farmers' Association and Ken Whitney, President of the Lancaster Rotary Club.

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## Farm Bureau Director Speaks To Lanc. Rotary Club Farmer's Day Meet

By all of the tests available, including the recent general elections, American farmers have rejected the cheap food policy initiated by the outgoing administration, members of the Rotary Club of Lancaster were told at the Farm and Home Center Wednesday.

"Farmers in all parts of the country know that any policy which wrecks market prices and makes farmers dependent upon government handouts is an unreliable base for farm prosperity," Roger Fleming, secretary-treasurer of the American Farm Bureau Federation, told the group.

"Whether in Farm Bureau policies, in polls conducted by members of Congress, in farm magazine polls or in the elections of last week, farmers have demonstrated their knowledge that cheap food policies are bad," Fleming said.

Fleming, who also is director of the Washington office of the Farm Bureau, spoke to the Ro-

tary Club's annual Farmers Day luncheon at the Lancaster County Farm and Home Center.

Fleming said that while the election results of 1968 often are being compared to those of 1948, a major difference in the election of last week was that most farm states showed their determination to vote for a new administration that will bring a change in government farm policy.

"Farmers," he said, "voted for a change, not only in national farm policies but in other fields as well."

The speaker said he believes farmers thoroughly understand public policy issues because they have learned economics the hard way.

"Farmers know," he said, "that inflation is the result of excessive government spending and that it is primarily inflation that is causing their costs of operation to go up each year."

He added:

"More and more farmers and ranchers want to work together to improve their power in the marketplace rather than rely upon government programs the contents of which, increasingly, will be controlled by urban voters."

"Farmers favor a 'voluntary' approach to the solution of problems."

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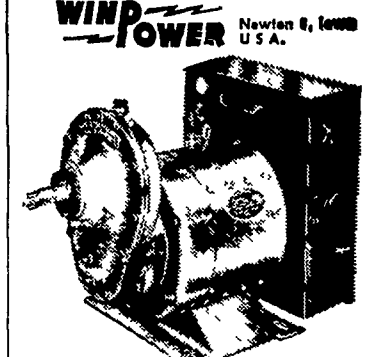
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