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al interests he is a Fellow and past president of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, serves on the Advisory Engineering Committee for the Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute, the Farm Resources and Facilities Research Advisory Committee of the U S Department of Agriculture, and was a member of the special 1966 Pennsylvania Governor's Committee on Agriculture. He is also listed in "Who's Who in America", is a member of the Conestoga Valley Conservation Association, and has served as a Lay Leader in Grand View Heights Community Methodist Church. He is a native of Iowa, and lives at 2150 Landis Valley Road, Lancaster.

Directors of the Foundation have labeled the coming appeal "completion fund" since the Center is considered to be incomplete until virtually all construction and equipping costs have been erased. Attainment of the \$150,000 campaign goal would leave the Foundation with a building indebtedness of about \$40,000.00 according to Garber, an amount which could be managed out of operating income.

Operation of the Farm and Home Center will not require an annual financial appeal, the board points out, as the building is designed to provide operating

income. The sources of annual support include moderate fees charged organizations using the facilities, and rental derived from five agencies having offices in the building. The agencies are Agricultural Extension Service, the County Superintendent of Schools, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, Soil Conservation Service, and the Farmers Home Administration.

The Center opened last February and is located on a ten-acre tract of land given by the late Elmer L. Esbenschade. In addition to the site, valued at \$100,000, Esbenschade also supported the project with several gifts including one amount which is used for scholarships of students majoring in the field of agriculture.

First of its kind in Pennsylvania, the Center has been used widely in the first 9 months of operation. Functions involving civic clubs, industrial groups, garden clubs, fraternal organizations, exhibits, home-making classes, agricultural-related groups and similar activities are reported by Howard E. Campbell, manager of the Center. Campbell has indicated that the Center's central location in the county, flexibility of facilities, and adequate parking are among features contributing to the building's appeal for various functions.

Plans for the campaign call

for seeking subscriptions of support to be fulfilled over two income-tax years. Contributions will be sought of industrial, commercial and service interests, in addition to farm families and agricultural-related organizations. Leadership is now being enlisted for the canvassing units and will be announced shortly.

Over-all planning of the drive is in the hands of a Steering Committee consisting of John H. Herr, chairman; Max M. Smith, L. H. Skromme, all of Lancaster; Phares S. Risser, Elizabethtown; J. William Snively, Landisville; Noah W. Kleider, Manheim; Foiny Longenecker, Lititz; and Garber, Willow Street.

A campaign headquarters has been opened at the Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road.

Leisure is sweet when it follows work well done.

**New Potato Peeling Method**

UNIVERSITY PARK — Potato processors in Pennsylvania may soon be using a new method of peeling potatoes which will save thousands of dollars in time and labor and will require only a fractional amount of the water used in present processing systems.

N. Henry Wooding, Extension agricultural engineer at The Pennsylvania State University, said the Agricultural Research Service of the U S Department of Agriculture has developed a process whereby potatoes are sprayed with a solution of lye and hot water and are dried briefly at 100m temperature. They are then tumbled in a perforated drum for 2 to 5 minutes under gas-fired infrared burn-

ers that radiate heat at 1600 degrees Fahrenheit.

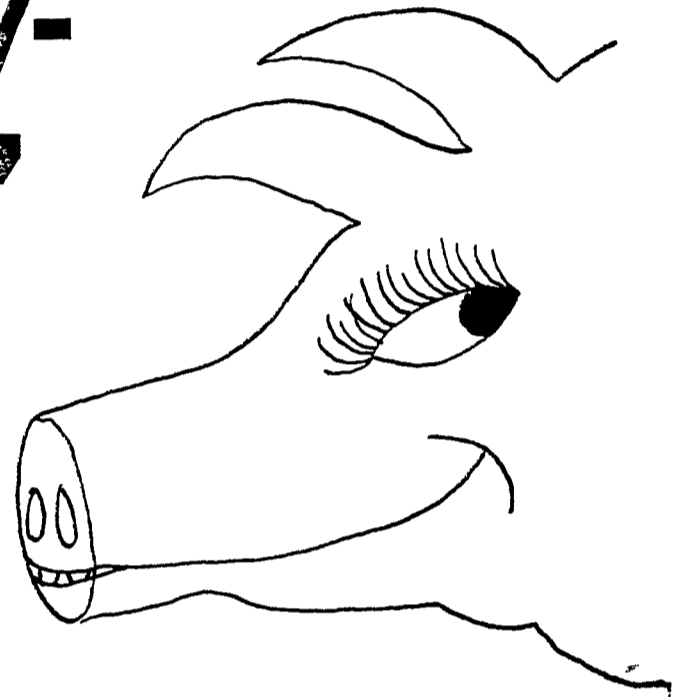
"This tumbling takes off about one-half to two-thirds of the peel and the rest is taken off by rotating rolls with flexible rubber fingers," the engineer pointed out. "A quick rinse and brushing completes the process."

Since only small amounts of water are needed by using this method, the pollution load on waste disposal systems is reduced, Wooding emphasized. The dry peels can be burned or buried in a land fill.

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