



**Noah Kreider Jr.
 Named To Committee
 For Potato Promotion**

A Lancaster County potato grower has been named this week to a committee of Pennsylvania potato growers to explore the feasibility of a self-assessment program to provide funds for research and promotion.

Noah Kreider Jr., Manheim, will help to explore such questions as the size of the fund that may be required and the rate and method of assessment.

Such a program would be carried out under the Agricultural Commodities Marketing Act of 1968 which permits a commodity group to call for a referendum among affected producers who would have an opportunity to vote for or against a self-assessment.

John Epler, Northumberland, RD 1, has been named temporary chairman of a committee. Other members are: Robert H. Jones, Bath; Elwood Handwerk, Germansville; Robert Barnett, Coudersport; Lawrence H. Hinkler, Union City, and Owen L. Barkley, general manager of the Pennsylvania Cooperative Potato Growers, Inc.

Consideration of a marketing program for potatoes was first suggested by the Pennsylvania Cooperative Potato Growers and the State Potato Marketing Advisory Council.

Early discussions have indicated a need for broader re-

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**County Farmers Assn.
 Plans Spring Meeting**

The Lancaster County Farmers Association has planned its spring meeting to be held Tuesday March 11, at the Farm and Home Center. Starting time is 7:30 p.m.

Carl Empe, former vice-president of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association and now Chester County Commissioner will speak on the prospects of higher land taxes and solid waste disposals as it will affect future agriculture.

Also John Weidman from Mt. Joy will show pictures of his recent trip to Russia. All are invited. Refreshments will be served.

Farm Calendar

- Monday, March 10**
 7:30 p.m. — Ayrshire — Jersey 4-H Dairy Club meet, Farm and Home Center
- Tuesday, March 11**
 11 & 12 Meat Packers & Processors meet, Hershey Community Center
- 9:30 a.m. — Lancaster County Dairy Day, Farm and Home Center
- 7:30 p.m. — Lancaster County Farmers Assn. Spring Meeting, Farm and Home Center.
- 7:30 p.m. — Elizabethtown-Donegal Community 4-H Club meet, Donegal High School.

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**Hackman Receives State
 Legislative Resolution
 For Conservation Work**

A man of many qualities was honored Tuesday evening as the Outstanding Lancaster County Conservationist of the Year at the Annual Cooperators' Meeting of the local Soil and Water Conservation District.

Henry H. Hackman, Manheim Rd. 2, who is vice-chairman of the local District, appeared quite

surprised when State Rep. Jack Horner, of Elizabethtown was called to make a special presentation. The presentation was a resolution unanimously passed in the state legislature citing Hackman for his efforts to improve natural resources.

It read in part, "For the past twenty years Henry Hackman

has effectively promoted the wise use of our natural resources throughout the nation. Through the use of illustrated presentations, tours and lectures he has been effective in acquainting urban residents with the increasing need for all groups to accept the challenge of improving the environment for this and future generations.

"Mr. Hackman is widely respected for his devotion to protection of the God-given resources which have made this nation great. As a farmer, teacher and conservationist, he has championed the cause of conservation, for which we Pennsylvanians are grateful.

"Therefore, be it resolved that this House of Representatives congratulate Mr. Hackman on his many years of service to the cause of conservation.

Amos Funk, chairman of the county conservation district, said the event was planned without Hackman's knowledge of what really was going to take place.

The congratulatory resolution was only the beginning of what turned out to be Henry Hackman Night at the Farm and Home Center. Abram Dombach, County Commissioner, was called to lectern to present Hackman with an enlarged picture of

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AIR VIEW OF HENRY HACKMAN FARM

**Solanco FFA Holds
 Parent-Son Banquet**

The Solanco Chapter of the Future Farmers of America held their Annual Parent and Son Banquet Thursday evening at the School Cafeteria. Degrees, Awards and Honorary Chapter recognitions were featured.

Two local adults were honored in ceremonies by the Chapter officers making them honorary members. They are Henry N. Wenger and John C. Hoffman.

Lewis Kreider was named the Star Chapter Farmer being called the outstanding Senior in V. Ag. Kreider is also the Keystone Farmer from Solanco and also received the Production Credit Award at the Banquet. Charles Smith was named the Star Red Rose Farmer and Scott Mull the Star Greenhand.

In the local corn production awards, Glenn Kreider was first, Roger Campbell, second and Tom Aaron was third. Each received a trophy from Cope and

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**Why Didn't Farmers
 Grow Sugar Beets?**

The prospects of any considerable sugar beets acreage being planted in the soon coming growing season has nearly fizzled, it was learned from leading Lancaster County farmers this week. The reasons varied from one situation to another, but most of the farmers contacted who had originally shown interest in raising beets agreed there just wasn't enough profit expected to compete with present county crops or to justify the cost of equipment investment.

Willis Kilheffer, Manheim R1, had grown a test plot of sugar beets several years ago and would still like to see beets grown in the county. But he was hoping for a base guarantee such as the broiler raisers receive where you would be assured some remuneration even

if you had a crop failure. "If we had a crop failure on top of the equipment investment,"

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Horse Owner's Meeting

A special meeting for all horse owners has been scheduled to help evaluate future building plans or the possibility of boarding your horse. This event will be held at the Farm Home Center on Wednesday, March 12 at 8 p.m.

Featured speaker will be James P. Gallagher, Extension Animal Specialist from Penn State. He will discuss the topic, "Board My Horse or Build A Barn." Jay Irwin, Associate Agent said he will also cover economics and getting what you pay for.

**Livestock Day
 March 25 At PSU**

Livestock producers from Pennsylvania and other northeastern states will meet at The Pennsylvania State University on Tuesday, March 25, for the First Penn State Livestock Day. Featured will be the latest developments in livestock breeding and management.

The meeting will include separate sections for beef cattle, swine, and sheep, according to Thomas B. King, head of the Department of Animal Science. The event will open at 10 a.m. in the J. Orvis Keller Building with registration at 9:30 a.m. There is no registration fee.

Keynote speakers during the morning will be Herrell DeGraff, president of the American Meat Institute of Chicago and Jerry W. Stiles, vice-president for development of Agway, Inc., Syracuse, N.Y. Dr. DeGraff will speak on "The Importance of

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