

CLOISTER CHAPTER FFA GREEN HANDS are (left to right) Row 1, Jay Frey, Glenn Ritter, Eric Copenhaver, Robin Greider and Ken Long. Row 2, Mike

Bollinger, Ronald Nolt, Marlin Smucker, Gerald Musser, Russel Kline. Row 3, Richard Bollinger, Robin Musser, Andy Martin, Daniel Harting and Kevin Burkholder.

“Maid Service” Blamed For High Food Cost

Convenience packaging and “maid service” for the housewife was blamed for the high cost of food by Charles R. Ord, administrative secretary, Pennsylvania Farmers’ Association, at the 19th annual meeting of the organization at the Penn Harris Motor Inn. “Today we have housewives boycotting high food prices when in reality food product costs are down,” Ord stated. “Today’s homemaker spend 16.5 cents of each dollar of earned income for food products, where just 12 short years ago she was spending 26.6 cents of each dollar to pay for her food purchases.”

The farm leader stated that the farmer is not the recipient of big price increases, but plac-

ed blame on “convenience packaging and maid service. “Maybe the housewife does not have a maid in her kitchen but she does in the employee of the food processor and handler. The modern housewife with modern foods spends only a small fraction of her day preparing meals. The housewife of 50 years ago spent the major portion of her time preparing food. Unless I am mistaken someone must pay for this freedom from house-

hold chores, and again unless I am not reading our lesson correctly the housewife, or at least the vocal ones think the farmer should pay.

“I doubt if the farmer can afford the bill, although he has been absorbing much of the cost in recent years,” he remarked.

Ord called for strong organization of farmers to meet the challenges in agriculture. He urged the farmers to take their

“rightful role and exhibit personal interest in all community and business activities. If farmers were to accept this responsibility, there would be a lessening of the need for the so-called saviors of agriculture, subsequently a lessening of confusion about the voice that speaks for agriculture.”

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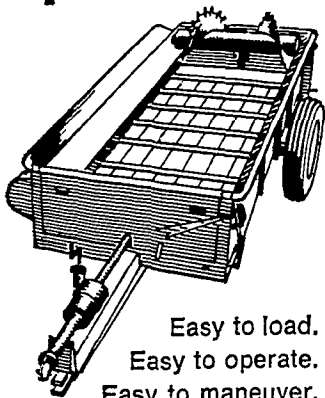
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 Clarence H. Oberholtzer, 22 years
 Jay Wolgemuth, 20 years.
 Russel D. Heisey, 17 years.
 Eugene R. Hess, 16 years.
 Michael M. Wolgemuth, 13 years
 Jacob S. Spangler, 13 years.
 Ivan C. Kiener, 13 years
 Paul B. Oberholtzer, 13 years.
 Amos G. Kanode, 13 years.
 Donald H. Wolgemuth, 13 years.
 Christian B. Simons, 12 years.
 J. Martin Gish, 9 years.
 Carl M. Moyer, 8 years
 Lloyd R. Sumpman, 7 years.
 Harvey K. Shoemaker, 5 years.
 Lavina S. Koser, 5 years.
 Other employees with less than five years are: Paul M. Fahnstock, J. Harold Tome, Roy S. Spangler, Walter K. Gerlach, Carson M. Geyer, Phares C. Miller, Izella Packer and Jan F. Gingrich.
 Organist for the evening was Mrs. Melvin Shenk.

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