

# Lancaster Farming

## SECOND SECTION

### Ephrata Young Farmers See Program On New Vo-Tech School

The Ephrata Young Farmers Tuesday night viewed a slide presentation of progress and plans for the new vo-tech school scheduled to open this fall in Brownstown.

Ralph Layman, who will be principal of the new Brownstown area school, showed slides of various stages of construction and illustrated the planned educational program of the school with slides from similar schools in other areas.

The slides also included the new Willow Street vo-tech school, another of the three schools underway in the county.

Charles Ackley, vo ag teacher at Ephrata High School and Ephrata Young Farmers advisor, said he is advising young farmers "not going directly in-

to" farming to consider vo-tech school.

The vo-tech program followed the Young Farmers' regular monthly business meeting.

It was reported that 168 persons attended the annual banquet last week.

The auditor's report on the organization's 1969 funds was approved.

Plans were discussed for the Young Farmer-FFA Slave Auction and Volleyball Game Thursday night.

Some 21 FFA members agreed to sell themselves into slavery to Young Farmers for a day or so.

Actually, the Young Farmers pay for the work, but the money goes directly into the FFA treasury. Besides giving the Young Farmers and FFA members an

opportunity to get acquainted, the program can lead to part-time jobs for FFA members, Ackley explained.

Plans for the recreation night April 2 at Ephrata were discussed. This involves a volleyball play-off between Ephrata, New Holland, Manheim and Kutztown.

Members were reminded of Ladies Night March 19, at which Fred Schmook of the Ephrata Flower Shop will give a flower arranging demonstration.

New Young Farmers officers, installed at the banquet, took over their first official meeting. The meeting was conducted by the new president, Mahlon Eberly.

Four Young Farmers attending the state leadership conference Tuesday at the Holiday Inn at State College were Ackley, advisor, Eberly, president, Warren Bollinger, past president, and John Zimmerman, treasurer.

### 214 County Farmers Signed For Wheat and Feed Grain Program

Only two county farmers attended a meeting at the Farm and Home Center Monday to learn about the 1970 Wheat and Feed Grain programs.

But 121 county farmers already have signed up for the wheat program and 93 for the feed grain program, according to Miss Dorothy Neel, county executive director of the Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

She urged county farmers interested in the programs to enroll early to avoid the rush before the March 20 deadline. The ASCS office is open during the week to farmers seeking to enroll in the program or wanting information about them.

Last year, about 340 county farms out of about 6,700 eligible were enrolled in the feed grain program and about 825 out of about 5,925 in wheat.

Miss Neel said both the wheat and feed grain programs are "designed to control surplus and increase farm income."

Farmers who participate must "divert" a portion of their acreage from production and they have the option of leaving a larger portion unplanted.

In return for cutting back on planting, farmers get certain guarantees of return or subsidy payments.

Most county farms have a

wheat allotment and yield. To participate in the subsidy program, the farmer must set aside in 1970 an acreage equal to 30.3 per cent of his wheat allotment.

Last year's program called for setting aside only 15 per cent of the allotment.

By planting within the allotment and diverting 30.3 per cent of the acreage, the farmer can earn certificate payments of up to 48 per cent of the allotment or the wheat grown.

The certificate payment is based on 48 per cent of the allotment times the established yield rate for the particular farm times the certificate payment rate, which will be set July 1. The payment rate last year was \$1.52 a bushel and is expected to be around \$1.50 this year.

While the average wheat yield per farm in Lancaster County is 45.6 bushels per acre, it varies

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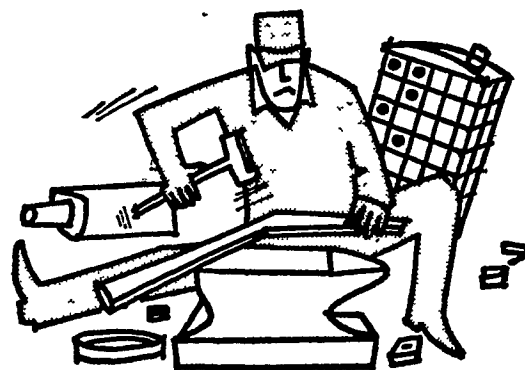
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