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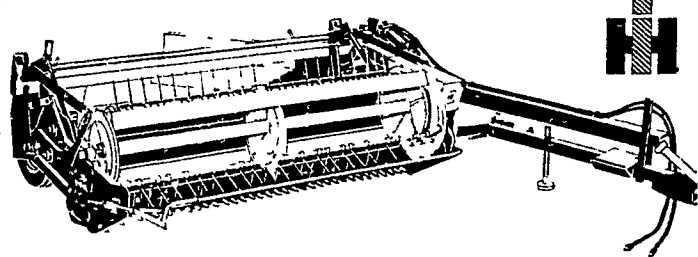
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Farm and Home Foundation Meeting

Fund raising, the 1971 budget, upcoming activities and building maintenance and improvement were among subjects discussed by the Lancaster County Farm and Home Foundation board at its meeting this week.

A spring auction was announced for Root's Auction Thursday, February 25. The auction will include farm machinery and equipment and numerous items which farmers or businessmen may wish to sell. A sales fee will be charged. Further details will be announced later.

The board also made preliminary plans for its annual meeting and banquet at the Farm and Home Center January 28. A charge of \$3.50 for a family style dinner was approved.

Study by the building committee of the feasibility and cost of an additional 50 car parking lot was approved. Several members reported that the entire parking space now available is frequently filled to over capacity during some of the larger meetings.

It was reported that drainage tile probably will be necessary within the next several months to divert water away from the center building. The tile was recommended by the architect to avoid possible future problems with the building foundation. The sinkholes encountered in the construction could be aggravated by the water, it was indicated.

The fund raising committee reported that it was decided at a recent meeting to erect a temporary plaque listing the Farm and Home Center donors in the hallway of the auditorium.

In addition, the Board voted to have a memorandum plaque for donations made to the Farm and Home Center in memory of a deceased person. These donations will be in the form of a specific project, such as the recent flag pole drive in memory of Victor Plastow, as specified by the foundation.

It was announced that the Farm and Home Center recently received recognition from the Men's Garden Club of Lancaster "for creating and maintaining a place of beauty in the community."

It was reported that \$1,157 has been received to date from the slave auction, a fund raising project earlier this year, with some additional proceeds expected.

The treasurer's report showed the outstanding debt on the

Farm and Home Center has been reduced to \$113,000 as of November 1. It was indicated that some further reduction can be made soon. During the past year the debt has been reduced by \$27,000.

The 1971 budget of \$46,000 includes provision for an additional \$8,000 debt reduction from operating income. Foundation members noted that building maintenance will probably rise as the Farm and Home Center gets older, so that the building income cannot be relied on alone to pay off the debt.

Howard Campbell, Farm and Home Center manager, said use of the Center has been excellent and many dates are booked ahead for several months.

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