



Peter H. B. Norton, left, Extension resource development agent, presented certificates to area persons who successfully completed a 20-day study of social and economic problems facing rural Pennsylvania. The local graduates are: Chris M. Lantz, 53 Logging Road, Leola,

(center), and Charles H. Rohrer, Paradise RD1 (right). The program is part of Pennsylvania State University College of Agriculture's public affairs education series supported by a W. K. Kellogg Foundation grant. Norton served as central regional coordinator for the program.

## Crop Reporting Service Forecasts 1972 Acreages

With spring planting just around the corner, Pennsylvania farmers have been surveyed again as to their intentions on acreage devoted to principal field crops.

The only one to show a decline is corn, according to the report from the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service, a joint venture of the Pennsylvania and U S Department of Agriculture.

Projected acreage is 1,460,000, almost one per cent below last year but a bit more than farmers had been planning as recently as 60 days ago. Although the Commonwealth was particularly hard hit by the Southern corn leaf blight last year, huge surpluses elsewhere in the country are reflected in the current plans.

Soybeans continue their strong comeback in the state with 43,000 acres scheduled for planting in 1972, a 26 per cent jump over last year and the largest acreage allotted to this crop in 15 years.

Tobacco growers are also taking bold steps ahead encouraged by above-average prices received for their 1971 harvest. Anticipated acreage is 17,500, three per cent more than last year. This would be the first increase since 1959.

Potato farmers in Pennsylvania increased their acreage by about four per cent last year. They plan to stay with that total, 36,500 acres, in 1972.

Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Jim McHale emphasizes that these figures are

only intentions of farmers and are subject to change based on weather conditions at planting time, current price, stocks on hand and the individual farmer's reaction to reading this published report.



## ED ESHLEMAN'S WASHINGTON REPORT

When AFL-CIO President George Meany and three other labor leaders walked away from their responsibilities on the Pay Board, they took with them the hopes of many Americans.

The American people are aware the jobs assigned the Pay Board and the Price Board are difficult. Every decision made makes someone unhappy—meaning that as months go by and the decisions become more numerous, there are quite a few unhappy people.

But, it has been shown that most Americans also recognize that stopping inflation is worth some hardship and some unhappiness. Their hopes are for a stable economy where their hard-earned dollars will not be eaten up by uncontrollable rising prices.

Therefore, the job of the two anti-inflation Boards is to translate those hopes into reality, and to do so in a constructive fashion. That's the responsibility that the labor leaders walked away from and, in so doing, they did the Nation a great disservice.

Labor took their walk because they claimed unfair treatment on the Pay Board. However, there is no evidence to support the charge that labor always came out on the short end of the Board's decisions.

Prior to the labor walkout, the Board had acted on eight major wage cases. In five of those eight, the position of the Labor Members prevailed.

Of the 54 votes taken by the Pay Board on major issues, over 50 per cent were unanimous.

In those 54 votes, the Labor Members were with the majority 36 times, in the minority 13 times, split their votes once, and ab-

stained on four occasions. In other words, labor's point of view was being heard loud and clear on the Board. But, obviously the labor leaders have now taken the attitude that if we can't win all the time, we won't play at all. Maybe they think that their action will in some way hurt President Nixon. But President Nixon is not who they may end up having to answer to. I think it's the American people who are going to be asking some serious questions about big labor's latest walkout—this one away from responsibility.

## Dog Training Season Closed

Dog owners are reminded by the Pennsylvania Game Commission that the dog training season is closed in the state until August 1.

The closed season period is designed to protect nesting game birds and animals. During the April 1 - July 31 period, dog owners are prohibited from permitting their dogs to chase or trail any wild bird or animal.

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