

## Lancaster County Farmers Assn.

Membership in the Lancaster County Farmers Association reached an alltime high of 1172 reported Nathan Stoltzfus, membership secretary, at the recent June board meeting. Lancaster County now joins the majority of Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Associations who have reached their 1972 membership goals.

Statewide membership is approaching 16,000 as Pennsylvania leads the nation in rate of growth. Only several county associations have not reached goal at this date.

This is the first time in several years the county has reached goal according to James Shertzler who chaired this year's membership drive.

Initial plans are now being formulated for the 1972 policy development sessions. The first statewide meeting will be held June 28-29 at the Embers Restaurant north of Carlisle. Meeting will be legislative and association leaders.

William Guhl, Tayloria, county policy development chairman, reports that each county has been requested to bring five issues for consideration to the state meeting.

Since this is the first stage of all Farm Bureau policy, Guhl urges any member to bring any issue of concern to farmers to him at their earliest convenience. He can be phoned at 717-529-2569.

Announcement has been recently made of a Mrs. Penna. Farmers Assn. Contest as part of the regional ladies day to be held in Reading July 19.

Any woman member is urged to consider this contest. One lady will represent the Lancaster association. Both county and regional entries will be judged on a five minute presentation entitled "What PFA Means to Me."

The women's committee also announced plans to charter a bus from the Farm and Home Center to the Reading meeting. Women's Committee member Mrs. Helen Wivell expressed hope that there would be a good turnout for both the trip and the contest. Complete details can be obtained from Mrs. Wivell. Her phone is 426-1303.

All policy holders of Farm Family Insurance will soon be receiving a visit from either of two recently hired service representatives. The program, perhaps temporary, will serve the over 200 subscribers until additional agents can be put in the field. An additional agent has been hired and is starting training.

The service representatives hired are Mrs. Thomas (Patricia) Coffey and Mrs. Roy (Mary) Martin. Both reside in the Elizabethtown area and will function from their homes until office space is found.

The business analysis accountants are completing con-

sultation of the 1971 analyses. They also have openings for new accounts.

Both the insurance and business analyses as well as the Safemark supply programs are independent self supporting operations.

In other action the board discussed the possibility of having booths at the county fairs again this year. Fairs under consideration are Solanco, Lampeter, Ephrata and Manheim.

Any member who could help organize such displays is urged to contact president James Kreider, Quarryville. Kreider stated the board position when he said, "Such displays help both farmers and the association, but will not be possible unless members in each area are willing to assist."

Plans for the annual meeting to be held October 20 at Harvest Drive Restaurant are progressing. The restaurant's new enlarged facilities will accommodate approximately 500.

A capacity crowd was served last year. All details of the program including the speaker are still incomplete at this writing.

Another annual event, the county picnic, will be held at the Lampeter Fair Ground, July 29. Meal tickets will be one dollar. Additional details will be forthcoming next month.

Ever had a stomach ache and headache at the same time? Usually you have to decide which hurts the most, so that you can take the proper remedy. Relief is on the way! Scientists are in the process of "getting-it-together" with a milk-buffered aspirin, designed to cure both symptoms at the same time.

## Students to Attend Co-op Institute at Shippensburg

Seven Lancaster County students have been named winners in the Cooperative Business Education Program sponsored by the Lancaster Council of Farmer Cooperatives and will represent the County at the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives Summer Institute at Shippensburg State College, July 9-13.

Those chosen to attend the Institute are: Richard Bollinger of Litz, Janet Brubaker of Litz, Lynn R. Groff of Ephrata, Wayne Kreider of Quarryville, Michael Martin of New Holland, and Delmar Weaver of New Holland, all first-year scholars, Debora Gregory of Litz will return to the Institute as a second-year scholar.

Winners were selected on the basis of their knowledge of the cooperative way of doing business and on activities of the participants identifying them with school, community, church, and youth organizations.

These young leaders will be accompanied to Shippensburg by Jay W. Irwin, Association County Agent.

The Institute program is designed to teach youth more about business in general, career possibilities in agribusiness, and

to provide opportunities for individual leadership development.

Approximately 225 young adults, representing the best of over 4,000 participants in the annual P.A.F.C. youth education program, will attend the four-day event.

The Institute is a joint effort of the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives, local coop council, and the Colleges of Agriculture of The Pennsylvania State University.

A total of 80 local boys and girls took part in this year's cooperative program.

### Meat Prices — Why?

Several factors combined to bring about the recent increase in meat prices, according to the National Live Stock and Meat Board. An extremely bad winter in some live-stock-growing sections of the country in '71 plus fear that the dreaded corn blight would spread brought about a temporary reduction of livestock on feed. This resulted in fewer meat animals coming to market at a time when consumer demand for meat was strong due to the increased level of income for most Americans which has been occurring over the past several years.

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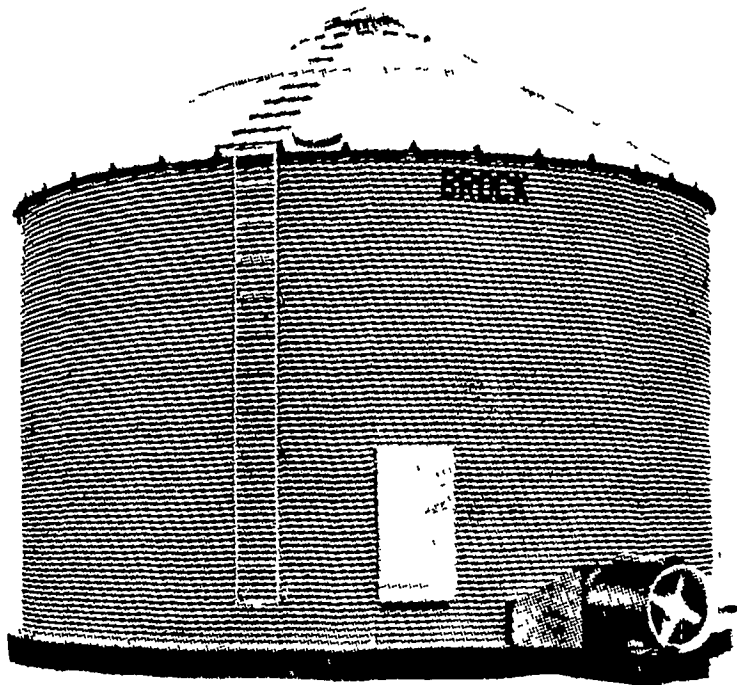
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