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Next year's board of directors for the Lancaster County Farmers Association are shown here after the group's annual meeting last Friday night at the Harvest Drive Motel. Seated, left to right, are: Jessie Balmer, Nathan Stoltzfus, James

Hess, Earl Newcomer, Roger Thome and Ellis Mentzer. Standing: James Garber, John Myer, Robert Kauffman, Donald Hershey, James Shertzler, Ivan Yost and William Guhl. Not present for the photo was Mrs. Jesse Wood.

## Lancaster County Farmers Assoc. Votes on Policies

The Lancaster County Farmers' Association held their 20th annual meeting and banquet last Friday night at the Harvest Drive Motel near Intercourse. Hundreds of members were on hand to vote on new directors and policy matters, and to hear Penrose Halowell, Pennsylvania director of the Farmers' Home Administration.

County agent Max Smith spoke briefly to the group. A business session and committee reports were also included in the meeting. The speaker for the evening was introduced by Chester Heim, the legislative director for the Pennsylvania Farmers Association.

In his speech, Halowell spoke about the work being done by the FHA to help long-time farmers as well as those who are just getting into farming. He also discussed

the prospects for the passage of legislation which would require farmland to be taxed according to use rather than market value.

During the meeting, the members voted on some two dozen policy recommendations which had been drafted by small committee meetings earlier in the year. All the committee recommendations were approved by the members.

The policy recommendations included items on labor, such as a prohibition on farm worker strikes during harvest, and an exemption from minimum wage laws for handicapped persons. There were several recommendations pertaining to milk prices and marketing. Taxes were mentioned several times, and there were a few mentions of schools.

Members voted to recommend the abolition of teacher tenure, and the adoption of a state-wide school building code.

Directors elected for a two-year term were: Earl Newcomer, Washington Boro R1; Jessie Balmer, Lititz R4; Ellis Mentzer, New Holland R2; James A. Hess, Quarryville R2; Nathan Stoltzfus, Gap R2; and Roger Thome, Elizabethtown R3.

Hold-over directors elected last year are: William Guhl, Oxford R2; Ivan Yost, Christiana R1; Donald Hershey, Manheim R2; Robert Kauffman, Elizabethtown R1; John Garber, Mt. Joy R2; James Shertzler, Millport Rd., Lancaster; and Mrs. Jesse Wood, Nottingham R2.

New officers for the association will be elected at a directors meeting scheduled for the near future.

### Farm Calendar

Saturday, October 28  
Silver Spurs 4-H Horse and Pony Club trail ride, Circle-T Ranch, Stevens, October 28-29.

Tuesday, October 31  
9:30 a.m. - Chester County Extension sewing course, Men's Knit Jackets, St. James Episcopal Church, Downingtown.

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### Turn Clocks Back Sunday

Daylight saving time will come to an official end on Sunday at 2 a.m., at which time we will turn the clock back one hour. Standard time will continue until April 29, 1973.

## Urner Explains ECI Incidents

Price reporting for the egg industry has been a hotly debated item in the past few years. Earlier this year, Egg Clearinghouse, Inc., Durham, N.H., seemed to be on the verge of leading the industry to a new price discovery system. ECI proposed a three-man pricing committee which would confer twice a week to set the market.

One member of the committee was to represent producers, one was to represent marketers, and

the third was to be a disinterested party. This third was perhaps the key to the committee's success. Frank Urner was the one man who, most of the industry felt, should be that third member.

In August, Urner had tentatively said he would serve on the committee. In September he backed out. Urner explained the reasons for his actions at a recent meeting of the Pennsylvania Egg

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## Fulton Grange Votes to Oppose Co. Home Rule

County administrator Ben Weaver was the featured speaker at a lively meeting of the Fulton Grange on Monday night. Weaver discussed the pros and cons of the home rule issue as it might affect rural areas of Lancaster County. The county will vote on November 7 to determine whether or not a study commission will be established to examine a home rule charter for the county.

"We're not going to be voting to change the county government," Weaver said, "we're just going to vote on whether or not we want a study commission."

At a business session following Weaver's speech, the Grange members voted to go on record as opposing home rule for Lancaster County.

Weaver urged everyone to vote for the commission, and said that he was an advocate of home rule. He pointed out that the study commission could decide home rule was not a good idea for the county, and the matter would then be dropped. Another possibility, he said, is that the commission will draft a home rule charter. This charter would then have to be placed on the ballot in a regular election. At that time, the voters could turn down home rule no matter what the commission recommended.

As the meeting went on, it became increasingly clear that most of the Grange members there were against home rule. Grange member and former state representative Norman Wood said that home rule throughout the state would result

in chaotic county government. Direction from Harrisburg, he maintained, was a more efficient and fair way of determining the forms of county governments.

Charles McSparran, another Grange member, said he felt that a vote for the study commission

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## Names Sought For Outstanding Young Farmer

The Quarryville Jaycees are accepting nominations for Outstanding Young Farmer. Men under the age of 35 may be nominated by businesses, associates, or an entrant himself. There is no cost in making a nomination or entering the competition.

The 1971 Outstanding Young Farmer, P. Robert Wenger of Quarryville R1, was entered in state competition last year and placed fourth. The state winner receives the use of a 1973 Chevrolet pickup for one year and is entered in national competition.

Last year a number of local feed and farm equipment dealers made nominations for the Outstanding Young Farmer.

Entries will be accepted from the Solanco and Lampeter-Strasburg school districts. Parties interested in making nominations should call 786-7786 or 786-2879 after 5:00 P.M. by November 4th.



County administrator Ben Weaver faced a polite but skeptical crowd at an open meeting on home rule conducted by the Fulton Grange on Monday night. In a business session following Weaver's speech, members voted to oppose home rule for Lancaster County.