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was a vote for home rule. "The people who stand the best chance of getting onto the study commission," he said, "are the ones

who've been endorsed by the politicians. And the ones who were endorsed are in favor of home rule."

Weaver stuck to his guns. He claimed the study commission, if it was formed, would be beholden to no particular cause, party or, person. Their task would be to

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deliberate the home rule issue and either adopt a home rule charter or decide that the present form of government was the best possible government for the county.

"The county government today is just an arm of the state legislature," Weaver said. "Maybe that's the best way to do things. I don't think it is. But unless we vote for a commission, we're never going to decide for sure whether or not we want home rule. Nobody's going to be happy."

One drawback of the present system, Weaver feels, is that the state mandates which county government offices must be elected. This results in some redundancy which might be eliminated if the counties were allowed to determine their own governmental needs.

An example Weaver gave was that the county was now required to have both a clerk of the courts to handle criminal court records, and a prothonatary to handle civil court records. "We used to pay these offices around \$12,000 a vear." he said. "Last year the state said we've got to pay them \$17,500 a year. We had no choice in the matter. Here we've got two offices doing work that could be accomplished in one office, and it's costing us \$35,000 a year. Last vear, because of changes like this, the state forced us to add \$76,000 to our budget. We wouldn't have these problems with home rule."

Weaver pointed out that today every elected official is more or less his own boss. He feels that a central administrative head would be able to consolidate offices, eliminate governmental redundancies, and give the county better government with a smaller price tag.

Another objection he has to the present system is that too much power rests in too few hands. "There are three county commissioners," Weaver said. "Two of those commissioners form a majority, and a majority of two is all you need to slap a bond indebtedness on every citizen in Lancaster County.

"For example, the Conestoga View Nursing home required a \$4.7 million bond issue. All three commissioners voted for the nursing home, but it could have

PennAg Slates 1973 Directory

PennAg Industries Association has announced the publication of its 21st annual Manual and Directory. The 200-page book will list all Pennsylvania a gribusiness firms alphabetically as well as by city and county. It will also contain information on taxes, licensing fees and regulations, laws and the names of agricultural experts.

The publication date has been set for January 25, with a cut-off date for submitting advertisements of December 15.

Dairy Meeting Postponed

The dairy herd health meeting orgininally scheduled for November 2 at the Farm and Home Center has been postponed.

The meeting, featuring Dr. Sam Guss from Penn State, will be scheduled at a later date to discuss current herd health problems.

In 1611, nine years before the Pilgrims arrived at Plymouth, the first dairy cattle were brought to Jamestown. A census made in the Virginia colony in 1625 recorded 364 cows.

gone through with just two votes. The same was true for the prison remodeling project which cost \$2.4 million. That's just too much power, too much responsibility in too few hands. There are no checks and balances to this system.

Weaver pointed out that if home rule were adopted, the state would still have certain powers which couldn't be changed by local municipalities. Counties cannot change boundaries between municipalities, they cannot alter the subjects of taxes nor the nature of assessments; they cannot devise their own public school regulations, change eminent domain procedures, nor tamper with the penal code

Farm Calendar

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- 3 p.m. - Lancaster County Gourmet Cooking Workshop, Farm and Home Center.

8 p.m. - Ephrata Adult Farmer meeting, "Worming Cattle," vocational agriculture department, Ephrata Area High School.

Garden Spot Young Farmer meeting, vocational agriculture department, Garden Spot High School.

Cattle Feeders Tour, Virginia, October 31-November 1; leave Farm and Home Center, 7 a.m., Oct. 31.

Wednesday, November 1 4:30 p.m. - LCVATA meeting, Penn Manor High School.

Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District meeting, Farm and Home Center.

Red Rose 4-H Baby Beef and Lamb Club meeting, Farm and Home Center.

Chester County Extension sewing course, Men's Fashions, Paoli Presbyterian Church

Thursday, November 2

1 p.m. - Chester County Extension Dairy meeting, Honey Brook Grange.

6:30 p.m. - Lancaster County Poultry Association annual dinner banquet, Farm and Home Center.

6:30 p.m. - Southeast Pennsylvania Poultry Association annual fall meeting, Frank Reeser's, north of Reading.

7:30 p.m. - Ephrata Young Farmers officers meeting, Ephrata Area High School.

8 p.m. - Chester County Extension dairy meeting, Oxford Grange, Dairy Management meeting.

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Management meeting with

Dr. Sam Guss, Penn State

Veterinarian.

Friday, November 3 10:30 a.m. - Chester County Extension Dairy meeting, Collegeville Inn.

Silver Spurs 4-H Horse and Pony Club meeting, Lori May's.

Northeast Egg Marketing Association 5th annual meeting, Marriott Motor Hotel, Newton, Mass.

6.45 p.m. — 4-H Dairy Banquet, Good and Plenty Restaurant.

Saturday, November 4
Keystone International Livestock
Exposition, November 4 - 10,
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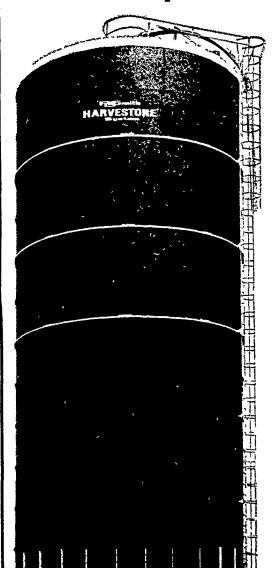
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