



The Lancaster 4-H County Council held its annual Christmas party-meeting Monday night at the Farm and Home Center. Each person attending brought canned goods and homemade goodies which were packed and distributed to a number of elderly people in the County through the Extension Expanded Nutrition program. Peanut brittle, being sold now through January 2 to benefit the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C., was distributed after the meeting.

## Farm and Home Center Space Expanded

The Farm and Home Foundation of Lancaster County reports about 900 meetings were held this year, at the Farm and Home Center, attended by about 68,000 area residents. During some periods usage of the facility is approaching the practical maximum, and for many weeks of the coming year the Farm and Home Center is already almost fully booked.

Rental income from office space is also up - not because rental rates were increased, but because additional space is being rented. The Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate School Unit requested additional space for their expanding needs the beginning of the year. The board voted to convert the large unfinished basement into office space which was completed in the fall and is now in use.

By early fall the mortgage debt was down to \$80,000. With the cost of converting the basement office space totalling about \$25,000, additional borrowing was necessary so that the total indebtedness now stands at \$105,000.

Another significant development in 1972 was that the Internal Revenue agent examining the 1968 return recommended the tax

exempt status be cancelled because he felt the original charter during that year had not been fulfilled in such areas as educational activities and because so much income was used for building payments. Board members participated in a hearing before a regional IRS Examiner but no final decision was reached and the matter has now been referred to Washington. A further appeal is being made to retain the present federal tax exempt status.

Arrangements have been made for the Farm and Home educational scholarships from the Esbenschade Trust Fund to be paid through the treasury so these educational disbursements will show on the books. Two additional scholarship awards have been established from Farm and Home Foundation funds. The educational programs and similar activities are being expanded, which will help qualify the Farm and Home Foundation

as a tax exempt organization. A highlight in this area was the meeting sponsored by the Educational Committee on Consumer Education by Mrs. Dorothy Burkhardt of the White House Staff. "The Economic Outlook" will be the subject for another educational meeting being planned for early next year.

Farm and Home Foundation members have carried out several fund-raising projects, such as the Labor Auction and the first annual antique show last May. Both proved quite successful and provided several thousand dollars additional income. However, with the office expansion, the indebtedness still stands higher than can be liquidated within a reasonable period from such special activities and from regular rental income. Therefore, contributions to the Farm and Home Foundation would be greatly appreciated.

**DO YOU REMEMBER  
BLACK-OUTS & BROWN-OUTS  
TURN ON WITH ELECTROMECH  
STANDBY GENERATORS**



**ELECTROMECH**  
34 NORTH READING ROAD  
EPHRATA, PA 17522  
717-733-7911



## 4 New Sound-Idea Tractors Featuring Sound-Gard body... a world apart from any old cab

It's not incomplete like a cab. It's a total body—the John Deere Sound-Gard body, a complete unit with seat, all controls, and instrument panel intact... a total body like that on your car and pickup. Sound-Gard body attaches firmly to the tractor... yet it isolates you from that tractor. It's actually free to flex slightly when you're on rough ground. Noise level is down to 85 dB(A) so you can easily hear the optional radio or 8-track stereo tape player. Equip Sound-Gard body with heater and air-conditioner and you have total temperature control winter and summer. Sound-Gard body—one of the many sound ideas in new John Deere 4030, 4230, 4430, and 4630 Tractors. Stop in soon and get the full story.



**A. B. C. GROFF, INC.**  
New Holland 354-4191

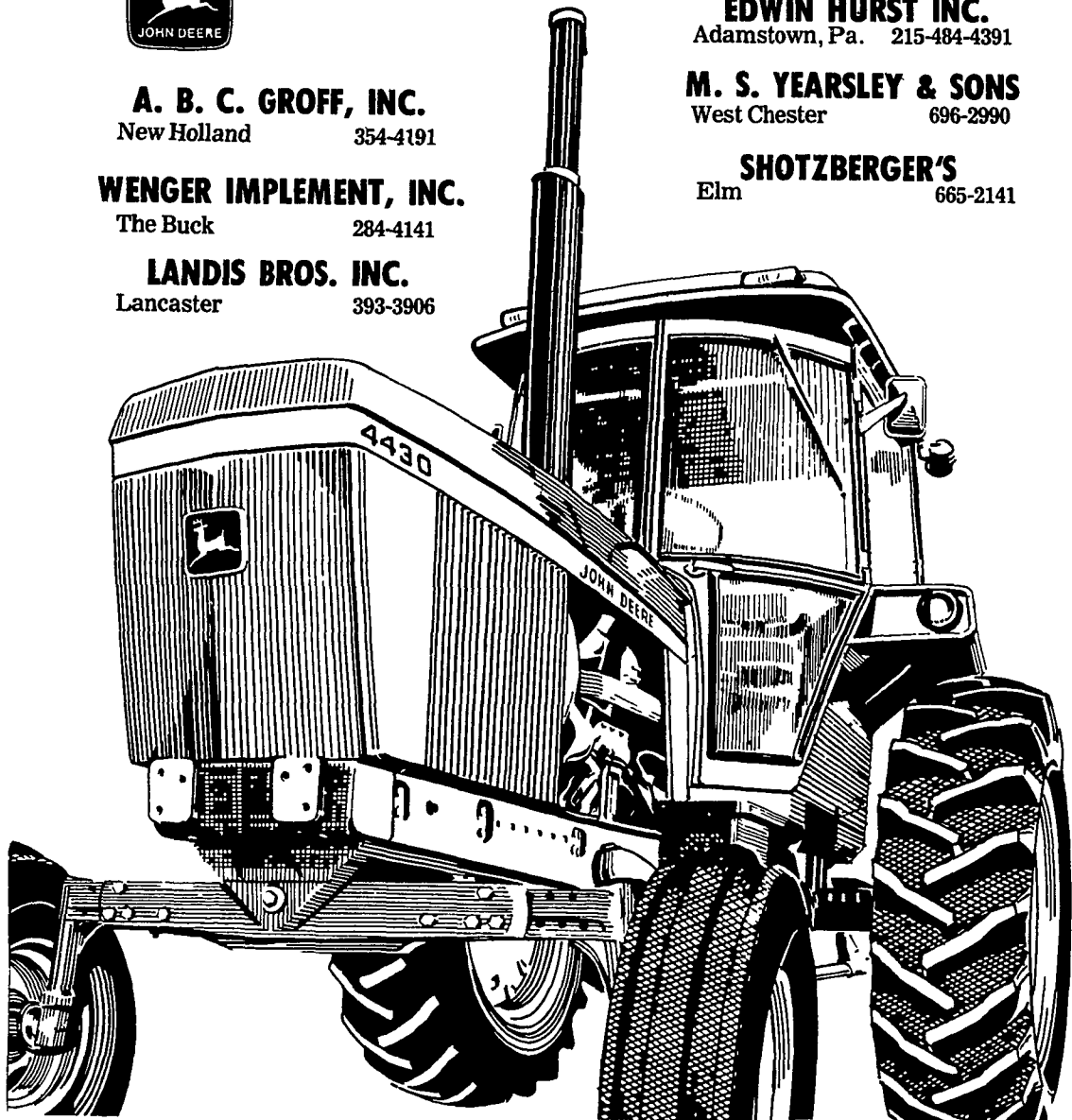
**WENGER IMPLEMENT, INC.**  
The Buck 284-4141

**LANDIS BROS. INC.**  
Lancaster 393-3906

**EDWIN HURST INC.**  
Adamstown, Pa. 215-484-4391

**M. S. YEARSLEY & SONS**  
West Chester 696-2990

**SHOTZBERGER'S**  
Elm 665-2141



## Estimating Program for Fresh Market Vegetables Modified

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Statistical Reporting Service today announced changes in its estimating program for fresh market vegetables starting with the 1973 crop season. The modifications reflect recommendations of industry and other Federal agencies.

A major modification will be the shift to quarterly acreage and production reports for most fresh market vegetable crops: winter - January, February, March; spring - April, May, June; summer - July, August, September; fall - October, November, December.

An estimate of acreage for harvest will be issued for most fresh market vegetables at the beginning of each quarter. An estimate of acreage harvested

and production of each crop for each quarterly seasonal group will be issued following harvest.

The monthly celery report which now covers only California and Florida will be expanded to include Ohio, New York and Michigan.

Producers' intentions to plant will be reported for selected crops within production areas.

Monthly production forecasts during the growing season will be discontinued for all crops, except strawberries, onions and celery.

The fresh market vegetable annual report will be issued about January 15, rather than in December.

## Fix-It Tip

When a refrigerator runs and runs and runs, it may be leaking air around the door gasket. Close the door on a sheet of paper. If you can pull it out easily, the gasket is defective.

Location may also cause a refrigerator to overwork. Move it away from a stove or radiator, if that's where it's located.

Make it a habit to brush the dirt and lint from the cooling coils and associated parts of the refrigeration unit. The radiator may become clogged and the motor will have to work twice as hard to cool the refrigerant.

**ERTH-RITE  
SEA-BORN  
ALGIT**

**ZOOK &  
RANCK, INC.**

R.D. 1 Gap, Pa. 17527  
Phone 717-442-4171

## ORDER YOUR SPRING FARM SEEDS NOW

**MANY FARM SEED ITEMS ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY**

Cert. Iroquois Alfalfa  
Cert. Saranac Alfalfa  
Cert. Cayuga Alfalfa  
Cert. W-L305 Alfalfa  
Cert. Vernal Alfalfa  
Cert. Buffalo Alfalfa

Cert. Pennscott Red Clover  
Cert. Ladino Clover  
Cert. Garry Oats  
Cert. Russel Oats  
Cert. Clintland Oats  
Erie Spring Barley

### Grasses

Maine Grown Certified Seed Potatoes  
DeKalb Corn

Sudax

**P. L. ROHRER & BRO., INC.**

SMOKETOWN

Phone Lanc. 397-3539