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DHIA officers elected Monday night for the coming year are: seated (l. to r.) Nathan Stoltzfus, secretary, and Robert Kauffman, president. Standing are James Kreider, vice-president, and Jacob Houser, treasurer.

## Officers Named At DHIA Meet

The Lancaster County Dairy Herd Improvement Association held its regular quarterly meeting on Monday night at the Farm and Home Center, and elected officers for the coming year.

Robert Kauffman was reelected to his second term as president, James Kreider was elected vice-president and Nathan Stoltzfus was elected secretary. Jacob Houser was named to his eleventh consecutive term as treasurer for the local DHIA.

Two new directors were present for the first time at the meeting, which was the first this year. They were Calvin Byler,

Paradise, and J. Mowery Frey, Jr., Lancaster.

Annual prizes for top DHIA production were discussed during the meeting. The board decided to retain the present practice of awarding prizes only to those

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### Farm Calendar

Monday, March 5

7 p.m. - Annual Ortho Dinner meeting, Meadow Hills Dining House Lancaster.

7:30 p.m. - Penryn Community 4-H Club Organizational meeting, Penryn Fire Hall

8 p.m. - Lancaster County Poultry Association meeting, Farm and Home Center.

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## AFBF President Predicts . . .

# Good Beef Mart, Lower Feed Cost

"Lower feed prices should come out of the administration's cut-back in the feed grains set aside program," William J. Kuhfuss told a group of newsmen Thursday afternoon in Harrisburg. Kuhfuss is president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, headquartered in Park Ridge, Illinois, and representing some two million farm families. He is also part owner with his brother of an 800-acre beef and grain farm in Mackinaw, Ill.

Kuhfuss is on a national speaking tour, and was passing through Harrisburg on his way to address a Pennsylvania Farmers' Association group Friday night in Chambersburg. The press conference was arranged by the Harrisburg office of the PFA.

Kuhfuss pointed out that over 30 million acres would be going back into production this year as a result of the cutback in set aside acreage requirements. And he predicted that the increased production would result in lower feed prices

later this year, provided there is a good growing season.

Beef prices should remain strong for the next year or two, Kuhfuss predicted, because

consumers are buying more and more beef. "Even though they're yelling about the price, housewives are still going to the

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## NFU Group Flies To Midwest Farms

A planeload of National Farmers Union members left Lancaster Municipal Airport last Monday morning aboard the NFU's own 580 Convair. All the 48 southeastern Pennsylvania farmers in the group, were participating in a three-day leadership training program.

The group will be scattered throughout various locations in Iowa and South Dakota, staying with NFU host families there. Forney Longenecker, Lititz R3, is the coordinator for the local program.

Longenecker said the flight is part of a continuing program of

leadership development. During their visit, the members will be exchanging ideas with host families and conducting recruiting drives for more members. The NFU pays expenses for participants in the program. The group returned to Lancaster on Thursday.

Participants from Lancaster County included Roy Steffy, Roy Garber, Clarence Keener, Jr., Ronald Herr, Ronald Klme, Jay Rohrer, Mervin Sauder, Cletus Weber, Vincent Becker, Harold Esbenschade, Amos Roland, Forney Longenecker, Mark Osborne, Jay Wenger and Clair Delong.



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morning for a three-day visit to Iowa and South Dakota.

## They're Wheelin' & Dealin' at E-Town High



Every Tuesday is a day of reckoning for students in the farm management class at Elizabethtown High School. Tuesday is the day vo-ag teacher Elvin Hess displays a weekly summary of the futures on a projection screen at the front of the room. And it's the day everybody in the class sharpens his pencil, strains his brain, and tries to make a killing in futures.

"My goal in conducting this class," Hess said, "is not to teach the students how to gamble in the

futures market. What they're really doing is learning how to use futures as a hedging tool."

Hess' main teaching aid in the class is a summary of the prior week's activity on the futures markets. He clips the summary each week from the market pages of LANCASTER FARMING, makes a transparency of it, and projects it so everyone can see it.

The class started the project on January 23, each student starting with an initial investment of \$10,000. The money, of course, is strictly imaginary, and so are the paper profits and losses each student tallies up every Tuesday. But the enthusiasm for trying to outwit the market is quite

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Vo-ag teacher Elvin Hess, Elizabethtown High School, conducts a class in the futures market every Tuesday.