

Eshleman

[Continued from Page 1] with a history book of the Pennsylvania Farmer's Association.

Policy development was the major item on the evening's agenda, however. Several items were debated and amended before being voted on. A resolution which disapproves the minimum of one acre building lot size required by local municipalities was discussed. Those responsible for the recommendation feel the one acre minimum wastes valuable farm land. An amendment to the directive, requiring that sewage and water be available for plots lower than one acre, was put to vote. The amendment was voted down and the resolution went on the ballot as originally written. Another recommendation

that shotguns only be allowed for deer hunting in Lancaster County was amended to read "shotguns instead of rifles" be used for deer hunting in the county. The amended resolution was later passed.

Some other policies passed were recommendations stating that zoning laws be revised to allow more freedom for farm building specifications, that an increase in wage taxes instead of real estate taxes finance the increased cost of education, that foreign importation of beef be stopped, and that AFBF oppose worker strikes at processing plants during the harvest season.

On the local level, the Association voted for the farm city week program being continued.

Only two of the 31



Congressman and Mrs. Edwin D. Eshleman received gifts from the Lancaster County Farmers' Association at last week's banquet. The gifts were given in honor of the many years of service they have given the farmer.

resolutions were voted down - those recommending that PFA mail a treasurer report to every member and that the food stamp program be switched from the USDA to HEW.

After the discussion of policy, votes were taken and tallied. At this time, Alan Bair, associate county agent, spoke on feed programing, forage testing, and the new pesticide law.

Bair noted that Penn State is now requiring payment of \$10 per program for feed programing, which had been free up to this point. And,

that with forage testing, the total cost of this process will come to \$44, which, according to Bair, will be "the most well invested \$44 you will make."

Bair also pointed out that less than one-third of the Association members have been certified for pesticide application. Encouraging those two-third to become certified he said, "You stand to gain a lot by being able to say you are certified and that you know what you're doing."

James Kreider, state director, also gave a few

brief remarks noting that Safemark, a service for members only which provides quality tire, tubes, and batteries at lower cost, had a profitable year, and that the open period in Blue Cross-Blue Shield will be changed to March only.

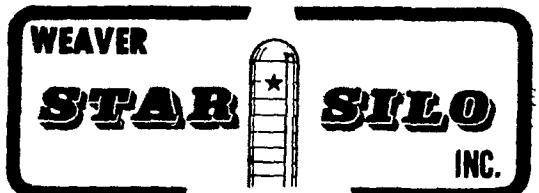
Eugene McDowell, regional organization director, had the final speech of the evening, discussing the new tax reform bill, calling it a relief program for farmers. McDowell also congratulated the Lancaster County members for their Park City promotion to be held in the upcoming week. Other business of the meeting included voting on members of the board of directors. Five of the six were reelected. They are H.

Richard Hershey, Lititz; Earl Newcomer, Washington Boro; Paul Hartz, Morgantown; Nathan Stoltzfus, Gap; and James Hess, Quarryville. Earl Stauffer, Ephrata, was newly elected.

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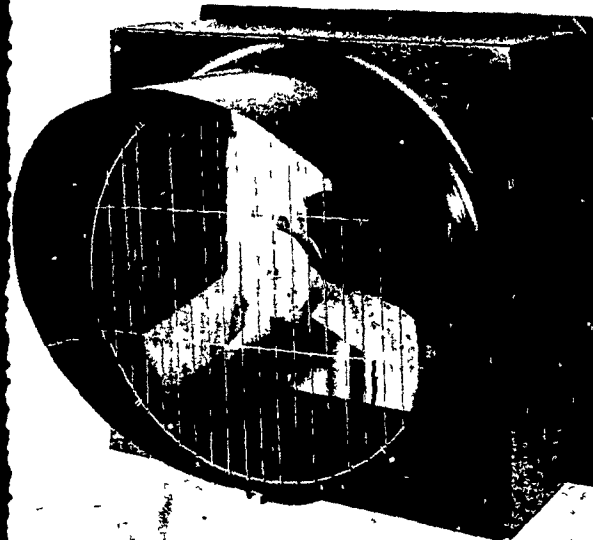
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