

Farmers Union members meet, call for parity prices



Newly elected officers of the Lancaster County Farmers Union are from left to right: James Spahr, vice president; Naomi Spahr, secretary-treasurer; and Albert Mellinger, president.

LANCASTER, Pa. - A call for higher farm prices and for financial aid to new farmers were the major topics of discussion at the recent annual policy meeting of the Lancaster County Farmers Union.

Meeting at the Holiday Inn near Lancaster on October 10, the farm group members reviewed the present economic crisis facing American agriculture. They approved a motion calling for farm prices to be set at not less than 100 per cent of the cost of production with a fair profit for farmers.

Expressing concern for the future of the family farm the members called for better state programs to aid

beginning farmers. They approved a motion calling for the establishment of an Agriculture Development Program to provide financial aid to new farmers in much the same way the state provides financial assistance for new industry.

Other farm policy positions approved included a call for more farmer participation in development of state regulations affecting agriculture; opposition to corporate encroachment in agriculture; support for the

new vehicle code amendments now pending in the State Senate; and support for a change in state law affecting farm land condemnation.

The organization also elected officers for the coming year. Albert Mellinger of Strasburg was re-elected president; James Spahr, Neffsville, was re-elected vice-president, and Mrs. Naomi Spahr Litz R6, was elected secretary-treasurer.

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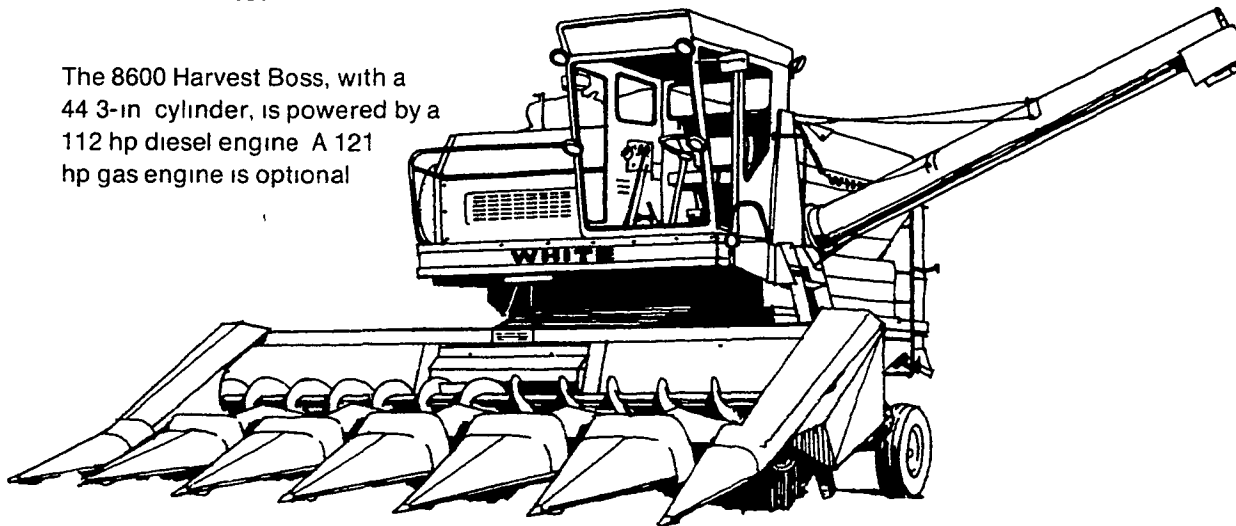
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