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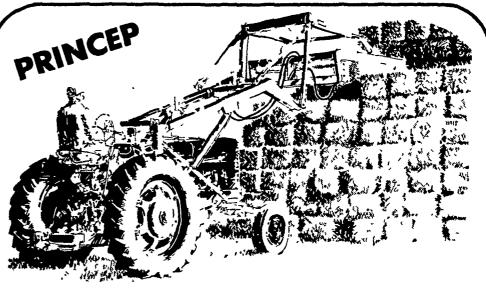


Officers of the Alpha Omicron Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Phi, national honorary extension fraternity, elected at the society's recent annual meeting on the Penn State Campus, are from left: Frank S. Zettle, regional assistant director of the Cooperative Extension Service stationed at University Park, president; Robert M. Hetrick, Blair County Extension Director, vice president; and Mrs. Doris W. Thomas, Lancaster County Extension home economist, secretary-treasurer.

Congressman criticizes set-aside prog.

WASHINGTON, D.C. -U.S. Congressman Tom Harkin (D-5th Ia.), a member of the U.S. House Agriculture Committee, says he welcomes the announcement of a 10 per cent set-aside program for feed grain producing crop land, but has criticized the "conditional" aspects of the announcement, as a "decision not to decide, which will only create confusion in the farm belt."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced the set aside program in mid-November, but said it would be reviewed and possibly revoked in January or *February*. "I think the facts were there for a clear cut, yes or no decision," Harkin said. "As it now stands, corn growers will be left in limbo until January or February, wondering whether the setaside program will be implemented or whether it will not." The law required a decision by November 15, to avoid this kind of uncertainty.



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