

# Lancaster Farmers' Association slates Spring meeting

LANCASTER — The annual Spring Meeting of the Lancaster Farmers' Association will be held Tuesday, March 25.

The dinner meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Youth for Christ Center on the New Danville Pike, Lancaster. Tickets for the event are

available for \$6 from Association board members. LFA also is trying to enlist a number of youth to help out as waiters and waitresses at



Officers of the Lancaster County Farmers' Association for 1980 include: front, Esther Stoltzfus, treasurer; Earl Newcomer, president; back row, Linda Kreider, secretary; Rebecca Wivell, womens' committee chairperson; Charles Rohrer, vice president; and Donald Ranck, membership chairman.

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the dinner. Scheduled speaker at the meeting is Richard E. Denison, manager of Pennsylvania Farmers' Association Farm Management and Business Analysis Service. At the Lancaster Association's board meeting held Tuesday night, lively debate

centered around a PFA proposal asking the local board to approve a PACMA stock sale amounting to \$300,000.

It was pointed out that Lancaster County is fortunate to have good livestock markets today but that that happy situation may not last forever. PACMA may offer a future outlet, supporters said.

In addition, they pointed out there are numerous other counties which do not have the markets today. In such areas, the PACMA program may present the only way farmers can hope to get better prices for livestock.

But the question was raised about the likelihood of someone going around the co-op to make an extra dollar.

Also, there was feeling that the only way a marketing co-op would be successful is if there were more government intervention in farmers' affairs, a situation similar to that existing today in dairy marketing.

The stock sale finally was approved by the board with one dissenting vote.

The board also entertained the possibility of establishing more advisory councils in Lancaster County.

Although advisory councils are one of the better vehicles for getting rank and file membership involved in association activities, Lancaster today has no more than four such groups in the County.

There was feeling on the board that a county with membership the size of Lancaster's could justify as many as 20 advisory councils, and that there should be

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