

Pitzer Re-Elected PFA Head, Taxes Hit

John R. Pitzer, an Adams County fruit grower, this week was re-elected president of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association (PFA) for his second consecutive term, and the organization took a strong stand against increasing farm land assessments. The group concluded its four-day annual meeting at the Penn Harris Motor Inn, Camp Hill.

PFA is a general farm organization with more than 12,400 family members, and is affiliated with the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The farm group stated in its adopted policy that property is not "a true measure of ability to pay taxes. It opposed any increases in agricultural real estate assessments calling for agricultural land tax assessments to be based on land usage—not potential.

President Pitzer stated that farmers "are being taxed out of business, because farmers are

being forced to pay sky-high taxes. "It's about time we do something to give this segment of our economy a fair break. Apartment houses can certainly generate more revenue or income than a farm, and they cer-

tainly should be taxed differently." The general farm organization has been in favor of a state income tax for a number of years, but would like to see some cuts in different state programs.

Christmas Program Set

Anne Weitsner Wood Swathmore, horticulturist, lecturer, writer and flower arranger, will be the featured speaker at the annual Homemakers' Christmas Program on Monday, Nov. 30.

Sponsored by the County Extension Service, the all day program will be held in the Farm and Home Center auditorium. Opening the program from 10 a.m. to 12 noon will be craft demonstrations given by several Lancaster County women.

Exhibits of decorations, gifts and foods for the holidays, prepared by Farm Women Societies

and Homemaker Groups, will be displayed in the Extension Training Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 6 to 9 p.m.

"Make Your Own Merry Christmas" will be presented by Mrs. Wood at 2 and 7-30 p.m. She will demonstrate how to make easy and attractive decorations for the holidays.

She served as Field Secretary for The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society for 16 years. She was also responsible for the staging of all the Horticultural Society Flower Shows and their section of the Philadelphia Flower Show.

The author of two books, "Make Your Own Merry Christmas" now in its 12th printing, and "The Flower Show Guide", Mrs. Wood also contributes articles to magazines and newspapers in the country.

She has served on the board of directors of the American Horticultural Society, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania.

The farm organizations also took steps to help farmers to "increase its bargaining and marketing power." The delegates asked its organization to make marketing "the number one objective in 1971." It suggested expansion of marketing programs through the Pennsylvania Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association, the marketing affiliate.

The farm group deliberated for four days on policy positions for its organization. Policies covered many different subjects. The final business took place today with the adoption of policy and election of officers.

Eight persons were elected to the PFA board of directors. Theo Place Jr., Meshoppen; Timothy Gehman, Macungie; Frank White, Muncy; Richard Crawford, Port Royal; Oscar C. Fyler, Millerstown; Richard Small, Chambersburg; Boyd Wolff, New Alexandria, and Robert Nehrig, Homer City.

Mrs. Kenneth Bostwick, North-east, was re-appointed chairman.

Harry Miller Retires

Harry M. Miller, Strasburg RD1, has retired from John W. Eshelman & Sons, wholesale animal feeds manufacturers, 244 N. Queen St., Lancaster, after 33 years of service.

Beginning with the local firm on April 26, 1937, he was presented a service award pin prior to his retirement.

of the PFA Women's Committee. Others elected to the Women's Committee were: Mrs. Clair Lyman, Susquehanna County; Mrs. Clifford Sands, Wyoming County; Mrs. Philip Schultz, Montgomery County; Mrs. Charles Benner, Snyder County; Mrs. Clyde Wiveell, Lancaster County, and Mrs. John McMullen, Indiana County. Elected secretary of the Women's Committee was Mrs. Louis Baker, Washington County, and Mrs. Clarence Gumm, Centre County, was named vice chairman.

Farm Calendar (Continued from Page 1)

Wednesday, November 18
9 a.m.-3 p.m. — Fall Educational Fruit meeting, Seipstown Grange Hall and Mohr Orchards, Lehigh County.

Thursday, November 19
7 p.m. — Annual Agriculture Industry banquet, Farm and Home Center.

Pennsylvania Holstein Association Conference, Cross Creek Motor Lodge, Titusville, November 19-20.

Friday, November 20
Farm-City Week, November 20-26.

Saturday, November 21
1-4 p.m. — Chester County Farmers Association, open house tour, November 21-22.



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