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Lawmakers to Speak At PennAg Meeting

The appearance of four Pennsylvania legislators on the 95th PennAg Industries Convention program at the Host Corral in Lancaster, September 12-14 was confirmed this week by the Associaton's president, Eugene E. Eby of H. R. Wentzel Sons, Inc Newport, Penn.

Eby described the program in which Senators Clarence F. Manbeck (R.-Fredericksburg) and Franklin L. Kury (D.-Sunbury), Representatives Kent D. Shelhamer (D.-Berwick) and George W. Gekas (R.-Harrisburg) will participate as a program entitled "Affairs of State". The role of the Pennsylvania Legislature, its organization and issues will be discussed in a wide-ranging list of subjects including agriculture, environmental protection,

finances, law and order, transportation, labor and industry and health and welfare.

The program will take place September 13 and be in the form of questions and answers from the audience and the panel. Moderator, Donald W. Parke, Lancaster, Executive Vice-President of PennAg.

Other parts of the three day convention will feature exhibits of new products and services for agribusiness, a ladies program, a golf tournament and a tour of three Lancaster industries: Penn Dairies, Inc., Keystone Bag and Burlap Co., and the Royster Fertilizer Co.

A welcome to the delegates will be given by Mayor Thomas J Monaghan following a buinsess meeting conducted by Mr. Eby on September 13.

Other speakers will be Dr. Carroll G. Brunthaver, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for modity programs, U. S. Department of Agriculture; Dr. James M. Beattie, new dean of Agriculture; Michael Melcher, Lawrence-Leiter Co, Gulf Oil Carter,

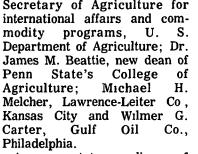
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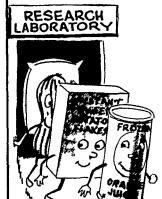
raised pay rates for testers, we kept the farmers' cost at the same level When we get our reserves whittled down to where we think they should be, then we'll have to take another look at our rates."

One cost that's been going against the general trend has been Penn State's charge for maintaining computerized records, Robert Kreider, delegate to the state association, told the meeting. "Processing records is actually getting cheaper," Kreider said, 'because the newer computers are so much more efficient. Computerized life history sheets will be available to all DHIA members shortly, and they won't cost us anything extra.'

Kreider said the computerized life history sheets will be



A representative audience of 300 from all parts of Pennsylvania is expected to attend the



months as DHIA testers send

back records to the university.

These can be used instead of the

old life history sheets, but if the

farmer wants his old sheets kept

up, it will be the tester's

responsibility to maintain them.

the group voted to support a

move by the state association to

investigate a retirement

program. Several sources of

retirement funds were men-

tioned, with the strongest can-

didate seeming to be a one-cent

per cow per month payment by

members and an equal amount

paid by testers. Kreider said the

program would take a number of

years until it was working

properly, and that it would be

difficult to adequately reward the men and women who've been

working for a long time without

any pension program The

pension plan would probably cost

the State DHIA about \$50,000

In other action, the board voted

to continue health insurance

coverage for supervisors at its

present level. The county

association presently pays the

full cost of a tester's health in-

surance coverage, but does not pay anything for members of his

The board also voted to hold a joint meeting with the supervisors sometime in the near

future.

annually, Kreider noted.

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