

## Farm Credit officers meet

YORK - Officers of the York Farm Credit Association met this week in Norfolk, Va. with their counterparts throughout the Baltimore District of the Farm Credit System to assess the outlook for agricultural financing.

Managers, loan officers, and their families from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia and Puerto Rico focused on the role of cooperatives with the theme, "Cooperatives, Free Enterprise with a Difference."

The Farm Credit Banks of Baltimore, of which the York Association is a part, are cooperatives and part of the largest financial cooperative in the world.

National Farm Credit Governor Donald E. Wilkinson outlined the expected massive increase in farm credit demand in the future. Already larger than the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, the Farm Credit System, with loans outstanding of 40 billion dollars, expects to reach 100 billion dollars in 10 years, according to Wilkinson.

The York Association which serves farmers in Adams, Cumberland, Fulton, Franklin, Perry, and York County presently has loans outstanding totaling \$64,775,500.

It's expected that farm credit demands locally will keep pace with the sharp rise expected nationally. The ever increasing costs of farm inputs and rising land values are the main forces behind the increased demand for farm credit.

## Statewide convention Oct. 18

# Laura Heuser speaker for Penn's Agri-Women

CAMP HILL - The dynamic Laura Heuser, nationally acclaimed spokeswoman for agriculture, will light up the stage for the first statewide convention of Penn's Agri-women to be held on October 18 at the Penn Harris Motor Inn, Camp Hill.

Mrs. Heuser, a mother of five from Hartford, Mich., is the 1973 winner of the "Spokesman of the Year for Agriculture" award sponsored jointly by Chevron Company and Farm Chemicals Magazine. She is also a lay speaker for the United Methodist Church.

For the past five years Mrs. Heuser has been a banquet speaker, appearing in 25 states and Canada, as well as on two agriculture seminars at sea in the Caribbean.

She was one of the founders of the Women for the Survival of Agriculture

(W.S.A.), and was instrumental in the organization of W.S.A. chapters in New York, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Washington.

A member of the board of directors of the Agriculture Council of America, her goal, as well as that of the Council, is to inform the public about the American farmer.

The wife of an orchardist, Mrs. Heuser has also directed her time and talents into the Leadership Workshop in the apply industry.

Also speaking at the Penn's Agri-women convention with Mrs. Heuser will be Gail McPherson, New Park, who has also received the "Spokesman of the Year for Agriculture" award.



Laura Heuser

Two other activities slated for the day-long event are a panel of lobbyists from a wide range of organizations, and a skit created for the active farm woman.

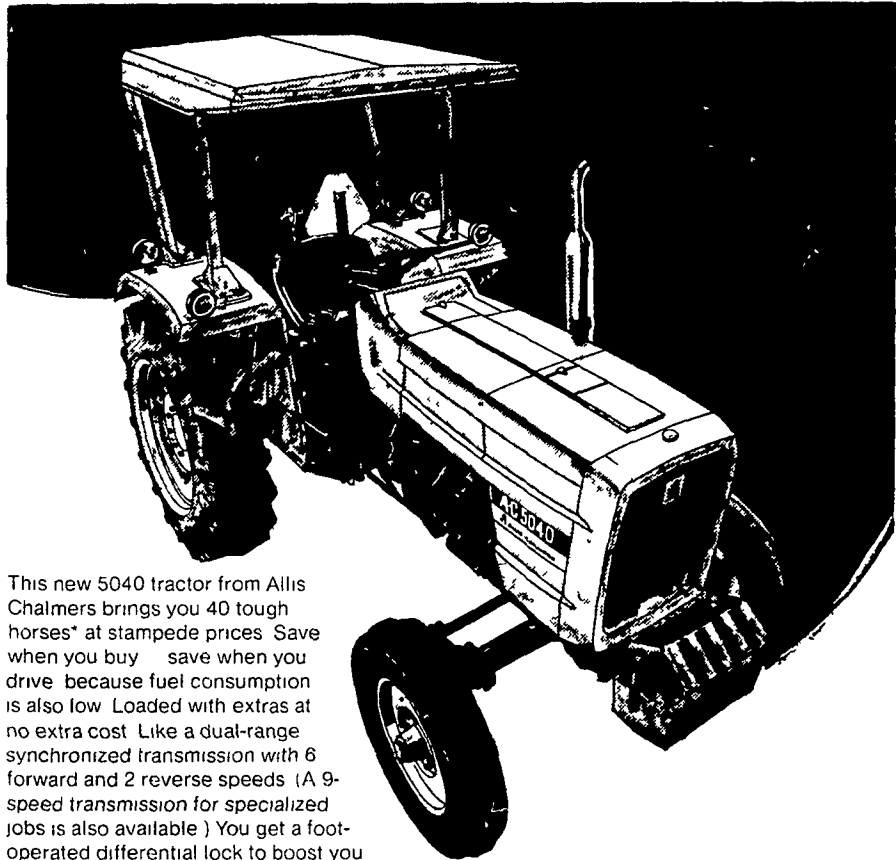
Penn's Agri-Women, a non-partisan action organization whose function is to be a voice for the active farmer, is affiliated with the American Agri-Women (AAW). AAW is a coalition of farm and ranch women's organizations as well as individuals united to communicate and promote agriculture for the benefit of the American people and the world.

Anyone interested in attending the statewide Pennsylvania convention must contact Ethel Gross, Manchester, Pa., phone 717-266-3424. Although the deadline for tickets is October 1, Mrs. Gross will accept reservations up to October 10 for any remaining available space.

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