

Grange Master warns Congress of farm plight

WASHINGTON, D.C. — "Farmers need help now — they cannot wait for legislative mills to grind out changes in farm policy legislation," said John Scott, Master of the National Grange, before the House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture hearing last week.

Scott, representing 500,000 members of the country's oldest farm organization, called for administrative actions which could be taken by the Secretary of Agriculture now to provide

immediate financial relief for farmers. He recommended an increase in loan rates on wheat, feed grains and soybeans, plus allowing additional land to be set-aside in return for per-acre performance as payment and implementation of provisions in the Export Administration Act to permit foreign countries to buy U.S. grain and store it domestically without being subject to export controls.

He also suggested greater expansion of foreign markets including more funding for Food and Peace

shipments, continuation of bilateral trade discussions with Japan to further increase grain shipments and finalizing an International Wheat Agreement.

Scott said the course of action taken by Congress and the Administration within the next few weeks will determine who remains in agriculture. He said changing domestic and world conditions since the passage of the 1977 Farm Act have made the economic formula in the Act used in setting target prices and loan rates inadequate to keep up with rising production costs and declining farm prices.

Continuing his testimony before the Committee, Scott recommended several long-range legislative improvements to further aid the cash flow and income problems of American farmers. He strongly urged that the present limited crop insurance and disaster programs in the 1977 Farm Act be combined to provide a federal insurance program to cover all crops and all risks. He said administrative changes are needed in the Farmers

Home Administration Act to increase its farm loan supervision capabilities. He said additional funding is needed along with changes in the disaster loan programs which would allow repayment privileges of up to 10 years and a provision for a repayment moratorium if conditions justify.

Scott asked the Committee to lend their support to a marketing and bargaining bill which the Grange and others are currently drafting and will be proposing in the near future. The bill would allow farmers to organize themselves to bargain and negotiate for better prices, terms of delivery and conditions of sale.

Scott said the Grange supports legislation to improve and increase agricultural exports including the 1978 Agricultural Trade Act, 1978 Agricultural Trade Expansion Act and extension of the "most-favored-nation" principle to Russia and China. He urged the Committee to resist any attempts by the Administration to dismantle the Department of Agriculture and said the Administration's 22% budget cut for USDA for fiscal 1979 is both unjustified and unrealistic.

In conclusion, Scott called for greater expansion of energy resources and decontrolling the price of domestic production of natural gas at the wellhead.

Dividend raised

LANCASTER — An increase from 33 cents to 37 cents in the quarterly per share dividend of National Central Financial Corporation was approved and an annual dividend rate of \$1.48 was adopted at the February 28 meeting of the Corporation's board of directors, according to an announcement made Tuesday by Board Chairman John C. Tuten.

The new increased quarterly dividend will be

paid on April 20, 1978 to shareholders of record March 20, 1978. The Corporation's cash dividend was previously increased from 29 cents per share to 33 cents per share in August 1977.

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(Sale undercover in case of bad weather.)

Located 10 miles west of Bedford and 3 miles west of Manns Choice on Route 31, Bedford County, Pennsylvania on the FRANKLIN R. TURNER FARM.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 1978

11:00 A.M.

Five tractors: International 986 diesel tractor with air conditioned cab, 329 hours; International 706 diesel tractor; International 656 diesel tractor; International Hydro 100 tractor; International Hydro 666, all tractors have wide front ends; 2 Starline 180 bushel tank spreaders; John Deere No. 170 skid loader, 1 6-bottom 16" semi-mounted John Deere plow; 1 4-bottom 16" Case mounted plow; 890 New Holland 2-row corn harvester with grass pick-up head - 1-year-old; New Holland No. 27 ensilage blower; No. 479 New Holland hay bind - 1-year-old; No. 256 New Holland side rake; New Holland No. 27 ensilage blower; No. 479 New Holland hay bind - 1-year-old; No. 256 New Holland side rake; New Holland 68 hay baler; New Holland Super 68 baler; John Deere 4-row trailer corn planter with insecticide hoppers; 2 No. 214 John Deere chuck wagons; 1 No. 125 John Deere 8-ton chuck wagon; 1 No. 110 International chuck wagon - 16 ft. bed; New Holland 6 ft. flail chopper; Century 200 gallon trailer sprayer; 4 flat-bed wagons; John Deere RWA tandem disc harrow; No. 950 John Deere 12 ft. culti-mulcher; John Deere 13-hoe disc drill; John Deere 7 ft. side-mounted mower; No. 4077 ft. John Deere rotary mower; 2 lime spreaders; Brilliant transport harrow; John Deere 4-section spring tooth harrow; Shaver post driver; 1974 Ford F-600 4-wheel drive with John Deere chuck wagon bed; Ford F-500 truck with dump bed with dump flat bed, cattle racks; 1971 3/4-ton Chevrolet pickup truck, 4-wheel drive; 36 ft. elevator; portable cattle chute; large Frey cattle chute and scale combination; 7 portable cattle feed troughs; 3 mineral feeders; roll of woven wire; flat-bed for wagon; 5 hydraulic cylinders; steel drum; miscellaneous items not mentioned.

TERMS: Personal property and machinery - cash or check.

NOTE: All machinery in good or excellent condition.

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Sat. April 1, 1978

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At 11 o'clock

Located 2 miles northwest of Mt. Joy, along Snyder Road.

Model 8 Mitey Mac loader (w) 2 buckets, 100 hrs.; Allis Chalmers 170 - 1900 hrs.; Allis Chalmers D-14; Allis Chalmers WD.

The following is A.C. equipment:

780 forage harvester (w) corn/pickup heads, 3 bottom 16" pt. trip bottom plow, 2 bottom 14" plow, 180 bu. single beater spreader, grass mower, subsoiler, trailer sprayer, corn planter, cultivator for D14 or D15, 6' flail harvester.

NH 65 haybaler, Smoker 24' elevator, Ford hayrack, 2 Farm Hand silage wagons, Fox silage blower, 60 ft. pipe, 7' NI cut-ditioner, 9', 10' cultipackers, 2 IH 9' discs, 10' harrow, hay fluffer, JD grain drill, 3 pt. Snow Handler snow blower, 3 flat bed wagons, NH cannon corn sheller, 3 pt. blade, 2 wheel trailer, saw buck, elec. cyclone seeder, 12' grain auger, Fairbank scales, feed carts, wheel barrow, forks, brooms, bolts, etc.

Dairy Heifers and Milking Equipment:

9 Holstein Grade bred heifers, 9 Holstein Grade open heifers, Girton 500 gal. milk tank, 3 Surge milkers, Surge 22 milk pump, elec. water heater, milk cans, water bowls, cow mats, cow chains, 2 Starline barn cleaners with 500' chain, Pony, bridle.

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At 11 A.M.

Farm is near Manheim on Rte. 72 between Lancaster and Lebanon. From the square in Manheim take Manheim-Mt. Joy Rd. West 1 mile to Hosler Rd.; then North on Hosler 1 mile to small cemetery; turn West on Earhart Rd., first farm on right.

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42 Milking Age 13 Bred Heifers 12 Open Heifers
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