Harford Co. Farm Bureau membership lauded



Newly elected directors of the Harford County Farm Bureau are, left to right, Bill Hanna, Whiteford; Bob Kelly, Darlington; Charles Birch,

White Hall; John Schenning, Bel Air; and Pierce Grafton, Forest Hill.

last Saturday evening for having the third highest membership among Maryland counties. Henry Holloway, vice president of the Maryland State Farm Bureau, an affiliate of the American Farm Bureau Federation, offered the congratulatory remarks during the 56th annual banquet meeting of the farmers' county organization. The event, which boasted one of the largest crowds in recent memory, was held at North Harford High School, near here. A total of 366 farm family members and guests packed the cafeteria of the high school, and some late ticket applications had to be turned down, according to C. Darrell Comer, president of the Harford County Farm Bureau.

The county farmers' association has a total of 937 family memberships, Holloway said during his remarks. By comparison, the Maryland State Farm Bureau has nearly 12,500 family memberships. The American Farm Bureau Federation, largest of the nation's farm groups, has more than 3 million farm family memberships.

The work of the county, state, and national associations is to protect the farmers' interests in all



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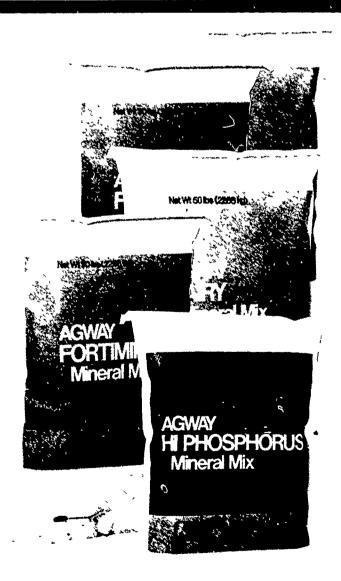
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levels of government,
Holloway explained. Among
AFBF's current major
works are programs to
expand foreign agricultural
trade, a court suit to disclose
public funding of
questionable welfare and
labor union activities, and
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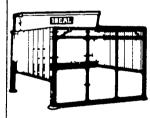
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