

Farm credit members elect new directors

STRASBURG - Three directors were re-elected to Lancaster Farm Credit seats at a split meeting held in Palmyra Tuesday evening and here Wednesday afternoon.

Wilmer B. Campbell, R4 Halifax, was elected to the board of the Lancaster Production Credit Association.

Paul L. Kreider, R2 Palmyra; and Clarence G. Mase, 1635 Colebrook Road, Lebanon, won seats on the Federal Land Bank Association of Lancaster.

Farm Credit members were able to attend either of the two sessions. General Manager Carl Brown explained the annual stockholders' Dinner Meeting has become so large that it is difficult to find a single restaurant which can hold the crowd.

Members, regardless of where they live, were permitted to choose either meeting which was convenient for them.

About 240 attended the Palmyra session and another 540 turned out for the Strasburg meeting.

Stockholders were given an upbeat report on membership, outstanding loan volume, and, for PCA members, a patronage refund.

As of September 30, 1979, the PCA was serving 1186 members, with an outstanding loan volume of \$54,571,216.

This represents an increase of \$11,654,529 over the previous year.

The association also paid a 5 percent "A" stock dividend

and a patronage refund of \$133,559.

As of September 30, 1979, the FLBA was serving 1610 members, with an outstanding balance of \$100,164,944.

This represents an increase of \$33,581,000, the largest one year increase in the history of the Association.

Brown said the Association had a "really good year" and outlined projections for 1980.

He said he did not expect money to be as tight nor as costly next year.

While many commercial banks are quoting 12.5 to 15.5 percent interest, he said the Land Bank rate would be at 9.85 percent as of December 1, 1979.

Production Credit loans are at 11 percent. Brown said they probably will go to 12 percent at the end of the year, barring any unforeseen circumstances.

Because of a combination of factors, the Land Bank and PCA business is expected to double within five years.

Brown said one of the biggest problems they are having is keeping up with the growth. He pointed there are offices in all of the Lancaster branches.

He said the Farm Credit workers probably will be doing more work on the telephone to save time to cut fuel costs. He also noted Farm Credit has purchased some smaller cars to cut down gas costs. It currently runs six cents a mile for fuel alone in business vehicles.

At present, Farm Credit is

considering opening a few more branches, Brown said. But no locations have been chosen to date.

In an informal poll, members approved the idea of an afternoon meeting or a split session for next year's meeting. The 1980 meeting is tentatively scheduled for the week before Thanksgiving.

Because of Association regulations calling for representation from each individual district, no representatives were nominated to the Board of

Directors of the Land Bank from any county but Lebanon.

Paul Kreider owns and operates, with his brother, two farms consisting of 359 acres in Lebanon County. They rent an additional 300 acres.

Their dairy herd consists of 110 cows and 70 head of replacement stock.

Kreider is a member of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association, a DHIA director, a member of both the PCA and the FLBA.

Clarence Mase owns two farms in Lebanon County consisting of 217 acres. He rents an additional 80 acres.

His son operates one farm, milking 80 Holsteins and keeping 80 head of young cattle. Clarence is in the process of remodeling the home farm to start up a second dairy operation.

Mase is a member of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association, the state and county Holstein Breeders Association, and a member of the state Brown Swiss Association.

A member of both the PCA and FLBA, Mase currently is serving as vice

president of the FLBA Board of Directors.

The lone PCA director re-elected, Wilmer Campbell, owns and operates a 207 acre dairy farm in Dauphin County.

The herd, which he manages with his son, consists of 65 head of registered Guernseys and 50 replacement heifers.

Campbell is president of the Northumberland Area Guernsey Breeders Association, Pennsylvania State Grange Deputy, and a past township supervisor.

He, too, is a member of both the FLBA and PCA.—CH

Newpher succeeds Mohn for PFA office

HERSHEY - Richard Newpher, 33, of R.D. 1, Shermansdale will become Administrative Secretary-Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association (PFA) on Thursday, November 15 - the day following the end of PFA's 29th Annual Meeting.

He will succeed Charles Mohn who was named to the post on an interim basis this summer. The PFA Board of Directors selected Newpher for the Administrative top spot before the annual meeting. He has been the manager of PFA's Public Affairs Department.

PFA is a general farm organization with 21,409 family members in 54 county units. It is an affiliate of the American Farm Bureau Federation. PFA's annual meeting took place November 11-14 at the Hershey Motor Lodge and

Convention Center, Hershey. Voting delegates established statewide policy and elected volunteer leaders.

Newpher, who is a native of Clearfield County, joined the PFA staff in 1973 as a regional fieldman. In 1976 he joined PFA's Public Affairs Department as a legislative specialist. He later became director of governmental relations within the department, handling PFA's national legislative lobbying efforts, and in February, 1979, he became department manager.

Newpher resides in Perry County with his wife, Pat, and two sons, Brian and Ricky.

EAST EARL - Shady Maple Lawn and Garden recently held their Open House Days. They announced that Edward Beachy, Honey Brook, was the winner of a free chain saw.



Wilmer Campbell, left, was re-elected director of the Lancaster PCA. With him are Paul Kreider and Clarence Mase who were re-elected to the board of the Lancaster Land Bank this week.



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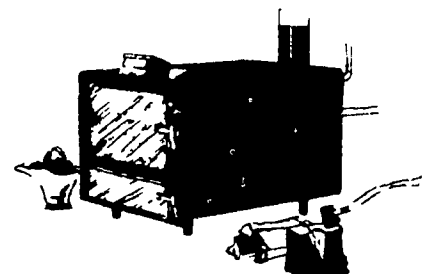
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