

Franklin Extension Association holds 62nd annual meeting

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KAUFFMAN STATION - "Land is a resource, definitely not a commodity."

These were the words that Marion Deppen, Assistant Director of the Extension Service of Penn State University, had for some 315 people attending the 62nd Annual Meeting-Dinner of the Franklin County Agricultural Extension Association. The event was held at the Kauffman Station Community Center, Kauffman Station.

Deppen who was guest speaker for the meeting-dinner affair spoke on "land and energy, its issues and prospects."

Speaking on the land resources that we now have Deppen related that in Lancaster County 7000 acres of land has been converted to non-agricultural use. He reported hearing from a source in Lancaster County that "all the development in that area could have been consolidated into 1000 acres."

Directors were elected to the Board of the Association during a brief business meeting.

Re-elected to three-year terms were: Marvin E. Hissong, Lemasters, Montgomery Township; and P. Joe Musser, R1 Newburg, Lurgan Township.

New directors elected were: John C. Brake, Mercersburg, Peters Township; Charles H. Myers, R2 Chambersburg, Letterkenny Township; and Barbara Woods, Fannettsburg, Metal Township.

Appreciation plaques were presented to retiring Directors by the Board President James L. Wilson, Lemasters. Retiring Directors were: Mrs. Jean Wengert, R2 Chambersburg; Harold Hoffeditz,

Mercersburg; and Robert A. Woods, Fannettsburg.

John Z. Shearer, Franklin County Extension Director, introduced the 14-staff members from the Franklin County Cooperative Extension Service located in Chambersburg.

Shearer noted the many services provided to area residents by the Extension Service. They include 4-H, Dairy, Homemaker and Nutrition Programs, Livestock, Crops, Resource Development...plus many other areas.

He also noted the largest percentage of staff time is spent on Nutrition Programs, and 4-H and Youth Development Programs.

"Agricultural programs rate second which is a surprise to many people" said Shearer.

"We are proud of what is going on in extension. We need your support and your attendance here tonight shows your support and interest" stated Shearer.

Shearer presented a

colored slide presentation on his trip to Holland and Switzerland this past summer. He was a member of an agricultural group sponsored by the Ceba-Geigy Corporation touring Europe.

Officers of the Franklin County Agricultural Extension Association for 1979 were: James L. Wilson - President, Kenneth E. Myers - vice President, Jean Wengert - Secretary, and Linford Pensinger - Treasurer.

Directors for the past year were: Richard W. Harshman, Chambersburg; Mrs. Edith Doyle, Dry Run; Stanley J. Helman, Chambersburg; Stanley J. Burkholder, Chambersburg; Mrs. Joyce Armstrong, Chambersburg; Robert Stouffer, Chambersburg; Gerald Hammond, Chambersburg; P. Joe Musser, Newburg; Robert A. Woods, Fannettsburg; Marvin E. Hissong, Lemasters; John R. Stoner, Mercersburg; Harold C. Gayman, Waynesboro; Mrs. Betty Wingert, St. Thomas;

Harold L. Wenger, Shippenburg; Donald Keefer, Mercersburg; Andrew Fitz, Waynesboro; Mrs. Jane Goshorn, Dry Run; Mrs. Doris Meyers, Chambersburg; John R. Rotz, St. Thomas; Mrs. Lillian

Gayman, Orrstown; Mrs. Wilma Mickey, Chambersburg; Harold Hoffeditz, Mercersburg; James L. Wilson, Lemasters; Kenneth Myers, St. Thomas; Mrs. Janet Deardorff, Fayetteville; Mrs. Jean Wengert,

Chambersburg; and Mrs. Ethel Barnes, Mercersburg. The Annual Meeting-Dinner Committee members were: Harold Hoffeditz, chairman; Wilma Mickey, Marvin E. Hissong, Doris Meyers, and P. Joe Musser.

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