

Leaner year predicted at meeting

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WYSOX — "Farmers may have a leaner year financially in 1980," predicted Robert Reick, general manager at the Lewisburg office of the Production Credit and Federal Land Bank Associations.

Reick, the main speaker at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Farm Credit Service in Wysox, told the 150 farmer members present that higher costs of energy, chemicals, interest rates, etc. would be a continuing challenge to their management skills.

Paul Sims of Bradford County, chairman of the joint boards of the Production Credit and Land Bank Associations conducted the meeting. He introduced prospective board members as follows: S. Richard Moyer of Union County, versus Donald G. Cotner, Sr.; and Lee Shaffer, Snyder County versus Mervin B. Nissley, Union County; for a term of 3 years in the Northeastern Production Credit Association.

Voting on board members will continue at two more annual meetings in the northeast region after which votes will be tallied, Mr. Sims explained.

Ronald Byrd from the Federal Land Bank office in Virginia spoke briefly to urge the farmers to support legislation updating the Farm Credit Act of 1971.

Lynn Chubbuck, manager, and Edwin J. Howard, field representative, both at the



Robert Reick, left, manager of the Farm Credit Office in Lewisburg, was main speaker at the annual meeting of the Northeastern Credit Service. He shares a laugh with Edwin J. Howard, center, field representative, and Lynn Chubbuck, general manager, both from the Wysox Farm Credit Office.

Wysox Farm Credit Office, were awarded certificates of Achievement for having attended five evening meetings on the topic of Farm Cooperatives. The award was given by the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives and Penn State University.

The meeting was climaxed by the entertainment of Art "Mr. Bones" Richards who played his ebony "bones" accompanied by music amplified from a tape recorder.

The act marked the Richards' 110th performance. He started playing in 1971 as an end

man in a local minstrel show.

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