Farm Credit to open new headquarters Monday ...

— The SPARKS, Md. — The Farm Credit Banks of Baltimore are relocating on Monday, October 20, to a newly constructed headquarters office on York Road, north of Hunt Valley near Sparks, Maryland, according to an announcement by Bank Of-

The Banks were closed on Friday, for the move and will reopen on Monday, October 20 in the new building.

Gene L. Swackhamer, president of the Banks, said the opening of the new building culminates a three year project which began with a renovation study of the present facility. He said growth of the Banks and the need for additional services to manage and support efficiently their \$2.4 billion loan portfolio were primary reasons for the study and the eventual relocation decision.

Swackhamer reported cost of the 90,000 square foot building and furnishings to be about \$8.8 million.

The new Bank utilizes contemporary design and an open office concept throughout much of its area and features a glass roofed two-story coutryard and interior garden/atrium. Extensive interior landscaping was performed in the atrium to create an efficient and pleasant work own successes and failures."

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environment, according to Bank officials.

McCormick Properties, Inc., design/builders constructed the building utilizing the architectural and engineering services of Gaudreau, Inc.

The regional office of the Farm Credit Banks has been located at the corner of St.

Paul and 24th Streets in Baltimore since 1924.

The Banks and affiliated Federal Land Bank and Production Credit Associations located across Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Delaware and Puerto Rico provided short and long term financing to the agricultural sector.

Perry farmers form adult group

NEW BLOOMFIELD -Forty farmers in Greenwood School District, Perry County, gathered for the first time on October 9 to organize an adult farmer group for the purpose of adult education.

Judith Menihan, Director of Research for the Pennsylvania Farmers Association was on hand to explain farm truck regulations and how new legislation will affect farm business.

Merril Brofee, local dairy farmer and group spokesman, said "Farmers in our area can benefit by getting together to learn about new developments in agriculture from many resource people available to us. We can also benefit by comparing notes and our

The group will meet again on November 13 at the Greenwood High School. They will participate in a program on no-till small grains put on by representatives from chemical companies, machinery companies and local farmers.

Brofee indicated if interest in the group continued it would organize formally at the November meeting with the election of officers.

A December 11 meeting is also being scheduled on marketing of farm products.



Special



The Farm Credit Banks of Baltimore's new building, on York Road north of Hunt Valley near Sparks, Maryland, is a contemporary structure featuring a central court and interior garden/atrium. The 90,000 square feet of workspace incorporates a colorful open office landscaping concept to provide for future expansion. Cost of the building and furnishings is \$8.8 million.



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