

Bradford honors

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with technical assistance from the ASCS.

Kiefer lives on a 318-acre dairy farm and has participated in conservation practices for many years and already has an ambitious program for field drainage mapped out for this year.

Eugene Barrett, chairman of the committee, presented Glenn Ford and Daryl Parks with pins for being on the ASC committee for 15 years. Lazell Watkins, newest member on the ASC Committee, was given a certificate for his election to the board for a three-year term.

Lyle Harding, executive director of the ASC, and Susan Shanks, secretary in the ASC office, were both awarded with certificates for 10 years of service.

Michael Lovegreen, executive assistant of the Bradford County Conservation District, acted as master of ceremonies, and introduced the featured speaker, Gordon Conklin, editor of the American Agriculturist, a monthly farm magazine published in Ithaca, N.Y. Conklin entitled his speech, "At the Hinge of History", and discussed the major problems facing the nation's farmers today. Each point was emphasized with

appropriate jokes, making the talk most amusing to the audience.

Energy and inflation were two of the major problems discussed by Conklin who predicted that, as in the past, technology will triumph and solutions will be found.

Mentioning concerns specific to conservation — loss of farmland and soil compaction — Conklin declared that a great deal is being done to preserve farmland. Plans such as development rights are receiving a high level of acceptance by non-farm people who are concerned about their food resource. Soil compaction, caused by bigger and more powerful equipment, can be handled by minimum tillage and longer rotations, he said.

Always in an optimistic tone, Conklin predicted that the federal cut in the ASCS budget will not be as much as proposed, although the most exotic programs may be phased out, because President Reagan and Agriculture Secretary John Block were both directors in the ASCS at one time.

Conklin concluded his talk by saying that "we live in a land blessed as no other - we produce food in abundance. The greatest strength of the United States is its

Delano kicks off Farm Bureau's farm, city festival

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Robert B. Delano, president of the

capacity to produce food in great abundance. Farmers shape the course of human history more than we think".

The entertainment was planned by Susan Shanks. Several talented farm people sang duets and solos to illustrate the life of a farmer. To accompany the music, Susan and her husband, Dave, flashed pictures of familiar places and people on the screen.

The meeting was adjourned after the presentation of nearly 100 door prizes donated by local merchants.

American Farm Bureau Federation, presented a short course in basic agricultural economics to urban-oriented consumers as Farm Bureau kicked off the third annual observance of Farm/City Festival.

Delano told Washington area consumers the nationwide Farm/City Festival is an effort initiated by the women's committee of Farm Bureau to improve communications and provide interaction between farm and nonfarm people.

"Low farm prices are not necessarily the consumer's best friend," Delano said, warning that most expected food cost increases will not be farmer-caused but will

reflect double-digit inflation and increased marketing costs.

He said farmers' production costs have outstripped cash receipts for several years and pointed out about 68 cents of every dollar spent for food goes to those who process, package, haul and deliver food to consumers.

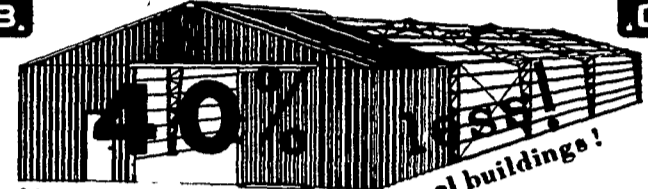
Delano called for a farm program with less government intervention and a market-oriented agriculture with full access to domestic and foreign markets; active support for the economic recovery program package now before Congress; and an economic climate in which farmers will be able to earn a profit.



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