

# Farm and Home Foundation elects officers, honors retiring manager

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**LANCASTER** — Seven directors were elected to serve three year terms on the Board of the Farm and Home Foundation at its annual meeting last Thursday night, and retired Business Manager Howard E. Campbell was honored for his 14 years of service.

Campbell retired in January of this year, after serving as business manager since the building's opening in 1968. In recognition of his "dedicated service," Board President Jay Landis presented Campbell with an engraved Hamilton watch.

In his final report Campbell said, "I have gained the satisfaction of playing a small part in the success of the Center which was undertaken by a courageous group of men." He also recognized the contributions of the Ray Brubaker Family who have served as custodians for the building throughout his tenure.

Elected to the Board were: Mrs. N. Alan Bair, R2 Columbia; Mrs. Fred Crider, R2 Nottingham; Abner Houseknecht, R1 Miller-ville; J. Everett Kreider, Robert Fulton Highway, Quarryville; Jay Landis, 166 Short Lane, Lancaster; Mrs. David Miller 2140 Landis Valley Road, Lancaster; and Larry H. Skromme, 2150 Landis Valley Road, Lancaster.

Mrs. Crider is serving her first term; the other members were re-elected to the position.

President Jay Landis pointed out that the Farm and Home Center has had a "relaxed" year in 1981 with no more mortgage payments. He said that money has been spent on energy conservation measures throughout the building.

Landis introduced the new business manager, Chester Neuin, Landisville, a retired executive from the Armstrong Corporation.

M.M. Smith, former extension county agent, reported as chairman of the Farm and Home Board scholarship committee that 20 scholarships in the amount of \$750 each were awarded in 1981. Recipients represented 13 local school districts, and eight were for students in agriculture, eight in nursing and four in home economics.

Smith said, "This is truly an educational organization and thousands and thousands of people have been educated in this room and others in this building." He added that he hoped to see the scholarships expanded so the Foundation can "truly serve as an educational organization and help young people in the county."

Speaker for the evening was Walter M. Buescher, sponsored by Sperry New Holland, who reflected on the American jigsaw puzzle.

Using an enormous flannel board, Buescher put the puzzle together around the theme that every man, woman and child in this country is surrounded by three forces - church, business and government.

He spoke to each of these three areas, pointing out historical strengths and noting the interrelationships which make up each "force."

Speaking of government, Buescher said, "In a democracy we either will what happens or permit it to happen." He then quoted the famous Pogo who once said, "We have met the enemy and it is us." Buescher said it is a government axiom that you should "always offer to help the poor but always keep some poor around to help."

About inflation, he said, "You now live on a more expensive farm but you didn't have to move."

Buescher said there are improvements needed in each area, noting, "The church has its work cut out for it" with rising divorce and crime rates."

Saluting farmers, Buescher pointed out that they are the largest segment in American business. He said, "Thank goodness that you farmers are the most productive force in the world. You take on every risk of business plus the weather. The American farmer is a great individual."

He concluded, "We've got problems by the millions, but there is no country better able to solve them."

Nearly 150 people attended the annual meeting which featured piano selection by Mary Martin.



Farm and Home Board President Jay Landis, left, presents a Hamilton watch to Howard E. Campbell, retired business manager of the Farm and Home Center. Campbell served in that position for 14 years.



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Walter M. Buescher puts together the pieces of the "American Jigsaw Puzzle" as he addresses the 150 persons attending the annual meeting of the Farm and Home Foundation.

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