

“Country Legacy” features farming through a paintbrush

BERWICK — “Country Legacy,” the theme for the fourth annual spring art exhibit of recent paintings by Carol Slusser Fraind, is scheduled to open Sunday, April 18 in the Kehr Union Building at Bloomsburg State College.

Fraind's rural background and

rural experiences are developed in this collection of more than thirty paintings.

In tribute to America's agricultural heritage, the paintings will eventually be compiled in a book entitled God Loves

Farmers.

Of the farm life, Fraind said, “I enjoy the uniqueness of each farm and the admirable qualities displayed by those involved in agriculture. In current times when taxes climb and utility rates double, it's refreshing to meet people who still believe in co-operation, dedication, hard work,

and independence.”

The concept for “First Furrow,” — the picture shown — was several years in the making, according to Fraind. “I try to make my work as authentic and realistic as possible. Fortunately many people helped me to achieve this goal.

“Recently I read that American farmers are the glue that holds this

country together. Hopefully, my paintings will encourage society to protect and preserve our valuable farming heritage.”

The public is invited to attend the artist's reception on April 18 from 2 to 5 p.m. The showing will continue in the president's lounge of the Kehr Union Bldg. at Bloomsburg State College until May 21.

Block transfers FCIC supervision

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block has announced he is transferring oversight and supervision of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Federal Crop Insurance Corporation from one under secretary of agriculture to another.

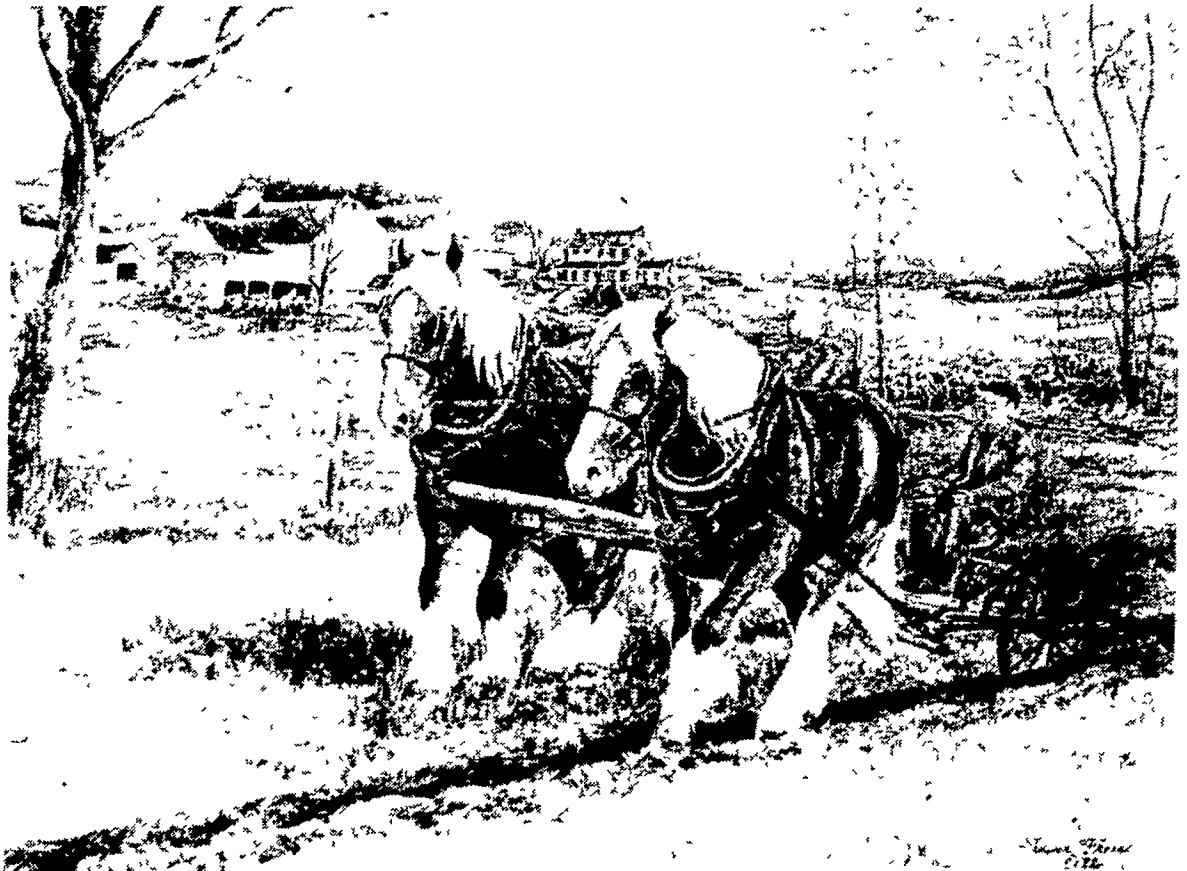
The agency, previously supervised by Seeley Lodwick, under secretary for international affairs and commodity programs, will be transferred to Frank Naylor,

under secretary for small community and rural development.

“This move will provide improved balance by grouping together those agencies which offer essentially financial programs,” Block said. “They include Farmers Home Administration, Rural Electrification Administration and now the all-risk crop insurance program.”

Block said the transfer will also allow agencies reporting to Lodwick to concentrate on production programs to meet growing demand and on developing new markets for farm commodities.

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation was created by Congress in 1938 to insure crops against unavoidable losses and to develop the most practical plan, terms and conditions of insurance for agricultural commodities. Currently the agency is working toward a goal of reinsurance which will offer farmers an all-crop, all-risk insurance through the cooperative efforts with private insurance corporations, Block said.



“First Furrows,” a watercolor painting by Carol Slusser Fraind, depicts the farming life, known to this artist as the better life. Fraind says she tries to make her paintings as

authentic and realistic as possible. Nearly 30 of her paintings will be on display at Bloomsburg State College from April 18 through May 21.



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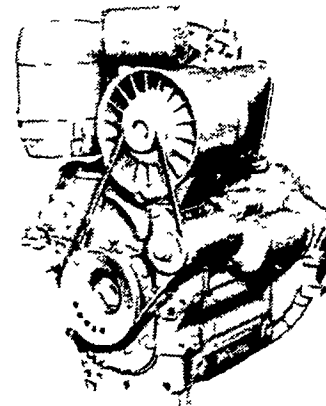
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