

## Hallowell takes Pa. food message to Middle East

**HARRISBURG** — State Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell left Thursday on a 16-day trip to Egypt, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and Greece to support Pennsylvania's efforts to expand foreign trade of food and agriculture products. His trip, scheduled for Feb. 3-19, will include participation in two international food shows in his capacity as president of the Eastern United States Agriculture and Food Export Council.

"The Thornburgh administration has placed a priority on expanding foreign markets for Pennsylvania food products," Hallowell said. "Agricultural exports provide us with a favorable balance of trade, support the domestic economy and create jobs here at home."

"United States farm product exports created a million-plus jobs for Americans and generated more than \$82 billion in the export-related economic community in 1980," Hallowell said.

The Agriculture Secretary will attend the U.S. Solo Food Products Exhibition in Manama, Bahrain Feb. 7-10. The show, organized by the Foreign Agriculture Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is providing an opportunity for 40 U.S. firms to exhibit their wares to buyers from Egypt, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirate.

Hallowell said, three Pennsylvania firms are among the 40 American companies at the show. They are the Bachman Pretzel Company of Reading, Hanover Brands, Inc. of Hanover and the

Empire Kosher Poultry Co. of Mifflintown.

The same three firms will also show at Saudi Food '83, Feb. 12-15 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, a similar food trade show geared strictly toward Saudi Arabian buyers.

Hallowell will spend several days in Cairo prior to the shows, and will stop in Athens en route home. He has offered to make

business contacts in those cities for Pennsylvania farm organizations and agribusinesses.

"The United States has a net export trade balance of more than \$1.4 billion each year from trade with these eight nations," Hallowell said. "Pennsylvania's farm and food companies now recognize the Middle East as very fertile ground for expanding

foreign sales, because the demand for value-added agricultural products is increasing in the region.

"We will continue our efforts to help Pennsylvania agribusinesses take advantage of trade opportunities in the Middle East and in other regions of the world where demand for top quality products is growing," he said.

## Franklin Extension Assn. elects directors

**CHAMBERSBURG** — Seven new members were seated on the Board of Directors of the Franklin County Agricultural Extension Association last Friday during the annual meeting at Kauffmans Station. All terms will be for three years.

Four of these were elected by the membership to represent various townships. These included: Carl D. Wenger, Letterkenny Township; Isaac Horst, Lurgan Township; William E. Swales, Metal Township; and Clarence Stouffer, Montgomery Township.

Three new directors-at-large were appointed by the elected directorship the same evening: Rebecca Schoenberg, Paxton Run

Road, Shippensburg; Herbert L. Stoner, Renninger Road, Mercersburg; and Terry Gillan, Schoolhouse Road, St. Thomas.

John C. Brake, Mercersburg, was re-elected to serve a three-year term, representing Peters Township. Wilma Mickey, Lincoln Way West, Chambersburg was re-

appointed to serve at-large for a second three-year term.

The full twenty-seven-member Board conducts the business of the Franklin County Agricultural Extension Association, and cooperates with the Penn State Extension staff in the carrying out of a broad-based informal

educational program in Franklin County.

New officers, and other members of the Executive Committee, as well as various delegates, will be elected from within the Board at the first regular Board meeting to be held next Tuesday in the Valleybank Building, Chambersburg.

## PGC gets new ex. director

**HARRISBURG** — Peter S. Duncan III was sworn in as executive director of the Pennsylvania Game Commission following a meeting of the commissioners in Harrisburg on Jan. 25.

The oath of office was ad-

ministered by Commonwealth Court Judge Joseph T. (Ted) Doyle. Duncan took the oath in the presence of his wife Rebecca and son Andrew, members of the commission and commission employees.

Duncan, secretary of the

Department of Environmental Resources prior to assuming his new post, becomes the fifteenth executive director of the Game Commission, which was created in 1895. He succeeds Glenn L. Bowers.

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