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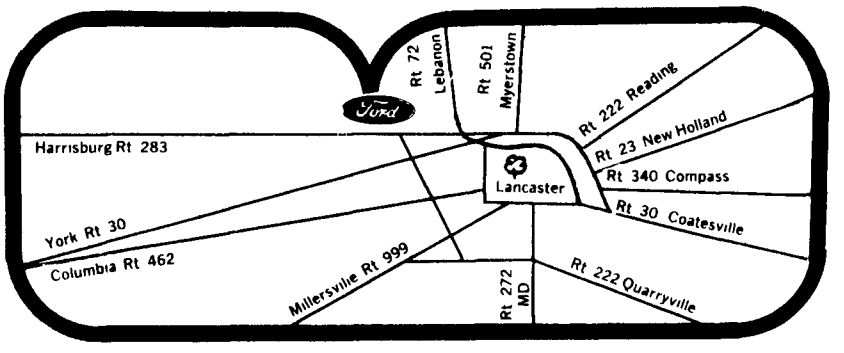

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Md. plans pesticide conference next week

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — The 13th annual Maryland Agricultural Pesticide Conference is scheduled at two locations next week on consecutive days east and west of the Chesapeake Bay.

An Eastern Shore version is set for Wednesday at the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center in Salisbury. On Thursday, a virtual rerun will be presented at the Sheraton Inn. south of Frederick.

The daylong educational program will include presentations on enforcement history, legal ramifications of pesticide misuse, cross-contamination prevention, pyrethroid insecticides, post-emergence grass herbicides, and disposal of pesticides and used containers.

In addition, bulk handling of pesticides will be addressed at the Frederick meeting, according to Amy E. Brown, Extension pesticide coordinator in the entomology department at the University of Maryland in College Park. Ms. Brown is this year's conference coordinator.

She reports that registration at both meeting sites will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the program sessions getting under way promptly at 9 o'clock. A registration fee which includes lunch will be payable at the door.

Local arrangements for the Salisbury meeting are being handled by Wayne V. Shaff, county Extension agricultural agent in Wicomico county; phone: (301) 749-6141. Arrangements at Frederick are being handled by Terry E. Poole, county Extension agricultural agent in Frederick county; phone: (301) 694-1594. Further information is available from Ms. Brown's office on the College Park campus; Phone: (301) 454-7127.

The conference is intended for county Extension agents as well as agricultural custom pesticide applicators, dealers, distributors and sales representatives. In addition, plant protection workers from the Maryland Department of Agriculture will be on hand. Other interested persons — especially farmers — are also welcome.

As in most past years, the meeting will serve as the initial distribution point for the annual edition of Maryland Extension Bulletin 237, Pest Control Recommendations for Field Crops. It is also a qualifying meeting for state recertification in Category I for custom applicators.

Since its inception in 1955, the pesticide conference has been conducted each year by Cooperative Extension Service specialists from the University of Maryland. The state Department of Agriculture has been a co-sponsor since 1973.

Next week's meetings mark the return to a traditional policy of separate meetings on both sides of the Chesapeake Bay. In two previous years, the conference had followed the one-day, one-location policy which marked its early years.

This year's Eastern Shore meeting site — the Wicomico Youth and Civic Center — is located behind the Salisbury Shopping Mall, off U.S. highway 50, in southeast Salisbury.

The western Maryland site — the Sheraton Inn — is located south of Frederick, adjacent to the Francis Scott Key shopping mall, near the intersection of highways I-270 and 85 (Buckeystown Pike).

Sire Power names manager

TUNKHANNOCK — Michael Creek, Blacksburg, Va. has been named to the staff position of National Sales Manager for Sire Power, Inc., according to R. Rinell Vincent, Director of Marketing.

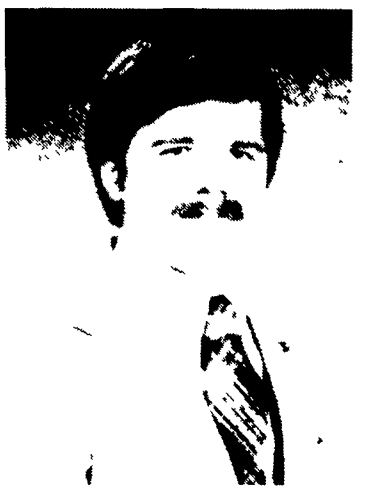
As National Sales Manager, he will be responsible for Sire Power sales throughout the United States, outside the Sire Power membership areas of West Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, and Eastern Pennsylvania. He will supervise Sire Power Regional and District Sales Managers, and Sire Power Domestic Distributors.

He brings to his new position a strong background in agriculture. Prior to his new appointment, he served as the District Sales Manager for Sire Power in Southern Vir nia and North Carolina since January of 1982.

He is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (VPI) with a degree in Dairy Science.

Also, since 1978 Mike has worked on the Palmyra Ayrshire Farm of Ralph W. Shank, Sr., Hagerstown, Maryland, with various responsibilities.

While an undergraduate of VPI, Mike was active in the Virginia Tech Dairy Club serving as Chairman of the 1980 Little All-American Banquet Committee, and Chairman of the club's annual cheese sale in 1981. He was also a member of the 1981 VPI Dairy Cattle Judging Team, and served on other dairy club committees, as well as Vice-President of the Virginia Tech Wildlife Society. Active in breeding and showing dairy cattle, Mike is a member of the Ayrshire Breeders Association.



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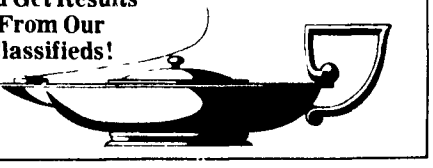
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