

Crawford Farmers Assn. meets

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MEADVILLE — The Crawford County Farmers' Association held its annual meeting recently at "The Center", Perkins

Restaurant, Meadville.

One hundred members and guests attended. President Jack Post presided over the meeting and introduced guests, including several elected officials. A letter

was also read from U.S. Congressman Tom Ridge expressing his interest in farmers in Crawford County and his regrets for being unable to attend.

The evening got off to a lively

start with Sherry Stanton of Conneaut Lake and her four "ag recruiters". Stanton is the chairman of the "Ag in the Classroom" program which is designed to acquaint school children with agriculture. The recruiters are searching for persons to help by taking pictures, speaking, and inviting children to tour their operations.

Myron Ludwick, State Director for District 14 which includes Erie, Crawford and Warren counties, thanked and congratulated Crawford County on their strong organization. Ludwick will not seek reelection and in leaving his position he urged members to support the elected officials.

Sue Ludwick reported on the activities of the State Women's Committee. "Calendars for Safety" are being sold for \$1.00 each. Also important to PFA members is the Young Farm Couples Conference. Roberta McConnell of Mercer Co. spoke on her involvement with this. She and her husband were the first couple from Pennsylvania to ever be

chosen to serve on the National Committee. Although this occurred four years ago she is still active and encouraged Crawford County to send couples to the conferences.

Crawford County Dairy Princess Nancy Jo Mitrich was on hand to tell of the recent State Pageant at which she was selected first runner-up. District 14 was well represented at the pageant as Erie County's Lynette Loper was crowned 1984 Pa. Dairy Princess.

Legislation was a topic at the meeting. Cal Ernst of the Legislative Committee spoke about the '85 Farm Bill. He pointed out that farmers are being heard, especially by Tom Ridge who hosted an Ag Forum in April within the county.

President Post then reviewed the Legislative Tour held September 28. Three operations were visited by State Senator Roy Wilt, State Representatives Tom Swift, Jim Merry, and Robin Robbins and all three County Commissioners. Diversified operations of Robert and Jean Boozer, Calvin and Marcia Ernst and Dave and Donna Reusing were toured to increase understanding of farmers' problems.

Leon Sweatman, Tour Chairman, then presented a gift to Donna Reusing in appreciation of her secretarial efforts and meal preparation that helped to make the tour a success.

Twenty local, state and national policies were discussed and voted on. Most of these were adopted.

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Speakers at Crawford County Farmers Assn. annual meeting include, from the left, Myron Ludwick, State Director of District 14; Sue Ludwick, of State Women's Committee; and Roberta McConnell, active supporter of Young Farm Couples program.



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