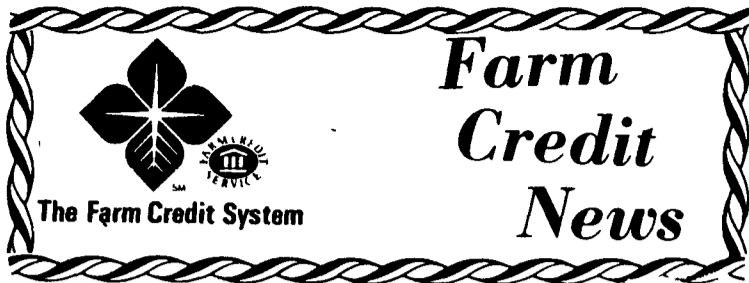


# 33 cooperative directors graduate from second directors school



UNIVERSITY PARK — Thirty-three directors from twenty-two cooperatives around the state of Pennsylvania, as well as New York and Virginia, graduated from the second annual Pennsylvania Cooperative Director School recently held at Penn State.

"Coming to the Cooperative Director School will be one of those decisions that will benefit you for years to come," said Dr. Samuel H. Smith, dean of the College of Agriculture at Penn State, at the graduation ceremony. "This was your chance to learn some techniques and skills that will help you as directors and managers improve profitability and improve the quality of farm and rural life."

"As directors, you are elected to provide leadership to your

cooperative. Many times during your term of office you are faced with a dual challenge. First, you were elected to represent the membership of the cooperative. Second, you are charged by law with the duty to conduct business reasonably."

Chester Heim, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, said, "Cooperatives play a key role in keeping Pennsylvania at the forefront of production activities in the United States and agricultural marketing. Leaders of these businesses must recognize their responsibilities and the opportunities as directors in maintaining sound business organizations if Pennsylvania is to continue as a leading agricultural state."

Dr. Smith and Chet Heim presented plaques and certificates to each director confirming his successful completion of the training.

The school was sponsored by the College of Agriculture, Penn State, and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture with the cooperation of the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives (PAFC).

Faculty from cooperatives and the College of Agriculture taught two phases over a five-day period.

The Cooperative Director School

is held annually. The topics and sessions are geared to the needs of directors and to their boards. There are over 1,000 directors

serving on boards of Pennsylvania's cooperatives eligible to benefit from this unique learning experience.



York Farm Credit officials are congratulated after completing the recent cooperative Directors School at Penn State. From left are Jay V. Rush, General Manager of the York Farm Credit Service; J. Maynard Weary, FLBA of York Director, Cumberland County; Marlin E. Miller, PCA of York Director, Cumberland County; Dr. Samuel Smith, dean of the College of Agriculture at Penn State; and Chester Heim, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture.



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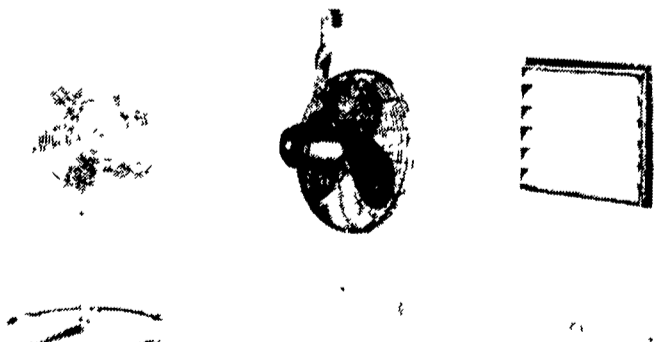
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