

## Dr. Miller to speak at Maryland Alumni Dinner

COLLEGE PARK, MD — The newly appointed Vice President for Agricultural Affairs and Provost of the UMCP Division of Agricultural and Life Sciences, Dr. Raymond Miller, is slated as guest speaker for the annual College of Agriculture Alumni Faculty Fellowship Dinner Thursday, March 20 in Ellicott City, Md. Miller, who assumed his position

with The University of Maryland College Park Jan. 1, comes to UMCP from the University of Idaho, where he was dean of the College of Agriculture. Prior to joining the Idaho faculty, Miller held administrative and faculty appointments at the University of Illinois and North Carolina State University. The new vice president and

provost is the first person to hold the joint appointment at the College Park campus. The Board of Regents last year voted to combine the two positions, giving the incumbent strong authority to direct statewide programs in agriculture.

As vice president, Miller is responsible to University President John S. Toll for

University-wide coordination of agricultural programs and the general direction of statewide aspects of the Agricultural Experiment Station and the Cooperative Extension Service. As provost he is the chief executive of the Division of Agricultural and Life Sciences on the College Park Campus and reports to the vice chancellor for academic affairs.

An agronomist by training, Miller received his doctorate in soil physical chemistry from Purdue University in 1962, and is a fellow of the American Society of Agronomy and of the Soil Science Society of America.

Awards for excellence in research, teaching and extension will be presented to three current UMCP faculty, rounding out the evening's activities at the March 20 dinner. The Agriculture Alumni Chapter, will also recognize meritorious service by an alumnus and an outstanding senior agriculture major, according to current chapter president David Miller ('66) of Frederick.

The annual dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Turf Valley Country Club in Ellicott City. Reservations are \$16 (\$8 for UMCP students). Advance registration is required; requests should be sent to Bob Beiter, College of Agriculture, 2113 Symons Hall, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742.

For further information, contact Sherri Ramsburg Smith in West Friendship, Md., at (301) 489-5048.

### Farm Toy Show

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to shows and auctions. They saw other tractors they liked and started to buy. Then, says Revenna, other people found out they collected tractors and asked the Barricks to find specific tractors for them.

Now the Barricks attend at least one show per month, traveling as far as New York, Toledo, and Lafayette, Indiana. The Carlisle show will be the first where they will sell some of their collection.

Brandon runs a dairy operation with his father Boyd Weary and his brother Brian at R.D. #6, Newville. Nothing against Olivers, says Brandon, but he prefers Allis-Chalmers tractors, both in the fields and in the collector's showcase. About half his collection are Allis-Chalmers.

"I just like to collect," says Brandon. "Just to keep them in the family and to pass on to my family, whenever that starts." His admitted favorite is a mint condition Allis-Chalmers 7030, with a maroon belly. Since he purchased it, Brandon says the tractor's value has gone up at least eight times. Part of this is because Allis-Chalmers made a newer series of tractors with a black belly.

Revenna says, "I don't think people will realize the value of the toys they have until they go to the show and see what these tractors bring across the country." Most of the toys are made of metal, plastic or cast iron. Tractor sizes range from 1/64th scale, matchbox size, through table top size, which is 1/16th scale. There will be some pedal tractors at the sale.

She notes the nostalgia aspect as well. "This has to be something that interests you, something from your past. One man started collecting because he saw a tractor like one his father used to use."

Brandon adds, "When I'm an old man I can tell my grandkids, that's what I farmed with when I was a boy."

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