

Weaver's 31st annual Spring Sale draws buyers from five states

LEOLA — Prices were about average, interest was high and the weather couldn't have been better as M. M. Weaver and Sons held its annual spring housecleaning auction of used and trade-in farm equipment.

The event, which attracted 727 registered buyers this year, began 31 years ago when the Leola firm decided to unload its inventory of machinery trade-ins.

Monday's event drew participants from New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware and New York, to buy consigned and used merchandise. Most of the consignments came from individual farmers who were trying to get rid of unnecessary equipment, said Ervin Weaver from the host firm.

The crowd paid over \$300,000 for the more than 500 items, consuming \$2,500 worth of hot dogs

and soups during the day-long affair.

Tractors were off in sales, Weaver said, while field equipment sold well. Prices ranged from 50-cent and \$1 items to a \$27,300 bid on a combine.

Auctioneers for the event were John Stauffer and Paul Martin of J and P Auctions, assisted by Randy Kline.



"Sold," says auctioneer Randy Kline (center, white hat), as bidding concludes on a Massey-Ferguson harvest wagon.



A large crowd engulfs John Stauffer as he sells one of the many smaller pieces of equipment offered at the sale.



Tractor prices were off slightly, probably reflecting the volume and variety of pieces available.

Vaughn appointed

ARLINGTON, VA — The board of directors of Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association, Inc., named Robert E. Vaughn general manager of the producer organization effective mid-January 1986.

Vaughn, a graduate of the University of Maryland, has served both as a field represen-

tative and as the division manager at the cooperative's Manufacturing Plant in Laurel, Md.

Vaughn succeeds James E. Click who after 40 years with the cooperative is retiring as general manager, a position he has held for 22 years. Click will continue to hold the secretary-treasurer position that he has held since 1964.

Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association, Inc., located here, is a 1350-member organization with member-owners in five states. The dairy-farmer producer cooperative has supplied raw milk since 1920 to the majority of processors in the Washington, D.C. and Virginia markets.



BUSINESS NEWS...

Massey-Ferguson creates 'MF Club'

DES MOINES, IA — Massey-Ferguson has launched a new and exciting concept in the agricultural industry — the MF Club — offering special privileges and cost-saving benefits to owners of MF equipment.

Two years in development, the MF Club will provide farmers and their families an added value to MF ownership, and make available more personalized contact between Massey-Ferguson and its customers.

Some of the unique benefits available to MF Club members include the opportunity to charge parts and service at participating MF dealers with the new Sears Discover Card, and substantial savings on group insurance programs including major medical, life, disability (income protection), hospital indemnity, and annuities. A free \$10,000 personal accident policy is issued automatically upon enrollment in the club.

Members also have the opportunity to participate in MF Club travel to exciting destinations. Reservations are now available for trips to Disney World in Orlando, Expo '86 in Vancouver, Hawaii, and a European Farm Tour. All

trips are available to MF Club members at savings over normal travel costs.

Other member benefits include discounts on hotel/motels, car rentals, MF Club clothing and other merchandise.

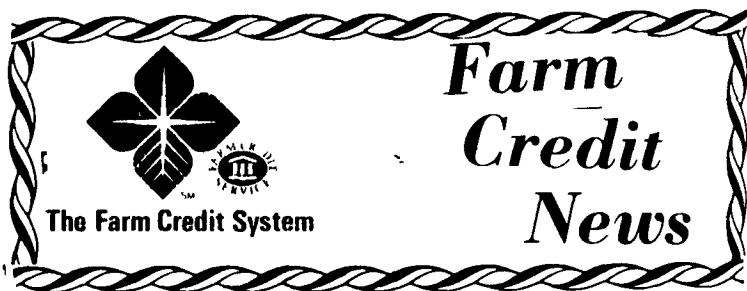
Massey-Ferguson will continue to add new programs and new benefits in 1986, all at great savings to MF Club members.

An MF Club Headquarters Hotline is available for the exclusive use of MF Club members, and a regularly issued newsletter will keep members informed of Club activities around the world.

Membership in the MF Club is open to all owners of new or used Massey-Ferguson tractors, combines, swathers, and balers, or new implements.

The annual membership fee is \$25.00. However, during 1986, new members will receive a \$25 MF parts certificate upon enrollment in the club, so that membership the first year is actually free.

An MF Club brochure and membership application form are available at Massey-Ferguson dealerships, or write to MF Club, 1901 Bell Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50315.



New director at Farm Credit

BALTIMORE — The Board of Directors of the Farm Credit Banks of Baltimore announces the selection of a new district director to fill the unexpired term of Harold K. Bailey who died last October. E. McDonald Berryman was elected to the board by the Federal Land Bank Associations.

Born in Surry County, Virginia, Berryman, 39, now makes his home in Elberon, Virginia. A diversified farmer, Berryman's operation includes 250 acres of peanuts, 350 acres of corn, 500 acres of small grain and soybeans along with 200 sows in a hog operation. He also has 500 acres of pine timber.

Along with his farming background, Berryman has served

as past president of the Federal Land Bank Association in Waverly, Virginia. He is presently a director for the Farmers United, Inc., and Southern States Cooperative and has served as a former director for the Virginia-Carolina Peanut Association.

Berryman belongs to the Surry Ruritan and is active in the Oak Grove Methodist Church where he is assistant Sunday school director.

The seven member board of directors sets lending policies for the Farm Credit Banks of Baltimore and their 26 affiliated Federal Land Bank Associations and Production Credit Associations across the Baltimore Farm Credit District.

Pioneer researcher to aid crop group

TIPTON, IN — The Conservation Tillage Information Center (CTIC) announced recently that the Agronomy Services Department Manager for the Eastern Division of Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc. was elected a member of its executive committee.

Dr. Robert Palmer was elected at the organization's national meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. He replaces Marlin Edwards, director of Agricultural Resources for Pioneer. Palmer is also a member of the CTIC Research Sub committee.

"Pioneer has a long, active

history of supporting conservation efforts and promoting agricultural practices that conserve soil and water resources at the same time they maximize income potential. Election to this committee is a continuation of the company's efforts in these areas in addition to being a personal honor," Palmer says.

The CTIC officially opened in Fort Wayne, Indiana on January 1, 1983. Its purpose is to serve as a clearinghouse for the collection and dissemination of conservation tillage information.