

Hood Observes Delaware County Agriculture

Even though you can count the number of dairy farms in Delaware County on your fingers, and, even though the number of acres occupied by condominiums is greater than the number of acres occupied by field corn and soybeans, Delaware County has a

large agricultural industry according to Jeff Jabco, Delaware County Extension Agricultural Agent. Recently, Penn State University's new Dean for the College of Agriculture visited several of the agricultural businesses in the county.

Lamartine F. Hood assumed his duties as the tenth dean of the College of Agriculture on March 1 of this year.

Dean Hood grew up in Bucks county and received his B.S. and PhD from Penn State in dairy science and food science,

respectively.

Hood comes to Penn State from Cornell University where he was director of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station and associate director for research in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. He was responsible for Cornell's research and extension programs involving the production and processing of fruits and vegetables. Hood went to Cornell in 1968 as an assistant professor of food science.

Part of the Dean's job is director of Pennsylvania's Cooperative Extension Service, which offers informal education programs of The Pennsylvania State University to the residents of the Commonwealth in family living, agriculture, 4-H and the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program. Penn State is an affirmative action, equal opportunity employer. The extension service is "cooperative" because appropriations are allocated from the Delaware County Council, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the federal government.

Most rural communities associate the extension service with the "county agent" who gives agricultural advice. Delaware County has a large agricultural industry in greenhouse production, the tree service and lawn care industries, and nursery/garden

center operations. Dean Hood, his wife Emeline, and Jim McKeehen, Regional Assistant Director for Southeast Pennsylvania visited several of the county's agricultural enterprises. McKeehen is Delaware County's former Agricultural Agent.

Mostardi's Greenhouse and Garden Center, Newtown Square, was the first stop of the day. The garden center, greenhouse and outdoor chrysanthemum production was shown by Steve Mostardi, owner. The next stop of the day was lunch at The Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore College. Judy Zuk, director of the Arboretum, and her staff were hosts to Delaware County arborists, William Johnston and John Ward, and the Dean's group. Following lunch and a tour of the arboretum, a visit was made to Wedgewood Gardens, Glen Mills, and was hosted by owner Joseph Hoplamazan. Wedgewood Gardens is primarily a wholesale greenhouse operation, growing foliage, bedding and flowering potted plants.

Dean Hood enjoyed visiting some of the agricultural operations in Delaware County and, as was told by Jim McKeehen, "we wanted the Dean to see some of Pennsylvania's agriculture other than cows."

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The Second Annual Northeast Trade Show

Resorts International Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey

Sunday, November 9, 1986

- 2:00 Northeast Trade Show Kick-Off Speaker: Donald L. Shiflet, Senior Vice President, Farm Credit Banks of Baltimore, presents "A Lender's Perspective of Agriculture in the Northeast Today and Tomorrow."
- 3:00 Visit over 90 exhibitors as the show floor opens for the day.
- 3:00 Receive FREE Cholesterol Screening.
- 6:00 Exhibitor booths close for the night. Common hospitality hour opens on the show floor.

Monday, November 10, 1986

- 7:30 EggPAC Breakfast
- 9:00 Professor George B. Walter from Lawrence University presents "No Man Is An Island."
- 9:45 Suzanne S. Harris, Ph.D., Deputy Assistant Secretary of Food and Consumer Services, USDA, speaks on "U.S. Food Consumption Trends and Cholesterol Education"
- 10:30 Attend your choice of two "can't miss" workshops: "Leasing and Agriculture — A New Environment," presented by Jay M. Swanson, National Marketing Manager - Agriculture, of John Hancock Leasing Corp., Boston, MA; "Insuring Your Enterprise - In A Changing Marketplace," presented by William Fox, Jr., President of Balis & Co., Inc., Philadelphia, PA
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Rockey Marks 25 Years With PSU

UNIVERSITY PARK — Assistant to the director of agricultural short courses Melvin B. Rockey has been with The Pennsylvania State University for 25 years.

Starting as an assistant registrar in 1961, Rockey transferred to the College of Agriculture in 1964. He coordinates short courses and conferences in agriculture.

"The College of Agriculture works with state program leaders for the Cooperative Extension Service, academic departments, and agricultural industries to develop educational programs for practitioners and consultants. We coordinate them with those offered by the rest of the University. This

system has worked out well," says Rockey. In all, Penn State offers more than 450 programs for professional development.

Among the most popular short courses in agriculture are the Tax Week Workshops, the Ice Cream Short Course and the Penn State Turfgrass Conference. "Workshops in farm management have been an area of growth lately and this year we have nearly 25 programs scheduled," he says.

Rockey received a bachelor's degree in general agriculture and a master's degree in agricultural economics, both from Penn State. He is involved in many college and community activities.

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