## **Cooperative Assn. Annual Meeting Set**

HARRISBURG — "Financing Agriculture Into the Next Century is the theme for the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives (PAFC) annual meeting, set September 29-30 here at the Sheraton-West.

Featured speaker at the evening banquet is Lt. Governor Mark Singel, who is discussing rural economic development in the Commonwealth.

The two-day symposium, designed for Northeastern cooperatives, begins Tuesday, September 29 with remarks by PAFC President Robert M. Dever, the assistant general manager of Atlantic Dairy Cooperative. The invited keynote speaker is Rep. Ed Jones, Tennessee.

Following the keynote, a distinguished panel is set to discuss the issue of financing both production agriculture and the agriculture and rural electric cooperatives that support that industry.

Farm Credit Administration Board Member Marvin Duncan is one of the panelists. He is joined by Paul Johnson, general manager of Agri-Mark; Roger Albee, Springfield Farm Credit Service; and Reider Bennett-White, Baltimore Farm Credit Service.

Three break-out sessions focus on financing production agriculture, the future of the Bank for Cooperative system and innovative financing options for cooperatives.

The annual awards banquet honors both an educator and a person who has shown distinguished service to PAFC and the cooperative movement. Past recipients of the Distinguished Service Award include Robert Reich, president of Northeastern Farm Credit; Wally Dunlap, past PAFC administrative director; Hal Doran, Penn State extension specialist in cooperative

mer Agway board chairman.

The second day's program is highlighted by the fourth annual Cooperative Month kick-off breakfast. The annual business meeting follows.

Registration for the full conference, which includes all meals and conference materials, is only

education; and George Steele, for- \$95.00 until September 18. Registration is an additional Registration for Tuesday's program is only \$75.00 until September 18. After that date, fees increase \$15.00.

The final event is the first Cooperative Month Classic, a golf outing at Silver Spring Golf Course. The four-man scramble features prizes and a steak dinner.

\$35.00.

The Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives is a trade association representing about 40 agricultural and rural cooperatives that contribute more than \$3 billion to the economy of the Commonwealth each year.

## Franklin Conservation Banquet Set

CHAMBERSBURG (Franklin Co.) - The Franklin County Conservation District and the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service will hold a joint banquet on September 24, 1987, at the Lurgan Lions Club Building in Roxbury. The family style turkey and beef dinner will begin at 6:45 p.m. You are invited to come early and greet the Commodity Queens of Franklin County at 6:30 P.M. Cost of the tickets are \$7.00.

Boyd E. Wolff, Pennsylvania's Secretary of Agriculture, will be the guest speaker. Mr. Wolff has been a member of Pennsyvlania's family of farmers since birth. He was born into a farm family 55 years ago and has made farming a way of life for himself and his family.

The 1987 Conservation Farmer of the Year will be announced at the banquet. The Franklin County ASCS office will present service awards and briefly summarize their annual report.

Tickets are available from the Franklin County ASCS Office (263-8451), your ASC County and Community Committeemen, the Franklin County Conservation District office (264-8074), or the Franklin County Conservation District Directors and Associate Directors.

To ensure your seat at this year's banquet, make your reservations early.

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