

## Antique Tractor Club Hold Banquet

KEMPTON (Berks Co.)— You probably could call this antique engine tractor and toy club the fastest-growing farm organization in the world. Only organized last year, the club already has 313 members, and about 200 of them

were out at the annual dinner social last Saturday evening at the Kempton Fire Hall. Everyone seemed to be having a wonderful time.

David Semmel, secretary-treasurer, and Sterling Zimmerman, chairman of the board, were

honored as charter members, and Emma Burkhart, 86 years young, received the table bouquet as the oldest member present.

Four farm equipment dealers who happen to be members of the club were honored for long-time

service to the community: Norman Flicker (Massey Ferguson), Kermit Kistler (John Deere), Charles Snyder (Ford New Holland) and Russel Angstadt (John Deere).

According to Mel Riehl, president, these dealers have served agriculture a combined total of 138 years. Some have the third and fourth generation now in the business. And in earlier times, they

recall that farmers traded in horses and cows for tractors.

The Lehigh River Chorus, a barbershop group, presented the entertainment. To provide funds for the organization, model tractors were auctioned off to the highest bidder. The donated models brought \$35, \$42.50, \$35 and \$40 respectively.

## Farm Credit

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will have four directors.

Chester County dairy farmer William Moore has held the appointed position since 1982. He declined the opportunity to run for election, and after a lengthy nomination process, two candidates emerged for voter scrutiny and decision. Although both are leaders in their respective industries, there is a marked contrast in their cooperative and Farm Credit leadership.

One is 49-year-old York County dairy farmer Ralph McGregor. He is an involved cooperative

member-owner, serving for six years as a director of the York Farm Credit Association; he is also past chairman. He also markets his milk cooperatively through Atlantic Dairy Cooperative and served as a district president in that organization.

Moreover, McGregor is a member of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Cooperative Director School Advisory Committee and is a graduate of the annual leadership school. He is also a member of the PFA Legal Defense Fund and vice president of the Dover Area School Board. Active in his community, McGregor is a member of the Washington Township Planning Commission and is active in the Lutheran Church.

He is opposed by a poultry processor/operator from Harrisonburg, Virginia, R.H. "Twig" Strickler. Strickler, a 59-year-old poultryman, retired in 1985 as chief executive officer of Rocco Enterprises, Inc; he currently serves as chairman of the board. Rocco is a vertically integrated turkey and chicken operation with 350 farmers.

Strickler also owns Dogwood Hill Farms, a poultry and sheep operation.

He is currently vice president of the Rockingham Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, board chairman of Blue Cross of Virginia and a member of the Methodist Church. In the 1960s and 1970s, Strickler was active in the Virginia State Poultry Federation and the Virginia Agribusiness Council, serving as president of each.

The Baltimore Farm Credit District encompasses Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and Puerto Rico. There are approximately 52,000 farmer owners in this system; about one-third of those owners are from Pennsylvania. The System has made more than \$2.4 billion in PCA and FLBA loans; again, approximately one-third of that loan volume originates in the Commonwealth.

Ballots for the at-large seat were mailed the first week in October and must be received by the Farm Credit Administration by December 4. If you have not done so, find that ballot and vote. Biographical information on each candidate is available in your local Farm Credit office; information for this article was taken from those data sheets as well as a mailing Strickler made to Farm Credit borrowers.

System stockholders have a unique opportunity to exercise local control with the advent of this general election.



At the Antique Engine, Tractor and Toy Club dinner are (L to R): Norman Flicker, Charles Snyder, Kermit Kistler and Russell Angstadt.



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