

# Worker's Compensation May 'Self-Destruct,' Says PFA

WEST CHESTER (Chester Co.) — "Workers comp is self-destructing across the country," Vicki Gittlen, Pennsylvania Farmers Association (PFA) insurance director for Region 1, explained to the directors of the Chester/Delaware Farmers Association at their monthly meeting held here recently.

In other business, the board considered activities for Farm/City Day, membership planning, update on policy development, and recognized outstanding insurance service by Melba King, county insurance agent.

"There is abuse in the system. It is very difficult to find carriers. Unless the system is improved, the State Workmans Insurance Fund will be the only carrier of workers comp insurance," Gittlen said. "Any coverage that has health care clauses in it will soon disappear. This applies to any coverage such as automobile and liability coverage. PFA is represented on a statewide board trying to correct the abuses and prevent a collapse of the system."

Gittlen credited Melba King, Lincoln University, as being an outstanding insurance agent.

"Melba is one of seven agents across the state who have been qualified for a trip to the American Farm Bureau Federation Convention, held in Kansas City, Missouri in January of 1992," Gittlen said. King has been awarded the

trip for five years in a row for her outstanding service to Chester County farmers.

Susan McCordie, West Chester, is the new membership processor for the Chester/Delaware Farmers Association. She will be recording new members as well as renewals.

Policies developed at community meetings will be voted on at the fall dinner meeting of the Chester/Delaware Farmers Association, September 26, at the Octorara Presbyterian Church, Parkesburg, Richard Breckbill, president, Oxford Barclay Hoopes, vice-president, Landenberg, is chairman of the policy development committee. He will carry all policies adopted at this meeting to the State PFA Policy Committee meeting on October 31 in preparation for PFA's annual meeting November 18-20 in Hershey.

David Herr, Parkesburg, chairman for the dinner, said that the speaker would be Keith Eckel, president of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association. Members are urged to make reservations soon for the event.

"The government relations committee is locating county farms where legislators will be invited to meet and visit with farmers association members," said Bob Lange, chairman, Malvern. This is part of the committee's program for members and legislators to examine farming

problems and exchange ideas.

Michael Maule, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Maule, Avondale, has won a \$100 savings bond at the state level for his safety poster submission, said Linda Hicks, chairman of the women's committee, West Chester. His poster will be included in the 1992, PFA calendar. He is also eligible for a grand prize of another savings bond.

Farm/City Day will be held Saturday, October 26. Tentative plans include a visit to a nursery, dairy farm, sheep and game-bird farm, and vegetable farm. The farms will be grouped in eastern Chester and western Delaware counties. Further information will be available October 1, Hicks said.

Ed Cannon, Avondale, regional liaison with DER, said that a meeting of county coordinators in the region was being set up for October. He expects that many of the farming complaints now being sent to DER can be resolved at the county level.

Roy Romberger, regional organization director, PFA, Elverson,

asked directors to consider making available a life membership in PFA and the American Farm Bureau. This would be limited to 1,000 members statewide. It would be used to fund an endowment. The interest would provide

funding for the local and state associations.

Romberger asked the board to contribute to a traveling exhibit that could be used at fairs and meetings.

## Perry County Holds Family Day

NEW BLOOMFIELD (Perry Co.) — Looking for something new to do with your family that doesn't cost money? Then why not join the Perry County Family Issues Task Force on October 5 at 10 a.m. at the West Perry Middle School located in New Bloomfield.

This year's theme is "Recycling: A Family Affair." Dr. Katherine Bowen, assistant professor of Extension Education, will be the guest speaker at 10:30 a.m. She will provide families with ways they can get into the recycling habit. Also, during the day various groups will present skits on recycling, Rick Smiley will thrill children with his magic show, and Ronald McDonald will be there at noon to entertain everyone. Sever-

al 4-H clubs will display their animals at the petting zoo. Parents will be able to browse through several agencies which will have educational materials on display, as well as do a family activity.

The entire day is supported through 25 agencies and local businesses, making all the events free to the public.

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