## Mercner, Bair To Lead State

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Breeders Cooperative. Both received their post at PCC's annual meeting, held earlier this month.

Mercner has been involved in PCC, formerly the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives, since the late '70's when she began participation in the local Chester-Delaware Cooperative Council. Today, she serves as the Southeastern Region representative to the state board and is Chair of the Public Relations Committee. She is also Chair and Treasurer of the Southeastern Region board and Secretary/Treasurer of the Chester-Delaware Cooperative Council. She has been a member of the PCC Southeastern Region Ag Horizons Conference Planning Committee since its inception four years ago.

"Carol comes to this position with a strong background in PCC's regional programs and youth activities," says Jay Rush, former President. "Her support of the local co-op councils and their numerous activities in the Southeastern Region have led to a strong and active region with quality programs and heavy participation."

In addition to her PCC involve-

ment, Mercner is a former Chair and board member of the PA Friends of 4-H, the state 4-H Foundation, serves on the Chester County Cooperative Extension Board, is a member of the Southeastern Region PA Council of Cooperative Extension Association board, and is a member of the 1993 Eastern Member Relations Conference Planning Committee. The conference will be hosted by Pennsylvania in 1993.

Mercner majored in psychology/sociology at Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Virginia. She has resided in Chester County for the past 27 years. She has two married daughters and three grandchildren.

Serving as Vice-President of the PCC board is N. Alan Bair, whose responsibilities at Atlantic Breeders Cooperative include coordination of educational and communications programs involving members, cooperatives, the agricultural and livestock breeding industries and the general public.

"Much of my responsibility at Atlantic Breeders Cooperative involves cooperative education work with our members and the general public," says Bair. "We rely heavily on PCC programs for cooperative education with our members and, therefore, support PCC efforts in education."

A native of York County, Pennsylvania, Bair is a graduate of The Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Dairy Science and a Master of Science degree in 1971 with emphasis on animal breeding. He is a past president of the College of Agriculture Alumni Society (CAAS) at Penn State.

Bair has been employed in agriculture since his discharge from the Army in 1970. For eight years he worked for The Pennsylvania State University as Extension Dairy Agent in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He has worked for Atlantic Breeders Cooperative since 1978.

Alan and his wife Sally reside in Lancaster County with their two teenage children, Lara and Seth.

"The Pennsylvania Council of Cooperatives is facing a particularly challenging and exciting period with numerous personnel changes at both PCC and Penn State," shared Mercner. "As Hal Doran retires and Cathy Hamlett takes the reigns of the Cooperative Business Education and Research Program, it is especially important

that we maintain a close working relationship with Penn State."

"The same is true with our organization and the transition from Carol Buckhout to Crystal Smithmyer as Executive Director. We must continue to provide the necessary support to the Council to ensure that our programs and activities remain strong."

The Pennsylvania Council of Cooperatives (PCC) is a statewide association of cooperative

businesses owned and controlled by farmers and rural Pennsylvanians. Its membership includes major marketing and farm supply cooperatives, Pennsylvania Farm Credit Associations, and Pennsylvania Rural Electric Cooperatives. The Council's primary goal is to develop a better understanding of the cooperative way of doing business. Organized in 1933, PCC is the voice for agricultural and rural cooperatives in Pennsylvania.

## 30 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

-Mrs. Gilbert Paul was elected president of Society of Farm Women 3 at a recent meeting in the Salem Lutheran Church education building.

Other officers elected were Mrs. Lloyd Martin, vice-president; Mrs. Raymond Raihl, recording secretary; Mrs. Rudy Shirk, assistant secretary, and Mrs. William Stober, treasurer.

Mrs. Stober, along with Mrs. Clarence Stauffer, were elected delegates to the state convention in Harrisburg in January. Mrs. Martin will be alternate.

Miss Rebekah Sheaffer spoke on "Today" at the meeting when members of Society 20 were guests.

President, Mrs. Robert Hackman presided. Hostess was Mrs. Allen Stober. Next meeting of the group will be Saturday, Nov. 18, at the home of Mrs. William Stober.

Members of the Lititz 4-H Wildlife Club will hold one of its fall outings in the form of a hike tomorrow, Oct. 29, reporter of the club, Linda Mae Stauffer, of Lititz R3, said this week.

The program was set up at the last meeting of the club at the home of Marvin and Joyce Shenk of Lititz R4. Jay Foreman, president of the club, was in charge of the meeting.

Marvin Shenk showed films in the Western United States.

-The Pennsylvania Game Commission this week called attention of small game hunters to the revisions and additions to the 1961 Pennsylvania Game Law.

Several of the revisions provide increased penalties for non-compliance with the regulations.

1. The penalty for killing or illegally possessing a swan, wild goose, brant or wild duck was increased from \$10 to \$25.

2. Magazine shotgun must be plugged to a capacity of three shells when used for hunting any wild birds or wild animals other than big game, under penalty of \$10.

3. It is unlawful for any person to assist in the illegal taking, killing or wounding of any game animal.

4. The Game Commission was given authority to revoke, for such period as it shall determine, the hunting and trapping privileges of any person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of the game law.

-About 400 Lancaster County farmers have received invitations to participate in the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce's third Business-Farm day on November

Gerald M. Molloy, chamber manager, said the invitation which were sent out Menday as a the farmers and their wives to tour area businesses and indivines.

Businessmen will host the farr. families at luncheon at the various industries after a morning program of plant tours, discussions at inspection of facilities.

The afternoon program will feature a meeting for all guests in the auditorium of Armstrong Cork Company at Liberty Street in Lancaster.

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