

## National Holstein Plans Winter Forum

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. — As part of a national network of winter forum meetings coast-to-coast, Pennsylvania Holstein breeders are invited to talk with national

directors of the Holstein Association and others at two March meetings.

All Holstein members are encouraged to attend and the meetings are set to be of best geographical convenience.

For those in the western part of Pennsylvania, a meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 10, at the Days Inn, in Butler. The hotel telephone number is (412) 287-6761.

For those in the central and eastern part of the state, a meeting is set for 9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 11, at the Holiday Inn, in Grantville, located along Rt. 81.

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## Bank Forms Ag Board

ALTOONA (Blair Co.) — Mid-State Bank has formed an Agricultural Associate Board to focus exclusively on the unique financial needs of the farming community, announced William J. Rossman, president and chief executive officer.

Rossman said, "We recognize the vital role the agricultural community plays in a stable economic environment. As a provider of financial products and services, our responsibility lies in helping our farming customers maintain high quality and profitable operations by meeting their financial needs. The challenge to us, then, is first to identify those key needs characteristic of the farming industry. We've addressed a way to recognize those needs by joining together a broad cross-section of experts from the farming sector who understand farming and are in touch with the pulse of the farm community on a day-to-day basis."

Obie Snider, Singing Brook Farms, serves as chairman of the Agricultural Associate Board. Other members are David A. Morrow, DVM, Ph.D.; Bette B. Slayton, Slayton at Falklands; Fred A. Strouse, Kissinger Leonard & Brower Realtors; G. Joel Wine-land, Wineland Equipment, Inc.; and another farming representative.

Mary Ann Keith, agricultural administrator, will manage the Bank's agricultural lending department. Keith is a graduate of Penn State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in dairy and animal science, with a business option.

Keith said, "I feel the farming customer needs a banking specialist who knows and understands the special requirements in running a successful farming operation — one who talks their language. By developing a total banking relationship with the agricultural client's needs in mind, we can provide a wide range of banking products and services: lending, leasing, trust services, deposits, and Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs). When a farming operation depends on harvesting the crop during daylight hours, it's difficult to get to the bank. Because our banking philosophy is based on finding solutions for our customers' needs, we'll go one step further and take the bank to our customers — even if it means doing business after normal banking hours. And we'll offer assistance with federal, state, and local loan programs and services, as well as educational seminars, as value-added services to the farm customer."

Keith said, "Being a good neighbor is helping the farm community grow the food and fiber we need. But without funds to buy seed and livestock, or loans to make capital improvements, our farming neighbors would be hard-pressed to sustain production at maximum profit and efficiency. As a responsible corporate citizen, Mid-State Bank is committed to providing the resources and personalized services to serve our neighbors throughout the agricultural community with the best banking possible."

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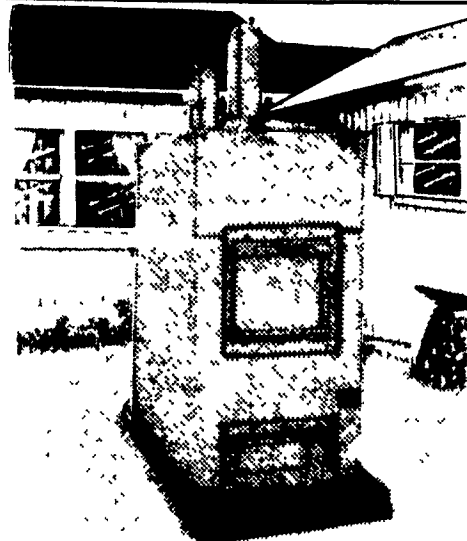
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