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- one representative of academia who shall be an agronomist or plant scientist faculty member of the school of agriculture of a Pennsylvania college or university;
- one hydrologist.
- two citizen representatives who are not farmers;
- and one environmental representative.

Additionally, the law states that the representatives "shall have sufficient knowledge, experience or familiarity with agronomic or nutrient management practices" and that they be residents of the state.

The board members aren't paid, but are reimbursed for "reasonable and necessary" expenses.

A majority board constitutes a quorum and a simple majority vote rules.

The board is to review and comment on all commission regulations and the commission can not act on any regulations without first consulting the board.

Although the eventual terms of office for all appointed is to be three years, the initial term length has been staggered, so that continuity is maintained to a degree so as to not affect the stability of the board.

Also, at the discretion of the State Conservation Commission, an individual may be appointed to successive terms, but can not serve more than two 3-year terms.

Nominations for seats on the board are to come from "statewide general farm organizations," according to the law. In Pennsylvania, those organizations currently widely recognized as being statewide general farm organizations include, but are not limited to, the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (Farmer's Association), the Pennsylvania Farmers Union, and the Pennsylvania State Grange.

The five agricultural producer representatives named to the board, the industry they represent and their terms of office were: Irk A. McConnell, of Washington County, livestock producer, 1 year; Dennis Zimmerman, Snyder County, swine producer, 2 years; Donald Bollinger, Lebanon County, meat poultry producer, 3 years; Ronald Meck, Lancaster County, egg poultry producer, 1 year; and Joel Rotz, Franklin County, dairy producer, 2 years.

Others representing agricultural interests include Charles Ramberg Jr., University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine, veterinary nutrition specialist, 3

years; George Robinson, Snyder County, feed industry official, 1 year; Bobby Jones, Union County, agriculture lender official, 3 years; William Brubaker, Lancaster County, fertilizer industry representative, 2 years; and Lawrence Hepner Jr., Delaware Valley College, plant science or agronomy representative, 1 year.

Those board members considered to be environmental protectionists include Lamonte Garber, Lancaster County, environmentalist, 2 years; and Jerrald Hollowell, Susquehanna River Basin Commission, hydrologist, 2 years.

Three others with general public interests include Mary Lehman, of Cumberland County, a nonfarmer, 3 years; William Ebel, of Lancaster County, nonfarmer, 1 year; and Eugene Billhime, of Montour County, representing local government, for 3 years.

While the advisory board has been established, the state Department of Agriculture is charged with creating a nutrient management certification program, whereby successful applicants are to then be qualified to draft and approve nutrient management plans.

Work on creating a certification program has been progressing,

according to Gene Schenck, PDA press secretary. He said that, although the law allows for the department to take up to two years to create the program, "The interim certification program will be in place by October."

According to Schenck, the program is being based on agency past experience in the field.

Secretary of Agriculture Boyd Wolff said that he is pleased with the progress being made.

"The advisory board ... is something we worked very hard to obtain," he said.

## Staz Named President

**HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)** — Robert H. Staz of Camp Hill, was recently elected president of the Pennsylvania Association of Milk Dealers.

The association, headquartered in Harrisburg, represents 38 member companies processing and distributing more than 90 percent of the milk sold in the Keystone State.

Staz graduated from Dartmouth College in 1957 and attended the

University of Pennsylvania Law School. He is co-owner of Brookwood Farms Dairy, which is celebrating 100 years in business in 1994.

He is also past president of Harrisburg Kiwanis Club, a member of West Shore Country Club, and also an elder at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church. He is married to Carol Forrester and has three grown sons.

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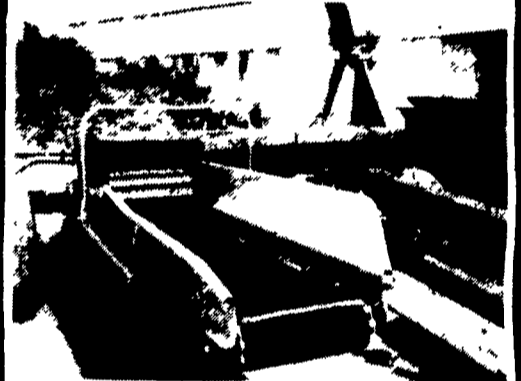
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