

Board Members Elect Officers

GAITHERSBURG, Md. — Members of the Montgomery County Agricultural Center's board of directors elected Robert Pack Sr. of Brinklow to serve as president for the 1994-1995 year, along with Robert E. L. Smith Jr. of Silver Spring to serve as vice president, Terry Brown of Damascus to serve as treasurer, and Diane Geary of Gaithersburg to serve as secretary. All had served in these capacities during 1994.

Owner of Terra Nursery, a wholesale plant distributing company, Pack has been an agricultural center member since 1990. Through his time as well as donations of trees, shrubbery, and plants, Pack has been a strong sponsor and supporter of the fair. During his tenure in 1994, upgrades to the agricultural center's electrical facilities has been completed and work has begun on upgrades to the water system.

Six new board members were

elected to three-year terms during the agricultural center's annual meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 9, and were welcomed to the board during an orientation session and an organizational meeting of the board Wednesday, Nov. 16. Those elected to serve three-year terms are Carol Irvine of Sugarloaf Mountain, Diana Patton of Burtonsville, Robert Raver of Dickerson, David Rippeon of Gaithersburg, Tom Stang of Cedar Grove, and Laura Tessier of Laytonsville.

A graduate of Virginia Tech where she served on the board of visitors, Irvine has served as chairwoman of the year of the sheep committee for the 1991 Montgomery County Agricultural Fair. She has also been a member of the King and Queen and Indoor Exhibit of the Year committees. A former Montgomery County 4-H'er, Irvine has shown sheep and currently assists with the Sheep Department at the Mont-

gomery County Agricultural Fair. She is a former Montgomery County Agricultural Fair, Queen, National FFA vice president, Maryland Farm Queen, Maryland Sheep and Wool Queen, and National Cheviot Queen. She is associated with the Craft Shop and Becraft Realty, Gaithersburg.

Diana Patton, who has been involved in the dairy goat department at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair since 1967, served on the agricultural center's livestock committee and assists with the production of Old MacDonald's Barn for the fair. She is a former 4-H member and Goat Club member. Patton is a member of the American Dairy Goat Association and is vice president of the Mid Atlantic dairy Goat Association. She is vice president of the Turf Center, Inc., Burtonsville.

A former Montgomery County 4-H'er and cooperative extension service agent for 30 years, Robert

Raver is a former Montgomery County Agricultural Center Inc. board of director. He has assisted with the dairy cattle department at the fair announcing dairy shows. He farms more than 800 acres in Dickerson. He is a member of the Maryland Holstein Association, and is the president of the Upper Montgomery County Farmers' Club.

David Rippeon, president of Gaithersburg Ford Tractor and Kubota, serves as cosuperintendent of the fair's open class beef department and is a member of the King and Queen Committee. He is a member of the Enterprise Farmers' Club and the Maryland Polled Hereford Association. He has served on the board of directors of the Eastern National Livestock Association.

President of David Stang and Son, Inc., Stang has been a member of the agricultural center's grounds committee and has assisted with the upgrades of the center's water and electrical needs.

He is a former Montgomery County 4-H Sheep and Swine Club member and a supporter of the Montgomery County 4-H Livestock Sale.

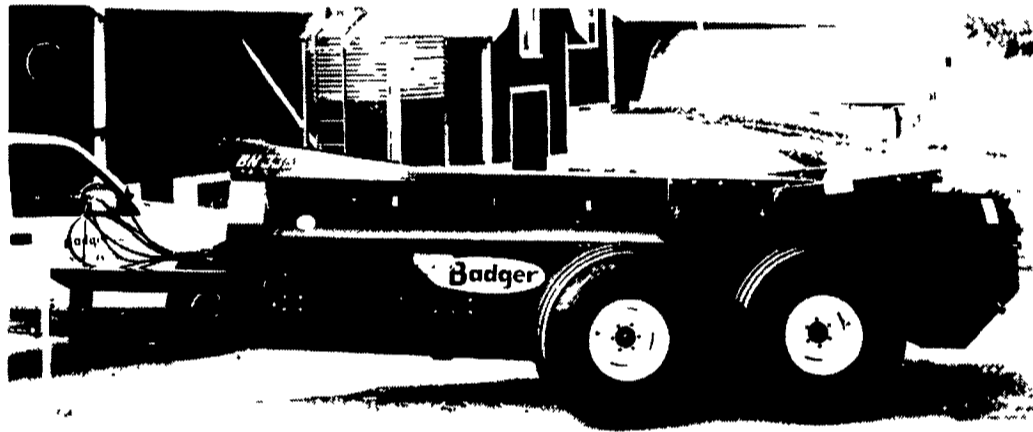
Laura Tessier is a member of the agricultural center's budget and finance committee and assisted in the compilation of the center's Personnel Policy Manual. She is a financial services executive at First National Bank of Maryland. She is a former Maryland Polled Hereford Queen and is a member of the Maryland Polled Hereford and Angus associations. Tessier assisted with the organization of the Eastern Regional Junior Angus and Polled Hereford shows.

Completing the 1995 board of directors are one-year directors Mike Roth of Damascus and Louisa Riggs of Brookeville and two-year directors Wayne Burdette of New Windsor, Helen Hubbard of Silver Spring, JoAnne Leatherman of Damascus, Harold McBain of Gaithersburg, and Merle Mills of Germantown.

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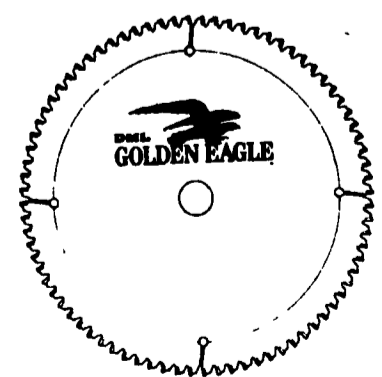
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