

President Announces Staff Appointments

RANDALLSTOWN, Md. — C. William Knill, president of the Maryland Farm Bureau, has announced several staff appointments to the organization's state office in Randallstown.

Norman Astle was promoted to public affairs director for the state operation. Astle, a native of Cecil County and graduate of Cecil Community College, will head up the state organization's legislative activities. He will work on state and national affairs and will coordinate policy development in the state office.

Astle joined the Farm Bureau staff in 1987 as a field representative, serving as a liaison between the state office and county Farm Bureaus.

In 1989, Astle was named assistant director of public affairs, working in state legislative activities and representing Maryland Farm Bureau on various state committees and advisory councils. Astle was also responsible for monitoring national affairs and environmental issues for the Maryland Farm Bureau.

Astle replaces Jack Miller, who retired from Maryland Farm Bureau following 20 years of service. Miller will continue serving the organization as a governmental relations advisor and consultant.

Joining Astle in the public affairs department is Mike Eckert, who assumed the position of assistant director, environmental resources. Eckert, a native of Baltimore, was graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park with a degree in agriculture and earth science. He will be responsible for coordinating projects, research, and information concerning environmental issues as they relate to agriculture.

Prior to joining the MFB staff, Eckert taught school, was involved in sales and marketing, and served as a soil conservationist. In May 1994, Eckert received his Master Gardener II Certification from the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service in Baltimore.

He will also work in Public affairs on state and national issues and will serve as the environmental liaison between the state office and the county Farm Bureaus.

Dave Kelly has joined the Maryland Farm Bureau staff as information specialist field representative. Kelly, a native of Morgantown, W. Va., will be responsible for informing Farm Bureau members and the public on issues of concern and interest to Farm Bureau, creating a posi-

tive image for county, state and national Farm Bureau organizations, and to develop a better understanding among the nonfarm community concerning the agricultural industry.

A graduate of the West Virginia University School of Journalism, Kelly will also serve as editor of Spotlight, Maryland Farm Bureau's official monthly publication.

As a field representative, Kelly

will work Carroll, Baltimore, and Harford counties, serving as a liaison between these counties and the state office.

Prior to joining the Maryland Farm Bureau staff, Kelly was

assistant director of communications with the South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation. During an eight-year newspaper career, Kelly wrote for various newspapers in West Virginia, North Car-

olina, and South Carolina. His writing has been recognized by the North Carolina Press Association and the South Carolina Press Association.

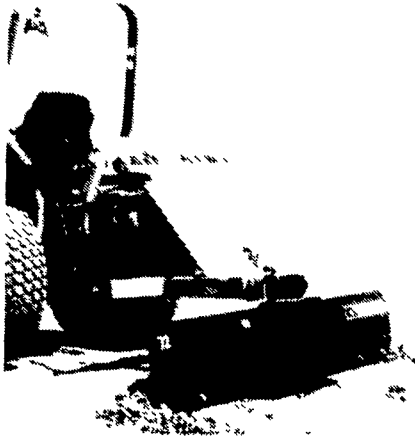


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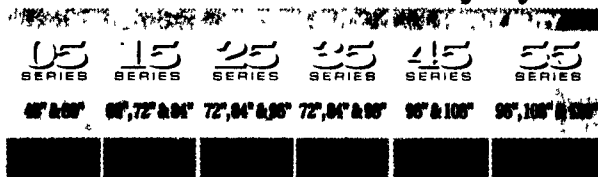
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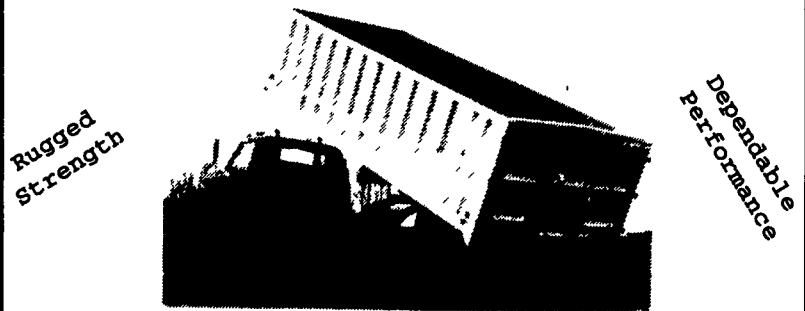
CHAMBERSBURG (Franklin Co.) — Richard Stoner, Greencastle, was re-elected chairman of the Franklin County Conservation District at its recent reorganization meeting.

Re-elected to the vice chairman post was Chester Martin, Mercersburg. Donna Hays, Spring Run, will continue as secretary-treasurer.

Director Andrew Fitz, Waynesboro, will represent Franklin County as its voting delegate to Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts (PACD) meetings throughout the year. Wilbur Kline, Mont Alto, was appointed alternate delegate.

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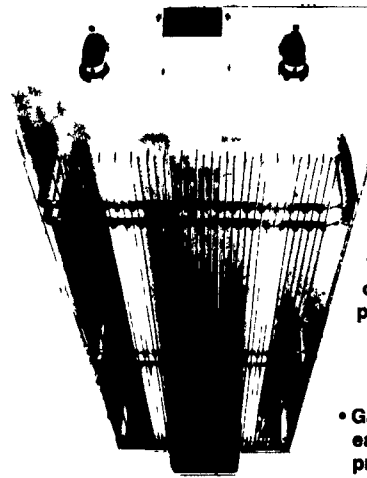
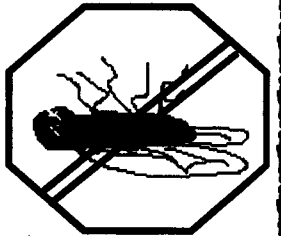
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