

Richard Curran To Be Honored For Extension Work

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Friends, farm families, farm and community leaders, and colleagues from Baltimore County, the Mid-Atlantic area and the nation are honoring G. Richard (Dick) Curran, agricultural agent in Baltimore County for the Cooperative Extension Service, University of Maryland at College Park. (Curran lives in Westminster.)

Curran will retire officially on June 30 after 26 years of service in that position.

He currently is on personal leave in Poland as a followup to his previous participation in the Polish-American Extension Project, designed to assist Polish farmers through the transition period in adapting to a free market economy.

Curran achieved distinction during his Extension career by organizing or promoting rural-urban events in one of Maryland's most populous counties. Among these activities have been Farm Visitation Day, Maryland Agriculture Week at major shopping malls and the Baltimore Farmers Market.

On the commercial farm scene, Curran organized the Baltimore County weed control advisory board and supervised the Baltimore County Corn Club. He has served as an adviser for the Farmers Produce Association, Central Maryland Beekeepers Association and the county committee of the USDA's Farm Service Agency.

He was the longtime secretary of the county soil conservation district and Extension liaison person with the county Farm Bureau organization.

He was planning committee chairman for the 1978 Mid-Atlantic No-Till Conference in the Hunt Valley Inn at Cockeysville.

Curran was instrumental in organizing the annual Baltimore County Field Crops Day, county field crop demonstration plots, tailgate farmers markets, nutrient management and integrated pest management programs, and a countywide grain marketing club.

Curran is a past president of both the Maryland Association of County Agricultural Agents and the National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA). He was selected to participate in the NACAA's 1980 Dow Study Tour of California agriculture. He led a 21-person group of central Maryland farm leaders on a Goodwill "People to People" two-week tour of China in 1983 and a similar group on a corresponding tour of Europe in 1987.

A native of York County, Pennsylvania, Curran holds a bachelor's degree in agronomy from Penn State and advanced degrees in Extension education from the University of Maryland at College Park.

Before joining the Cooperative Extension Service in Baltimore County, he spent 14 years as an agricultural sales representative

for the Olin Corporation and two years as a field representative for the now-defunct Hungerford Packing Company of New Freedom, Pa.

Friends of Dick Curran are in-

vited to a retirement celebration on July 19, beginning at 6 p.m. at Wilhelm Ltd. Caterers along the southbound lane of Highway 140, south of Westminster.

During the program, a book of

letters and/or photos from friends will be presented to Dick.

For more information, contact the Baltimore County Cooperative Extension Service at (410) 666-1022.

SRBC To Meet July 8

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) is to meet 3 p.m. July 8 at the Holiday Inn in Oneonta, New York, to consider several business items, including possible adoption of a budget for the 1997-98 fiscal year.

The SRBC operates on a July 1 to June 30 fiscal year for budgeting purposes, mirroring state and federal governments.

The SRBC is a compact consisting of the U.S. secretary of the interior, and the heads of the respective environmental state agencies in Pennsylvania, New York and Maryland. Its purpose is to oversee the uses and flows of the Susquehanna River.

Details of the proposed budget were not released with an announcement of the meeting,

however, some of the other agenda items were somewhat detailed.

Among items for action are a request for "approval of a contract with USGS for the construction for the construction of certain stream gages which would otherwise be shut down (because of) federal funding cuts.

A request for a voice mail system for the SRBC headquarters building in Harrisburg and a request for modification of the SRBC investment policy to allow "more flexibility and greater returns" on SRBC investments are also on the agenda.

Review for approval of two requests for water usage are also scheduled.

The Specialty Records Corporation has requested approval to consume up to 98,000 gallons of water

per day in connection with an undetailed project in Olyphant with compensation made through payment for SRBC purchase of stored water.

Bath Petroleum Storage Inc. has requested approval to pump 1.815 million gallons per day of groundwater from one well, with a total combined withdrawal from another well of up to 2 million gallons per day, on a 30-day average.

The company is also seeking approval to consume 1.568 million gallons per day for industrial uses, with plans to discontinue consumptive use during low flow periods.

In other action, the SRBC staff is report highlights of its activities, and also provide a brief report on hydrologic conditions within the basin.

ABS President Resigns

DeFOREST, Wis. — ABS Global, Inc., announced the resignation of its president and CEO, Jack E. Shelton, effective immediately.

As the search for a new CEO begins, Dennis McCormick, chairman of the board for Protein Genetics Inc., and an Ardshiel partner, will assume the interim CEO and president role.

"ABS Global will continue its business plan, ensuring strong growth and positioning as the pre-eminent A.I. company in the world," states McCormick. "Our strategy of geographic expansion, innovation, product excellence, and people remains intact following this announcement. As a global company with one of the best bull programs in the industry, we will continue to aggressively serve

our customers' ever-changing needs."

Shelton joined American Breeders Service (now ABS Global, Inc.) in July 1991 as president and chief executive officer following a role as vice president of the Feed Operations division of W.R. Grace & Co. Inc.

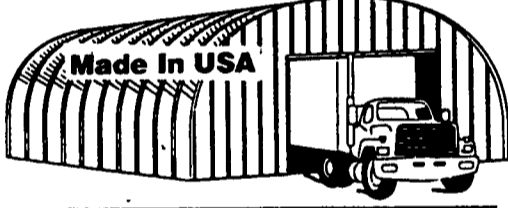
Ardshiel Merchant Bank Inc., is a new York-based merchant bank founded in 1975 that invests on behalf of its limited partners, The Alpine Group.

The Alpine Group is a cooperative of entrepreneurs dedicated to helping other entrepreneurial businesses build and grow.

In August 1994, Ardshiel formed a new company, registered as Protein Genetics Inc., to acquire three businesses from W.R. Grace & Co., ABS and two Grace fertilizer companies.

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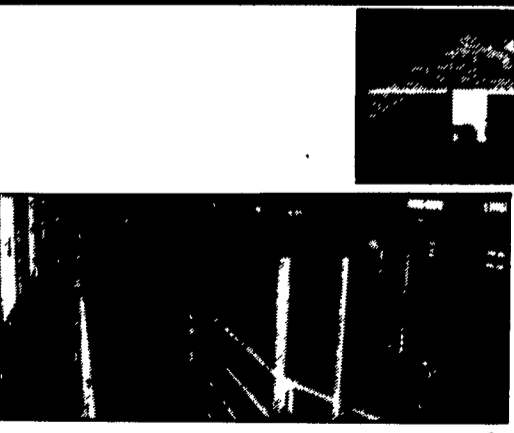
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