

Grateful State Legislature Bids Brosius Thank You

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reference.
Either honor from the Legislature would be strong testament for any public servant that his service rendered was service well appreciated.

But it seemed more significant because Brosius was asked to leave an apparently successful job before it was finished, and that's not his normal disposition.

He resigned at the request of Gov. Tom Ridge, who has since appointed former Republican leader of the state House of Representatives Samuel Hayes Jr. to serve out the remaining 21 months of Ridge's term as governor.

The move by Ridge was questioned widely within the agricultural community, and among the state's legislative representatives.

It has since been generally accepted that, in as much as the position of governor can be compared to another job, the governor can be considered the leader of his own team, such as a coach of a baseball team.

He can pick and choose his lineup and switch pitchers at any time, for whatever reason, and he doesn't have to make the reason immediately, or ever, understandable — he just has to win.

According to his Harrisburg press office, Gov. Ridge has not officially announced whether he will seek re-election, although he has indicated as much when previously asked by reporters. He had commented that it was, "the worst kept secret in Harrisburg."

Over the weeks since the Brosius announcement, a sense that rather than wasting time second guessing Gov. Ridge's decision to change agriculture secretaries, it would be better to wait to see what the change does for the winning momentum that has been built during Brosius's tenure.

Mixed in with all of it was the fact that Gov. Ridge continued to praise Brosius for his public service and laud his character.

Hayes took over as acting secretary effectively on Sunday, June 1. He is also expected to be quickly approved by the Senate (the only state governmental body to be required to approve the governor's political appointees), and be sworn into office on Tuesday, June 9.

Hayes has indicated that he is respectful of the job that Brosius has done for the state and for the agricultural community.

Though he had campaigned for Ridge, Hayes said he has not sought any political appointment; something supported by others close to the situation.

Further, Hayes said he wouldn't have offered to serve, if Gov. Ridge wouldn't have been a strong advocate for the state's agricultural industry.

On Monday, at a reception held for Brosius by Sen. Dan Delp, chairman of the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee, (in the office of Sen. Roger Madigan, a long-time supporter of agriculture and rural affairs) the former secretary was presented with a framed copy of a resolution citing and honoring Brosius's achievements as secretary and his personal character.

The Senate later in the day approved the resolution.

Brosius, who left with his wife Jane on Tuesday for a 10-day educational trip to Ireland to study history and culture, said it was too early to project his future plans.

He had served as secretary up until the last minute (although he did not participate in two South American trade missions in May because he didn't see the sense in making introductions to relationships that wouldn't last two weeks), continuing to extol the governor's support for agriculture and administering the mission of the department.

Serving as secretary of agriculture for 27 months was a fulltime job, he explained, requiring him to have little time to spend with his family or with other pursuits.

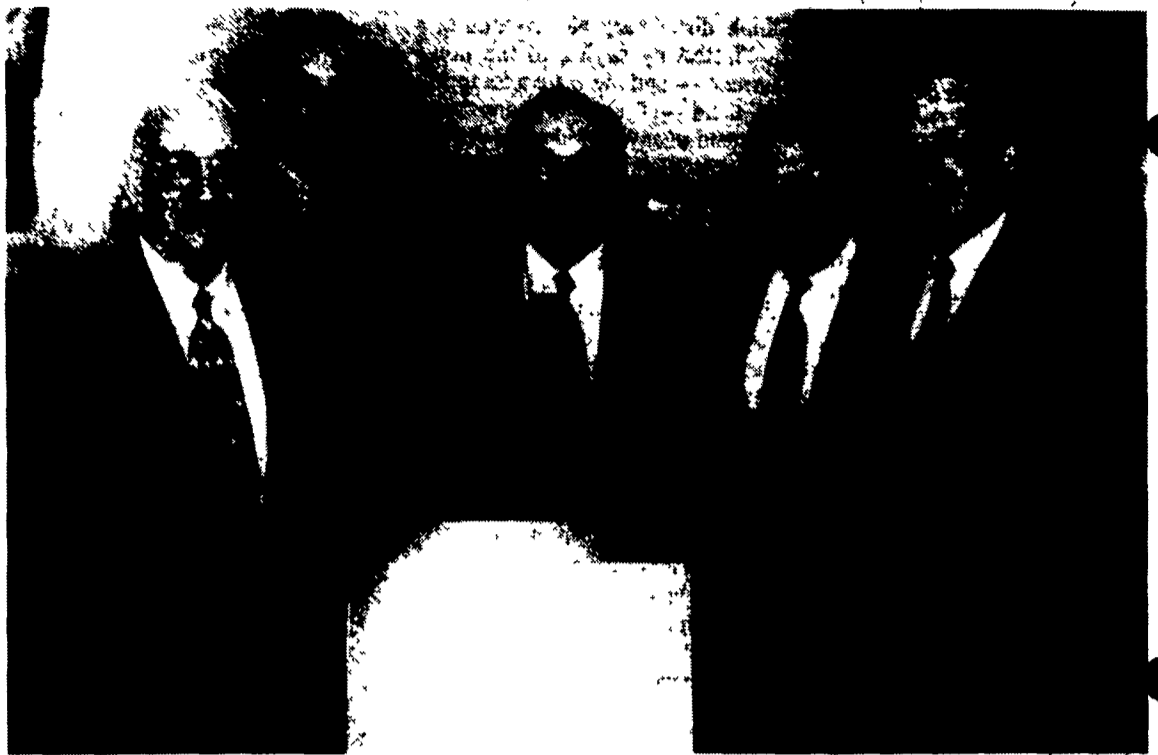
With virtually no entourage, he had travelled the state visiting most of the state's county and local fairs. He was intimately involved with many of the dramatic changes and challenges that faced the department.

Some of those challenges included accepting responsibilities for food business inspections that were previously held by the former state Department of Environmental Resources.

Soon after Ridge came into office, the state Legislature approved eliminating DER by dividing it into two departments, according to responsibilities, and then transferring some other responsibilities to other departments.

Transitions are still ongoing.

The office for the staff of the State Conservation Commission was relocated from being within



With a framed copy of a Senate resolution honoring former state Secretary of Agriculture Charles Brosius, members of the Senate involved in agricultural issues stand with former Secretary Brosius at a reception held in his honor. From the left are senators Roger Madigan, Dan Delp, Noah Wenger and Bob Thompson, and Charles Brosius.

the environmental department to its current place in the state Agriculture Building. The secretary now serves as chairman in rotating years. Previously only the environmental secretary chaired the commission. Brosius was the first agriculture secretary to chair the SCC.

The SCC was given the responsibility for administering and enforcing the Nutrient Management Act. The agriculture department had already begun working to develop the certification regula-

tions for nutrient management technicians before Ridge took office.

Brosius had oversight of that, and on Monday said there was still work to be done (regulations are expected to be finalized and the agencies are to begin fully implementing the Act this fall).

Brosius inherited an ongoing project to create a coordinated, cooperative, and fully accredited

statewide animal health diagnostic and laboratory testing system (PADLS).

On Monday, he said that thanks to the 10 years of effort by retiring Dr. Max Van Buskirk, former agriculture secretary Boyd Wolff, and former head of PADLS, Dr. Cy Card, the program is operating well.

He said that as secretary of agri- (Turn to Page A39)



From the left, Pennsylvania Senate Pro Tempore Robert Jubelirer thanks Charles Brosius for his outstanding efforts as agriculture secretary and wishes him well.

PUBLIC AUCTION
TUES., JUNE 17, 1997
9:00 A.M.
Household Goods, mostly Antiques and Collectables, John Deere 830 Diesel with J.D. 145 loaders, Ford 9N - Kubota riding mower, Farm related items.
Auction held on the farm in Chester County for John & Pauline Pittenger.
Three miles North of Oxford Pa. from Rt 1 exit onto Rt 272 North to Lees Bridge Rd left to Freemont Rd right to Willow Rd right from Rt 272 South turn right onto Freemont Rd.
Tractors - Equipment - 1:30 P.M.
John Deere 830 wide front good running cond. Good rubber. John Deere 145 loader bucket and forks in good condition will be separately, Ford 9 N running condition good rubber, disc harrow, 9 ft cultipacker 11 inch packers, 2 row mounted cultivator, 3 ft scraper blade, 3 ft rotary mower, 3 ft Heavy duty logger winch, orchard sprayer, 2 utility trailers, 3 ft Barrel weight, 2 power lawn mowers, 1 mulcher
Farm related items 3 saddles - Antiques. Echo weed eater, Stihl chain saw like new in case, Craftsman weed eater; army and western saddles, 3 cross cut saws, corn knife, 4 scythes, 3 live traps, 2 wheel barrels, sickles, sledge hammers, wedges, digging irons, pitch forks, High wheel cultivator, 2 wooden spoke rubber tire wheels, push lawn mower, aluminum & tension ladders, step ladders, 2 feed bunks, round hay feeder, cattle gates, 2 ceramic Kilns, hardware, valves, Hitch pins, old wire fencing - steel Posts, treated 4x4 posts, oak fence boards, lot of aluminum and wooden window sash, electric hammer drill, large anvil, large bench vise, old barn beams, various length, goat milking stand, goat feeder, chicken feeders, waters, 2 iron lawn rollers 1 with sand or water load, lot gas cans, garden tools, 8 ft Pick up truck rubber bed mat and tail gate cover, garden planter, elec leaf blower, 2 hog troughs,
Household Antiques
large apple butter copper Kettle, spool rope bed, Steinway upright piano, old wooden Hutch, 2 solid wood drop leaf tables, childs rocker, doll cradle rocker very nice, oak dictionary stand w/shelf, roll S-top desk with secret compartment Flex steel sleep sofa, double bed, heavy rustic sofa w/chair and rocker with brown Plaid cushions, oak swivel office chair, Victorian love seat with matching arm chair, 2 solid wood bunk beds, cider press, copper pressure tank, wooden wash machine, Brass floor lamps, metal lawn chair, 3 coasting sleighs, treadle sewing machine cabinet, 2 old baby cribs, Boffery, old oval picture frames, w adiron-dack lawn chairs, wooden Coco Cola cases, circular blade, old fish net, 2 green plank bottom chairs, wooden folding chair, mirrors in wood frames, cot mattress & box springs, wicker chairs, Russ fire side chair, High ladder back rocker, old single chairs, 1951 army uniforms, old wooden cupboards, old wall clocks, vinyl recliner, radio flyer express wagon, will be some dishes out of attic and other items.
Auct note: Some unusual pieces in this sale, mostly good condition, having sold farm makes this auction necessary.
Auctioneer: Steve Petersheim #AU 001349L
610-593-2828

PUBLIC AUCTION
Woodworking Equipment; Tow Motors, Truck, Kiln, Barn Beams, and Lumber
Sat., June 21, 1997
at 10:00 AM
Located at 351 East Street, York, PA. From Rt. 83 take Exit 8 (Rt. 462 Market Street) go West, then turn right on East Street. Watch for signs.
Wood-Mizer super hydraulic, 10 HP Morgan Mach. Little champ table saw Mod. PIX-0832, Forestline Laser light, Bridgewood 24" planer CM-609, Bridgewood 12" joiner Mod. BW12JC, BW feed MOD. AP44, BW 3 head molder BWM314, BW shaper BW310SL, Feeder AP34, BW 36: band saw Mod PBS940, Femic roller feeder, Diehl rip saw No. 75, Lauderdale super chop saw, Dornburg 24" planer Mod DD63, 7 1/2 HP BW self feeding sander BWBS - 13, Northland Kilns Inc. 18 ft kiln, homemade kiln, BW dust collecting system BW003-1, BW dust collecting system BW015A1PH, 15 HP Cornell dust collecting system, Clark floor sander, Lincoln arc welder, 2 White metal detectors, 15 HP air compressor, DeWalt mitre box, 2 Brancha pallet jacks, (7) 8 ft roller conveyors, 4' and 8' cast iron wheel carts, 1985 Chevy Stake body truck w/snow plow, Toyota forklift 7000 lb, Yale forklift 2700 lb, bench grinder, Muratec M2500 FAX machine, 14" Stihl chain saw, 1200' antique oak and 300' antique chestnut tongue and groove flooring, approx. 140,000 ft of random width and length lumber from barn beams to boards including cherry, oak, white and red oak, walnut, heart pine, yellow pine, maple, hemlock, poplar, ash, cedar, and birch, Kiln Dried Lumber, 10,000' Walnut, 1320' Red Oak, 2610' White Oak, 1650' Ash, 3300' Birch, 4070' Maple, 5000' Cherry, 7000' Poplar, 10200 Pine, (Partial Listing)
Terms: Cash or Approved Check Out of state checks must be accompanied by a letter of credit from bank. Not responsible for accidents day of sale.
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