Cliff Jones To Headline Annual FARMER Dinner

Clifford Jones, a well-known political analyst and state government leader, will be the guest speaker at the 18th Annual Statewide FARMER Dinner. He will discuss "Pennsylvania Politics and You."

FARMER (Farmers Allied for Responsive More Effective Representation) is the bipartisan political action committee of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB). FARMER is dedicated to help elect and keep "friends of agriculture" in the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

The FARMER fund-raising event will take place Monday, May 4 at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey. The event will begin with a reception at 5:30 p.m., followed by the dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets for the FARMER Banquet are \$125 per person, or \$175 with spouse. To order tickets, send a personal check, payable to "FARMER" to: Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, Governmental Re-



Cliff Jones

lations Division, P.O. Box 8736, Camp Hill, PA 17001-8736. Deadline for ordering tickets is April 20.

"Cliff Jones has made a career in public service as a negotiator, administrator and problemsolver," said FARMER committee chairman Ed Hartman of Reading.

"He brings a wealth of experience on the workings of government which is sure to enlighten those attending the FARMER banquet."

Jones has served under four governors in cabinet positions as secretary of Commerce, of labor and Industry, and of the former Department of Environmental Resources. He also served as a member of the Public Utility Commission including a brief stint as its

In the private sector, Jones was president of the political action committee, Pennsylvanians for Effective Government, for four years. Under his leadership, the PAC's political budget climbed to over \$200,000 each election year. He was also chairman of the Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania for four years and during the period erased a \$600,000 debt which he had inherited. In addition, he was president of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry from 1983 until his retirement in 1991. He was successful in forming coalitions to lobby for a broad spectrum of issues that have sustained and improved the business climate in Pennsylvania.

Jones is presently co-chair of Governor Ridge's BRAC PAC, a volunteer position created to help save defense industry jobs in Pennsylvania. He is also executive director of the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council. In addition, he serves on 25 other boards and commissions,

mostly in the non-profit areas of health, conservation and culture/ education.

Pennsylvania Farm Bureau is a voluntary, statewide farm organization which represents 25,247 farm and rural families.

Keystone Farm Credit Reports

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) -Last week, Keystone Farm Credit scheduled its annual series of meetings for customers at Yoder's Restaurant in New Holland and at the Holiday Inn and Conference Center in Fogelsville.

Philip Kimmel, president and CEO of the farmer-owned cooperative, announced that stockholders of Keystone Farm Credit will receive patronage refund checks for 1997. The patronage refund for borrowers of Keystone Farm Credit will total more than \$4.5 million. Borrowers will receive, on average, 15.42 percent of the interest Farm Credit earned on their loans for 1997.

Also, the results of the elections at the meetings are:

Nominating committee: Region 1 (Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Chester,

Delaware, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, Pike, and Schuylkill counties): Position 1: Elvin L. Kurtz, Elverson, Chester County; Position 2: Stephen R. Burkholder, Alburtis, Lehigh County. Region 2 (Dauphin, Lancaster, and Lebanon counties): Position 1: J. Richard Brenneman, Quarryville, Lancaster County.

Directors: Region 1 (Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, Pike, and Schuylkill counties): Wilmer L. Hostetter, Oxford, Chester County. Region 2 (Dauphin, Lancaster, and Lebanon counties): Position 1: James M. Garber, Mount Joy, Lancaster County. Position 2: Ezra H. Good, Denver, Lancaster County.

Safe Drinking Water Clinic May 4

CLARION (Clarion Co.) -- On May 4, Clarion County residents will have a chance to learn more about managing their private well or spring at a safe drinking water clinic.

The clinic will be held at the Clarion County Cooperative Extension Office, Mayfield Professional Building, Clarion, from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at a cost of \$2 per person.

Extension agents from Forest and Warren counties will be discussing "Managing Your Water Supply To Avoid Contamination," "Common Water Contaminants," "Standards of Water Quality," and "Water Treatment Options."

A water test is being offered for any single family unit getting their spring. The test will be for iron, total dissolved solids, and pH. A fresh sample of about one pint is needed and should be brought in a clean jar.

To register for the water clinic, contact the Clarion County Cooperative Extension Office, Mayfield Profes-



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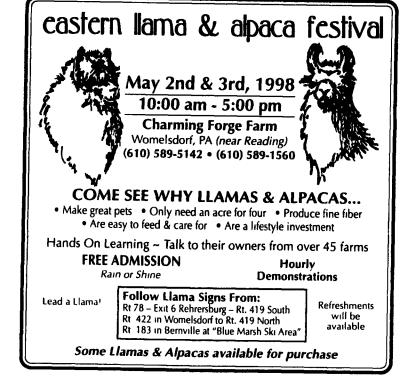
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