

Pa. Farm Bureau To Conduct 50th Annual Meeting

HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.) — The 50th Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB) will take place Nov. 13-15 here at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center.

Several hundred farmers, including 172 voting delegates, will gather for the three-day event which will culminate in the election of leaders and the setting of policy positions for the coming year on agricultural issues. This year's annual meeting will feature special programs and activities on Tuesday, Nov. 14 in celebration of the farm organization's 50th anniversary.

PFB was organized as the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association by a group of about 40

farmers in November 1950. PFB now represents more than 28,000 farm and rural families in 54 county farm bureaus. It is part of the nation's largest general farm organization, the 4.9-million member American Farm Bureau Federation.

Voting delegate sessions will be held each day of the annual meeting to deliberate on policy proposals developed from the organization's grass-roots level. Delegates will also be electing the organization's president and eight board members for two-year terms. PFB's Nominating Committee has nominated Guy Donaldson of Adams County for re-election to the organization's top post.

Information conferences are also scheduled each day. Monday's agenda will feature sessions on biotechnology and long-term health care. Tuesday's conferences will cover farm safety for children and a special anniversary session on "PFA/PFB: Five Decades of Progress" featuring past and present leaders of the organization. A motivational conference entitled "Celebrating the Dash" will take place Wednesday, Nov. 15.

PFB's Young Farmer and Rancher Discussion Meet competition will be Tuesday of the annual meeting. Judges will select a winner based on his or her ability to express ideas and

opinions on pre-selected topics.

PFB President Donaldson will review the organization's accomplishments over the past year during the President's Address to the Annual Meeting on Monday. Richard D. Harris, American Farm Bureau's chief administration officer and secretary-treasurer, will speak at a special 50th anniversary luncheon Tuesday. State House Democratic Whip Michael Veon (D-14th Dist.) will address a breakfast meeting of FARMER, PFB's political action committee, Wednesday.

PFB will present several awards during the annual meeting. The winner of the young farmer and rancher achieve-

ment awards will be announced at Tuesday's luncheon. The Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award and All-Star County award for the top county farm bureau will be presented during Tuesday evening's banquet. The winner of PFB's young farmer and rancher discussion meet will also be announced Tuesday evening.

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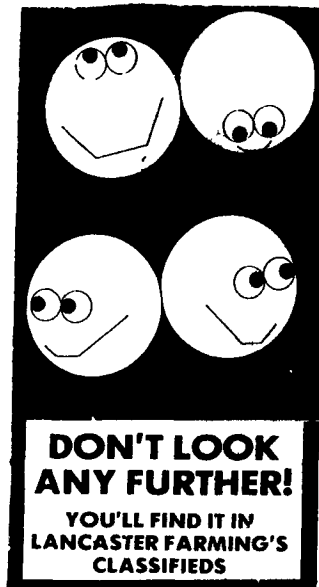


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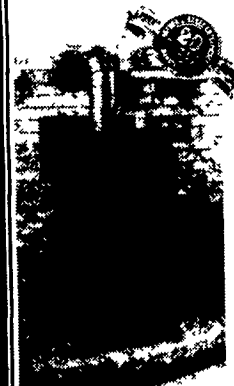


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