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Thousands Attend South Central Meet

DIRECTORS OF South-Central Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. pose at the annual meeting at the Lancaster Fairgrounds Thursday. Front row, from left are John W. Eakin, Rt. 1 Pickerington, president since 1946, C. Dale Winegardner, Rushville, secretary-treasurer, R. D. Head, Circleville, who received a plaque for 25 years service to the cooperative, H. Newell Stevenson, Circleville; rear, from left, Edmond Leckrone, Mt. Perry, Raymond Spitler, Rt. 1 Pleasantville, George Hobin, Rt. 5 Lancaster, Roy White, Rt. 1 Orient, Carl Griggs, Logan. (Photos by Duke Ellis, Eagle-Gazette Staff Photographer)

DARWIN KINDLER, Rt. 1 Lancaster, manager of South-Central since its organization, talks with officials from Ohio Midland, Canal Winchester and the cooperative's attorney just before the afternoon session, Thursday. From left are Robert Cathers, assistant manager, Ohio Midland, Atty. John King, Columbus, Edgar Cathers, Ohio Midland manager and Kindler.

Re-Elect 3 Trustees, Return All Officers

One of the largest crowds on record, estimated at over 4000, filled the grandstand and surrounding area at the Lancaster Fairgrounds Thursday for the annual meeting of South-Central Rural Electric Cooperative Inc.

Weatherwise the day was perfect with not a cloud in the sky. The crowd was hungry, too. Both Pleasant Grange and Bruno Center Grange, operating lunchstands under the antpitheater, completely sold out of food. They could have used many more pies, especially. A few families brought picnic dinners of their own.

Members re-elected three trustees to the board, John W. Eakin, Rt. 1 Pickerington, Raymond Spitler, Rt. 1 Pleasantville and Roy White, Rt. 1 Orient.

Eakin Again President

In the re-organization of the board, Eakin was returned to the office of president of South Central which he first assumed in 1946. Curt Griggs, Logan was re-elected vice president and Dale Winegardner, Rushville, kept the office of secretary-treasurer. Edmond Leckrone, Mt. Perry was renamed assistant secretary-treasurer.

Reports of officers featured the morning session following invocation by Rev. Whitney M. Troudale, Lancaster First Presbyterian Church minister. President Eakin welcomed members and guests.

Novelty acts and awarding of prizes provided entertainment during the afternoon. C. W. Foley, general manager of Kentucky Statewide, as master of ceremonies, kept the program moving at a fast clip and the crowd happy. The Adelphi Band played during the noon hour.

Presented Plaque

At the opening of the afternoon session, R. D. Head, Circleville trustee, was presented a plaque for his 25 years of service to South-Central.

In his annual report Manager Kindler first noted that South-Central had moved forward in the past decade, especially in the rural areas. "With the big development of homes, businesses and industrial plants, has come the demand for power in much greater quantities."

Kindler called attention to the new $5 million vacation home development underway southeast of Lancaster, which is an all electric project. He added that "50 per cent of new homes are all electric."

South-Central reached a peak demand of 13,559 KW in the past year, the manager reported. The total capacity of the system is 22,000 KW. The cooperative expects to reach 15,000 KW this year.

Kindler stated negotiations were well underway for the possible sale of a portion of the Ohio Midland properties to Columbus & Southern Ohio Electric and the integration of the balance of these properties with South Central.

Ahead Of Schedule

"On the subject of debt, to date we have borrowed $6,043,000 from REA", the manager explained. "We have repaid $2,559,839.33 of the principal amount, and have also paid a total of $1,238,055.30 interest. Of the principal repaid $73,289.75 has been repaid ahead of schedule."

The 25 year-old South Central is an active member of the

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Change Exam For Ohio 4-H Tractor Tilt

Boys who participate in the Ohio 4-H tractor operators' contest at the state fair this year will take a more comprehensive written examination than those who have participated in the past.

Martin Harvey, Rt. 2, Lancaster is Fairfield County's representative.

This year's examination will include questions from both the first and second year 4-H tractor projects, W. E. Gill, Ohio State University Extension agricultural engineer, announced. In other years the test has been based on information in first-year project work. The new procedure, is in line with that followed at the regional 4-H tractor operators' contest, a contest in which 26 state winners, including Ohio's, participate.

The state 4-H tractor operators' contest is an annual Youth Day feature of the state fair. It is scheduled this year for August 23. In addition to the written exam-

ination, the boys will be asked to drive a tractor, with implement attached, through an obstacle course and to recognize proper maintenance and safety factors in daily tractor operation. Those who participate will include about 55 county contest winners.

Boys placing first, second and third in the state event will receive trophies from the Standard Oil Company of Ohio. The state winner will represent Ohio in the regional matches to be held in Dallas, Texas in October.

Ohio boys have fared well in regional competition. In the four years they have participated they have won first place twice and third place once. The regional contest will be in Ohio in 1962.

Whales, which are mammals, still bear vestigial limbs.

2 FB Boards Arrange Annual Joint Outing

Members of the County Farm Bureau and Co-op Boards arranged their joint summer picnic the evening of Aug. 16 at the John Mosthank Area Shelter House. A company of 33 enjoyed a co-operative supper following invocation by Quincy Cheadle.

Howard Rowles, president of the Co-op Board welcomed the group and Paul Soll, Farm Bureau Board president, made complimentary remarks.

Reports of coming events were

They Were There

Attending the August get-together were Mr. and Mrs. Don Claypool, sons Danny, Timmy and David, Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur L. White, Peggy, Linda and Roger, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Diley, sons Neal and John, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rowles, Miss Mary Ella Bowles;

Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Don Kauffman, daughters Christine and Ellen, Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Cheadle and

Monday. Joetta has been news reporter for the Four Leaf Clovers Club this summer.

Farm Bureau Advisory Council 24 enjoyed their annual picnic at Lake Isabella Aug. 8.

Participating in the basket dinner, bathing and fishing were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Snoke, Sr., Marilyn and Mary Ann Snoke, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Darling, Mrs. Robert Farrow and Debbie, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lutz, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Ruff, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rager, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Darling, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Fauble.

Council 24 will not have a regular meeting until September.

Farm wage rates in the U. S. averaged $283 a month (with house), up $3 from last year, say Ohio State University Extension economists.

Mrs. Kenneth Seeley, Janet and Carol, Beverly and Debbie Glaze, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fahrer, Jr., Randy and Sandy, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Hickle and Linda.

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