

## Congress Expected to Act Soon On Humane Animal Slaughter

House Agriculture Committee is expected to reach decisive action soon on legislation to compel packing houses to use humane methods of killing animals, an issue that has been piling mail high on Congressmen's desks for more than two years.

The Livestock and Feed Grains subcommittee of the House Agriculture Committee has scheduled a public hearing, beginning April 2, on four pending bills that

would require slaughterhouse reform. The full Agriculture Committee is expected to act on the legislation soon after conclusion of the hearing. Experienced Capitol observers say the legislation has a good chance at enactment.

Four humane slaughter bills have been introduced in the House and one in the Senate. Rep. William A. Dawson (R., Utah) told the House when he introduced one of the bills that

## Pressure-treated Wood Effective On Termites

W. C. Krueger, extension farm engineer at Rutgers recommends use of pressure-treated lumber for construction near or in contact with foundation walls.

There is evidence now, he says, that metal termite shields are not effective even when placed according to strictest specifications. Termites can build their earthen shelter tubes up over the metal sheet to the wood structures above.

"Anything we as members of Congress can do to hasten the end of collective cruelty to millions of animals is well worthy of our time."

The Humane Society of the United States is leading the drive for slaughterhouse reform that is backed by such organizations as the huge General Federation of Women's Clubs and the National Farmers Union, as well as by more than 600 humane societies.

Several members of the House Agriculture Committee toured slaughterhouses after the 84th Congress adjourned. The investigation of killing methods resulted from interest in humane slaughter legislation passed by the Senate, but not by the House, last year.

Members of Congress reported in Senate hearings on slaughter methods at that time that mail urging enactment of the bill was heavier than on any other measure before Congress.

On the slaughterhouse tour, the Congressmen watch the shackling, hoisting, knifing and bleeding of conscious meat animals. This is the commonly used slaughter method and is termed "inexcusably cruel" by The Humane Society of the United States. The Committee members also visited plants that follow the procedure the Society wants all packers to use. The animals are made unconscious by means of a captive-bolt pistol or by carbon dioxide anaesthetization before they are shackled, hoisted, stabbed, bled, scalded or skinned.

## Sterile Cow Given

### Hormones; Gives Milk

Following the lead of other States, University of Vermont scientists have turned a hopeless case of sterility into a milk producer by injecting hormones. Molly has never had a calf but she's producing 20 pounds of milk a day at the University Farm.

Dr. W. B. Durrell, UV animal pathologist, says, "We have gained some experience by trying a new approach to the problem. However, we don't recommend spending time and money on a low milk producer or a heifer with poor ancestry."

## Sales Dates

Sat., March 23, by Cora Demning estate, near Adamstown. Farm implements, corn, hay, household goods and antiques.

Sat., March 23, by Allen Stober about one-quarter mile south of Indian Lake. Livestock, farm implements, and household goods.

Mon., March 25 by Irwin Hammer, Hopeland. Farm implements and dairy equipment.

Tues., March 26, Warwick Farm Shorthorn Dispersal Sale. Five bulls, 60 females and calves. Mt. Joy Sale Barn. Sale starts at 1 p.m.

Sat., March 30 by Fulton National Bank, administrator of Dr. Daniel Regan estate. Located at 31 Main St., Denver, Pa. Real estate and household goods.

Sat., March 30 by A. L. Gehart in Ephrata at the railroad station. Lot lumber, corn, barley.

Sat., April 6 by George and Helen N. Boyer between Route 222 and Gring Sand Quarry, one mile from Five Mile House hill Refrigeration, ice cream equipment, tools and household goods.

Sat., April 6 by Mrs. Ester Sonnon, exctriy of Harvey Peifer estate. Located near Fetters school house, one mile northwest of Mt. Airy in Clay Township. Real estate and household goods.

## Nearly 20 Million Acres Signed Under 1957 Soil Bank Reserve

Close to 20 million acres of cropland had been signed up by farmers under the 1957 acreage reserve program of the Soil Bank through March 8, according to reports which have been received by the U. S. Department of Agriculture from State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation offices.

By crops, the acreage reserve sign-up reported included 4,473,024 acres of corn, 2,643,875 acres of cotton, 129,979 acres of rice, 77,157 acres of tobacco, and 12,579,467 acres of wheat. The wheat includes winter wheat agreements signed last fall, less cancellations, plus spring wheat agreements signed through March 8. The tobacco acreage includes all eligible types.

Deadlines for 1957 Acreage Re-

serve agreements were March 1 for cotton and tobacco and March 8 for spring wheat, corn, and rice. Increases in acreages of certain types of tobacco and cotton, since the March 1 report, are attributable to the "over-the-limit" acreage of these crops signed up since that date. In addition there have been some corrections in reports on certain types of tobacco. Since March 8 "over-the-limit" acreages of spring wheat and rice are being accepted. They will be reported later.

According to the March 8 reports from State ASC offices, 919,439 Acreage Reserve agreements have been signed. If signatory producers comply with the requirements of the program, they can earn \$549,276,640 on the 19,903,502 acres put in the program so far.

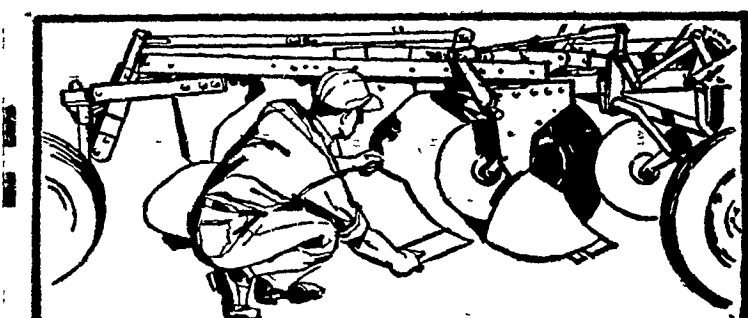


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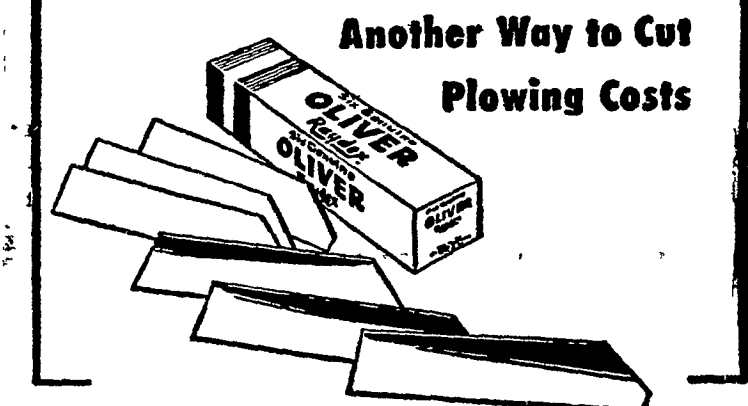
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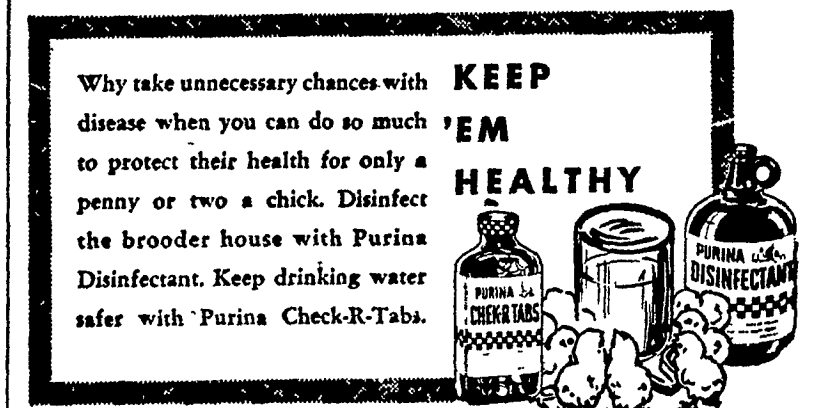
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