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county could have been treated.

Stillbesterol is commonly administered by one of the two following methods:

1. A pellet of the synthetic hormone is injected under the skin of the bird at the base of the skull.

2. Some farmers hire a veterinarian to inject the drug into the body of the bird.

The substance is absorbed into the bird making the meat soft and tender. Most of the birds so treated are not marketed for a period of 6 to 8 weeks after treatment, and all of the substance has been absorbed.

Sometimes however, if the

price is low at the time when the birds reach market weight, the grower will hold them for a rising market. In the meantime the effect of the hormone wears off and the bird tends to become starchy. To prevent the male characteristics from developing and the bird from becoming rangy and tough, some growers inject a second shot.

Then if the price takes a quick upturn, the grower unloads the Capettes or Caponettes, as the treated birds are called, before all the hormone has been used up.

Capettes or caponettes are so designated by the grower, buyer and processor. Broilers and fryers have not received any of the hormone.

Big consumer centers of the capotted birds are New

York and Los Angeles. In Pennsylvania the largest production center is located in Pike county. New Jersey and Eastern Shore poultrymen are also large producers of capettes.

Many poultrymen in this area feel that the furor may have been caused by abuses of the use of the drug by poultrymen who market birds too soon after implantation of the pellets.

Buyers at the Lancaster Poultry Center on Thursday were not frightened away from the treated birds even though the announcement of Secretary Flemming that the birds might be banned was made prior to the sale. Birds were bought, however, with the proviso that if the ban were forthcoming, buyers were not bound by the terms of the sale. The Auction moved a total of 15,340 head of the treated birds.

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● **Calf Chain**

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best essays. The boys agree to raise the calves in the approved manner and when these calves are grown and produce their first female offspring, the boy gives this offspring back to the F.F.A. Chapter and it is given in a similar manner to some other boy. When this obligation is fulfilled, the owner of the heifer is free to do as he likes with both heifers and any future offspring. It is hoped, however, that the heifer will be the foundation of a herd and will help the boy become established in farming.

The boys receiving the heifers will exhibit them in many area and state shows in the next few years. The heifer chains are designated by the sponsor donating the original calf.

● **Small Fruit**

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in the past year, and he does not foresee any in the near future. Because of the caution

with which orchardists have used spray materials in the past there has been no controversy on materials used in pest control work in orchards. "If the cranberry growers had used the materials according to the manufacturer's specifications, they would never have been the victims of the unfortunate publicity they have had recently," was the way Bittner summed it up.

Chloro I-P-C at this time of year and Dinitro later on in the year are still the recommendations for control of chickweed in strawberries. A new chemical, Neburon looks very promising, but it is not yet available since it does not have clearance under the Muller Act restrictions.

Dr. Bittner reported that 1959 will be considered a "Vintage" year by grape growers in Pennsylvania and most of the rest of the world. Yields were not quite as big as last year, but sugar content is very high and quality of the grapes is good. He said that grape growers have developed a ready mixed juice drink ready to use as it comes from the can. Apple orchardists are experimenting on similar drinks using apple juice with either grape juice or black raspberry juice.

Dr. Bittner believes that it is this kind of research that will help the fruit grower maintain his market and his standing with the housewife of America.

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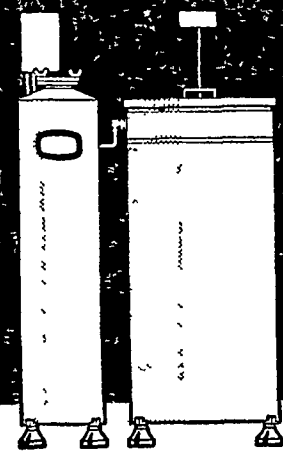
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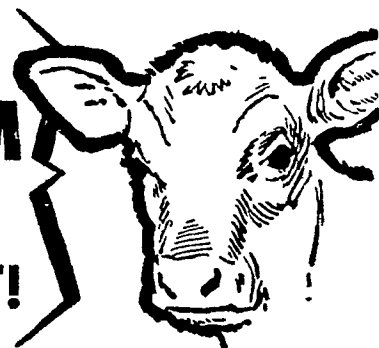
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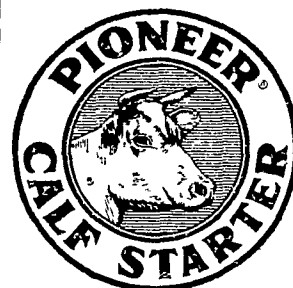
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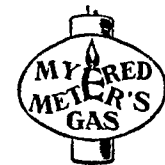
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