

● Commissioners

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surplus food would be determined by the county commissioners on the basis of the present earning power of the applicant

He felt that workers idled by a strike should not be eligible to draw surplus food "If I had felt strongly about it I would have pushed for it during the recent strike in Columbia" The pressure for the program at that time (the strike at Grinnell Corporation) came because strikers on the other side of the river could get surplus food and those on this side could not he said

He estimated the program would cost from \$100 per person on the eligible lists

Cattle Buyer Sees Great Need For Local Cattle

Southeastern Pennsylvania has the market for more cattle but meanness is the watchword for good prices thirty county agents were told at a luncheon meeting Thursday at the Lancaster Stock Yards

The county agents guests of the Stock Yards toured facilities and heard talks by stockyards officials in keeping with the celebration of Terminal Livestock Markets month during October

Mr. Marshall head buyer for Cross Brothers a Philadelphia packing firm said that only 100,000 of the million federally inspected cattle slaughtered in this market area are fed here

He said his firm is looking for more cattle fed locally, but that packers are looking for a carcass with plenty of meat — not "butterballs" He believes a meat type animal should be produced along the line followed by some producers in recent years

Marshall said the emphasis on shortness of legs can be overcome Don't be afraid of a few inches of leg if the steer is beef he said He suggested letting the animal get more growth before putting it on full feed

Marshall said regarding the system of dual grading instituted last summer by the USDA "We will pay more for something if we think it is worth it There is no ceiling Dual grading will have a tendency to reverse its intended effect setting a ceiling from which cattle will be priced downward

Robert Heilbron, president of the Lancaster Livestock Exchange toastmaster, cited American agriculture and paid tribute to three institutions celebrating their 100th anniversary this year He pointed to contributions of the U S Department of Agriculture, Land Grant Universities and Terminal Livestock Markets

David Buckwalter, Lancaster County farmer and livestock feeder traced the changes in farming habits during three generations on his family farm

In addition to Lancaster County's four agricultural agents — County Agent M M Smith Associate County Agents Victor Plastow and Winthrop Merriam Jr and Assistant County Agent Arnold G Leuck — farm specialists from York Dauphin Adams Chester Schuylkill Northampton, Bucks Berks and Lebanon counties also attended the semi-annual meeting at the Stock Yards Inn.

"We would have to budget \$10,000 to \$15,000 to begin the program," he said, and added that he felt the program would grow larger. "Once you get it you never get rid of it," he added

A member of Council asked if the program might tend to draw undesirable persons from outside the area to Lancaster County. Snyder declined to say he thought this might happen, and when asked if he thought a surplus food program might have the effect of stimulating

or prolonging strikes he said, "That would be pure conjecture, and I would not like to say that would happen."

Snyder said the Department of Employment Security and the Department of Public Assistance would be in a better position than the county commissioners to know the need or number in the county that might be eligible to participate in the program.

Paul Whipple, of Production Credit, hosted the meeting which was held in the Association's building on Roseville Road.

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