

Family Farm May Have To Go, Food Commission Official Says

WASHINGTON — A Wyoming Senator told Newspaper Farm Editors Monday, "Maybe the feed lot operator and the small family farm should be forced out of business, but we ought to ask questions, we ought not just let it happen."

Senator Gale W. McGee told the farm editors at their annual spring conference, the proposed Food Commission Study may show the need for new legislation concerning food buying practices or it may call for the tightening of existing laws.

He said the proposed 15 man commission, five from the Senate, five from the House, and five from the general public, should attempt an exhaustive but not petty study of food marketing practices.

"The pressure is now on meat which makes up about a third of the chain stores' volume, and would probably make a good pilot study," he said.

He explained that the chain stores could not lower their costs of soaps, detergents and manufactured foods from large

firms by volume purchases, therefore the temptation is great "to take it out of the hide of whoever you can brow-beat."

He said the proposed \$2½ million study has been supported by all three large farm organizations as well as the meat packers, feed lot operators, labor unions, cooperatives, National Association of Manufacturers, most chambers of commerce, the National Ass'n of Independent Businesses, and finally the food chain stores.

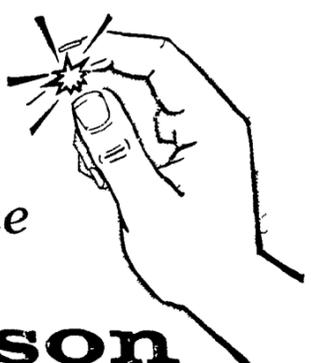
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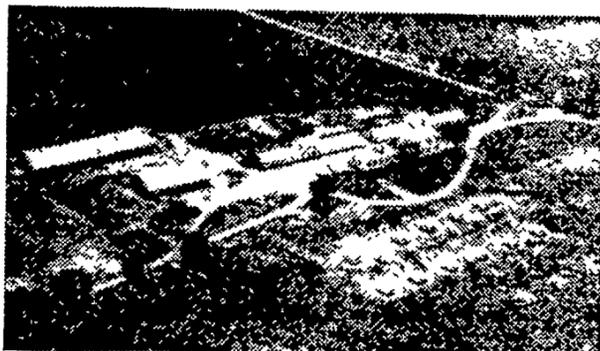
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