



GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPION capons above were shown by Paul Miller, Lititz R3, and Sue Hershey, Lititz R1, respectively. The 4-H capon roundup is an annual event sponsored by the Lancaster Kiwanis Club.

● **Capon Roundup**

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that there was little real quality difference among any of the 11 blue ribbon entries. For the most part, he said, the birds were very close in dressing and conformation. To separate them into placings, he had to concentrate primarily on minor differences.

Other blue ribbon winners in the 23-entry contest were:

3, Henry Hershey, Lititz R1; 4, Elmer and 5, Edward Landis, both of 2475 Oregon Pike, Lancaster; 6, Robert Miller, Lititz R3; 7, Michael and 8, Eugene Hosler, both of Manheim R3; 9, Shirley Hershey, Lititz R1; 10, Susie Peifer, Manheim R1; 11, Gary Porter, Washington Boro R1.

There were 7 red and 5 white ribbon winners also.

YOUR LEGISLATOR'S REPORT



JACK B. HORNER
State Representative

The committee system is very important in our State Government. All bills introduced into the House are referred to a particular committee whose function is to determine if the bill should come before the entire House for a vote. A definite need exists for some kind of screening to determine which bills are worthy of consideration by the entire House. As of this writing over 2,000 bills have been introduced in the House and it is absolutely impossible for each Legislator to be familiar with every one. Bills of varying degrees of importance are introduced and for all kinds of reasons. Much to my surprise I have discovered that some Legislators will introduce bills which they themselves feel are bad, but because of some pressure back home they go through the motions of solidly supporting a certain measure. I feel this to be a complete waste of time and money, and I refuse to become a party to it. However, my point is that somewhere along the line a method to separate the wheat from the chaff must be set up and the committee system supposedly performs that function.



Unfortunately however, this system can be abused and frequently is. The chairman is always a member of the majority party and secures his position through seniority. This makes sense even though it doesn't mean that the chairman is always the most able member of the committee. Each chairman runs his committee as he sees fit. Some of them operate in the proper fashion and the bills are studied and discussed, and the fate of each bill is decided by action of the members. On the other hand, some chairmen run the committee with complete autonomy. A chairman can refuse to allow the committee to discuss a bill, and, in cases such as this, one man can decide the deposition of everything which comes before his committee.

A certain procedure can be

be used to bring a bill before the entire House when it is bottled up in committee and that is a "Discharge resolution." In effect the entire House discharges the committee from further consideration of the bill so that it can be considered by the entire body. This resolution must be passed by the same majority as is required to pass a bill and the vote is not on the merits of the bill but rather whether or not it should come to the floor of the House. We have voted on several of the resolutions lately but none has passed. I am told we must go back many years to find a case where one did pass. There is a reluctance, particularly among the older members in years of service, to vote in favor of such a resolution because it repudiates the entire committee system. We all recognize that there is value in the system even though it can work injustices at times, and, until someone comes up with a new approach, I'm sure the committee system will remain. I am not one to absolutely refuse to vote for a discharge resolution, but I do feel it should be used very judiciously and only on bills of a most important nature.

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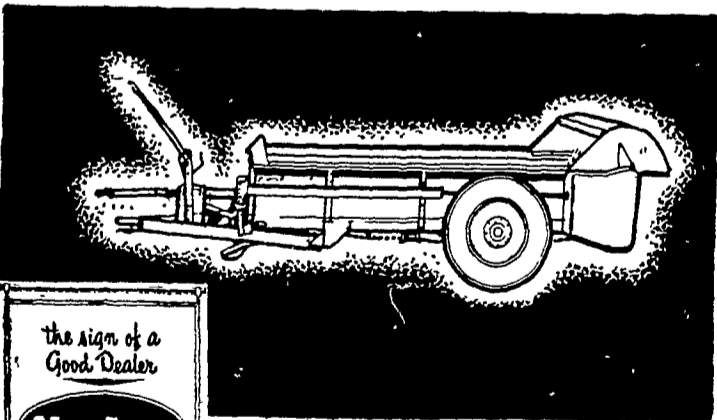
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