

## Packers & Stockyards Act Is Explained To Editors

The Packers and Stockyards Act is a Federal law regulating business practices of those engaged in livestock and live poultry marketing and meat and poultry packing in interstate and foreign commerce.

Donald A. Campbell, Administrator, explained the program to the Newspaper Farm Editors of America this week, at their annual

spring meeting held in Washington.

"The primary purpose of the Packers and Stockyards Act is to help producers obtain fair prices for their livestock and poultry," he said. "We go about this by working to prevent unfair, fraudulent, discriminatory, or monopolistic practices within these industries

"Since 40 percent of farmers' 1966 income came from the sale of meat animals alone, we are seriously concerned with any trade practices which affect this significant part of the agricultural economy

"With our small staff, we have jurisdiction over about 2,250 public stockyards, 3,000 private livestock markets, 16,000 livestock commission men and dealers, 3,200 meat packers, and 1,000 poultry processors or handlers. Fortunately, we can rely on the basic integrity of

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## Newcomer Wins Again In FFA Public Speaking

A Penn Manor High School Junior remained undefeated in FFA Public Speaking competition to date this year by winning first place in the Region II Future Farmers of America Public Speaking Contest, held Thursday at Millersville State College

Nelson Newcomer, son of Mr and Mrs Earl Newcomer, Wash-



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ington Boro, spoke on the subject, "A World Divided". He had won the area contest just last Thursday and topped the County competition held March 26

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## Farm Calendar

- Monday, April 29  
1 00 p m—Intermediate Clothing Construction Workshop, Farm & Home Center
- Tuesday, April 30  
9 30 p m—Advanced Tailoring, Farm & Home Center  
1 00 p m—Advanced Clothing Construction, Farm & Home Center
- Wednesday, May 1  
4 30 p m—Vo-Ag Teachers Meeting, Ephrata High School  
8 00 p m—Senior Extension Meeting, Farm & Home Center.
- Thursday, May 2  
12 00 noon—Southeast Area Brown Swiss Meeting, Howard

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## Daylight Saving Time

It's that time of year again when Daylight Saving Time starts another six month reign. Sunday, April 28 at 2 a.m. is the official time for the move ahead, but most people take care of the item Saturday night before retiring.

The hour lost will be regained on Sunday, October 27.

## Meetings Set On '69 National Wheat Program

Informal hearings seeking views on prospective wheat supplies production and needs as basis for establishing 1969 national wheat acreage allotment will be conducted at 10 locations May 1 through 3, 1968. Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman announced this week

Secretary Freeman said hearings continue policy of consulting with farmers and others on vital program decisions. Similar informal hearings were held a year ago. Secretary Freeman indicated frank appraisal of farmers and others on needed production levels for 1969 and its effect on farm prices will provide important guidance in determining 1969 wheat acreage allotment

State ASC Committees will be in charge of meetings. State Committee Chairman and Wheat Program Specialist from Washington will be present at each session. They will provide basic information on current wheat supplies and use

Representatives from general farm organizations, wheat grower associations, wheat commissions, associations of elected ASC committeemen, independent and cooperative elevators, millers, and grain trade, as well as

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John Henkel

## John Henkel Reelected To Head Swinememen

John Henkel, Strasburg R1, was reelected president of the Lancaster County Swine Producers Association at a meeting on Thursday night, in the Exchange Room of the Lancaster Union Stock Yards

Mark Nestleroth, Manheim R3 was elected vice president and James Horton, Elizabethtown, was reelected secretary-treasurer

Newly seated directors at the meeting were Robert Armstrong, Drumore R1, Robert Martin, East Earl R1, and Melvin Huber, Lititz R1

## Freeman Says Farmers Are Now More Respected And Understood By Consumers

### Holds Conference With Farm Editors

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Secretary of Agriculture, Orville L. Freeman told farm newspaper editors from across the nation here this week, that the farmer is much more respected and understood than when he first took office nearly eight years ago. "Consumers now realize more about the difference between farm prices and food costs," he said

Speaking in his office to a special conference of the Newspaper Farm Editors of America in town for their spring meeting, Freeman expressed disappointment that the administration couldn't have moved faster on the farm measures it purposed. But he stated he thought we have the answers to the farm problems in terms of domestic farm income as well as the answer to take care of our abundance. "We have been effective in getting rid of surplus," the secretary said

Freeman also said he felt more optimistic on getting farm legislation passed this year

Commenting on his recent trip to the Far East on behalf of U.S. farm exports Freeman said, "I was very impressed by actual

and potential export markets. I feel quite bullish about export possibilities."

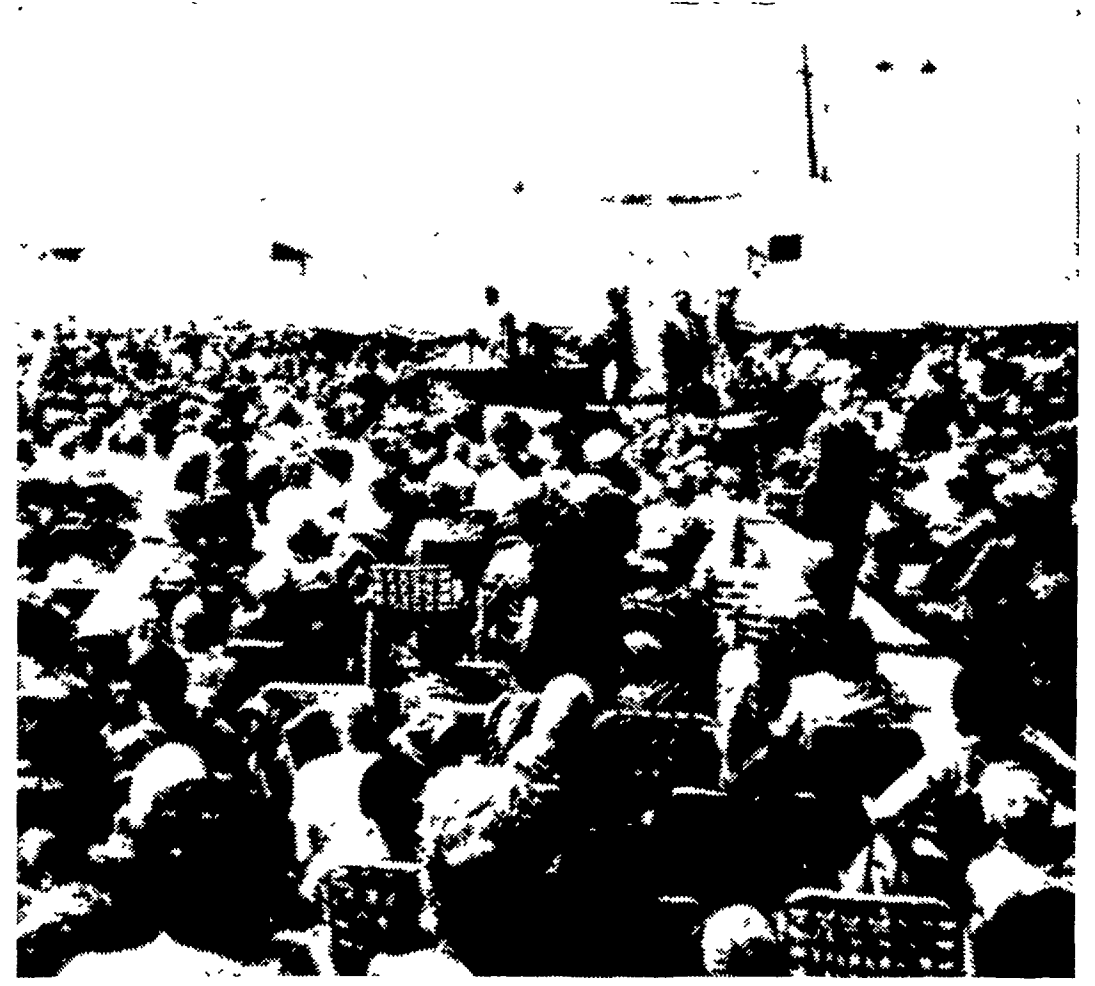
The secretary tried to impress other countries that we are a reliable source of agriculture supplies because we could supply them with twice the exports they are now buying if they wanted them

Freeman listed both on-the-farm procedures and transportation methods as needing improvement to get exports to other countries in good condition.

### Supports Humphrey

The following day Freeman held another open news conference at the National Press Club where he announced his support of Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey for president and his intentions to urge him to declare his candidacy for the nomination.

"—my choice for the nomination has never lost sight of the importance of the American farmer," Freeman said. "He knows that a strong agriculture is the crucial underpinning of a healthy economy. He knows that many of the problems of the cities are the direct result of problems in the country side. He knows that farmers need and deserve parity of income and that rural America needs and deserves parity of services and opportunity"



THE TRI-COUNTY RELIEF SALE held last Saturday at the Ralph Hertzler farm near Morgantown attracted an estimated fifteen thousand people and the net

proceeds are reported at \$30,000.00. The Mennonite Central Committee will use the proceeds to distribute food to needy foreign countries. See other L. F. Photo on Page 7.