

Lancaster Farming

SECOND SECTION



TABBY IN THE SHOAT PEN. When it comes to keeping warm you can't beat the Richard Holloway family's cat. She just makes herself comfortable under the heat light with the little pigs. Lancaster

Farming's Editor, Everett Newswanger, caught her in the act on the recent Grange Tour during Farm-City Week. Oh, yes, when Tabby gets hungry she helps herself to a few self-fed pig pellets too. L. F. Photo

Grange Backs Hardin

Selection of Clifford M. Hardin, chancellor of the University of Nebraska, by President-elect Richard M. Nixon to be secretary of agriculture, has the "full endorsement" of the Grange, ac-

cording to John W. Scott, Washington, national master.

Speaking at a Grange Middle Atlantic Leaders Conference Friday night at Holiday West, Scott described the new head of the nation's agriculture as a "middle-of-the-roader" whom he

expects will take an "objective approach" to the problems that confront farmers.

Scott, who headed the Pennsylvania State Grange for six years before his recent election as national master, said he an-

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Consumer Protection Concern Of Ag Dept.

by L. H. Bull.

Penna. Sec. of Agriculture

Consumer protection has become one of the most important issues of the present time and every effort is being made to provide adequate safeguards for the buying public.

Some people look on consumer protection as a new trend, a modern switch from the "buyer beware" attitude that prevailed in many business deals not so long ago.

To the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, however, consumer protection is nothing new; it has been a major part of the Department's services and responsibilities for half a century or more.

As a matter of fact, about half the laws administered by the Department of Agriculture are directly involved with food sold to consumers.

The purpose of these laws is

clearly stated "for the protection of the public health and the prevention of fraud and deception."

A key factor in enforcement of these laws is the inspection service provided by the Department. With food, for example, inspectors buy food in retail markets and stores — just as ordinary consumers do — and send it to laboratories for analysis. When violations are detected, the necessary steps are taken to correct the situation.

Two of the key laws were originally enacted in 1909 and amended periodically to meet changing conditions. Rules and regulations which have been drafted in accordance with these laws are frequently revised to keep them in step with modern times and to cover the vast array of new food products being offered the public.

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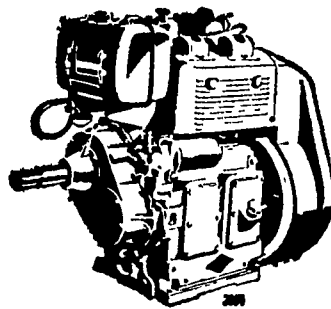
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