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milk production quality. It is important, I believe, even with the long history of quality improvement, for dairy farmers to keep in mind that the emphasis to improve milk quality is very likely to continue.

There are four specific areas relating to quality that I would like to ask dairy farmers to keep in mind:

First, is the matter of odor in the milk. Off-odor has become a seasonal production and a seasonal marketing problem. It is one that only farmers can control at the production level, and it may be costly for some farmers to control this off-odor problem. However, as herd size continues to increase, and now that milk moves through the bulk tank system, the importance of farmers controlling the flavor and odors cannot at all be overlooked. Farmers with weed or grass odor pay attention to controlling the source of such weed or grass odors. Silage odors must be controlled through better scheduled feeding programs. Barn odors and other objectionable odors must be handled through proper ventilation. With the ability of one off-odor farm tank to spoil the sale of ten times as much good milk, this problem must be solved.

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Retail Packaging Legislation

The spread of municipal legislation requiring completely transparent packaging for all perishable foods sold at retail, including eggs, has been noted by Charles J. Meler, vice president of the Poultry and Egg National Board.

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The egg industry must be alert to the spread of these local ordinances, he points out, because unless opposition is organized in each municipality there is the danger that eggs may be included in new packaging rules.

"A committee of the Chicago City Council recently gave a 'do pass' recommendation to an ordinance which would require transparent packaging of all fresh meats and produce offered for sale at retail," Meler said. He had given testimony at the committee hearing, resulting in eggs being excluded from the proposed ordinance.

New York City and Elizabeth, N. J. already have enacted transparent packaging laws, "and reform enthusiastic."

"There is no issue of public health involved," he notes, "just an overly-protective attitude by paternalistic legislators."

On the floor of the City Council, Meler reported, the action was to send the measure back to committee for revision.

"It's interesting that there are no completely transparent packages for eggs at the present time, and yet the sponsors of these so-called consumer protection bills call for such packaging of all perishable foods, pre-

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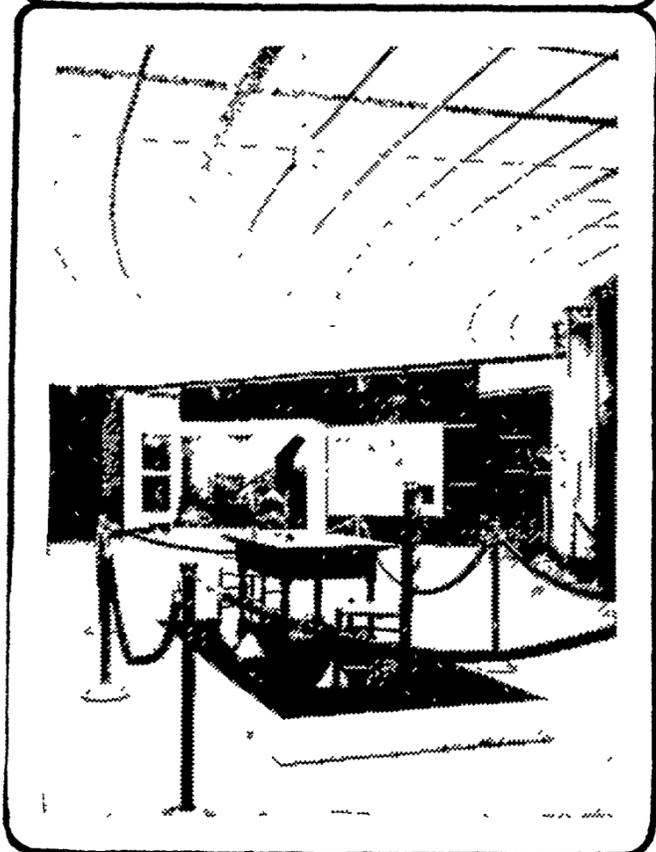
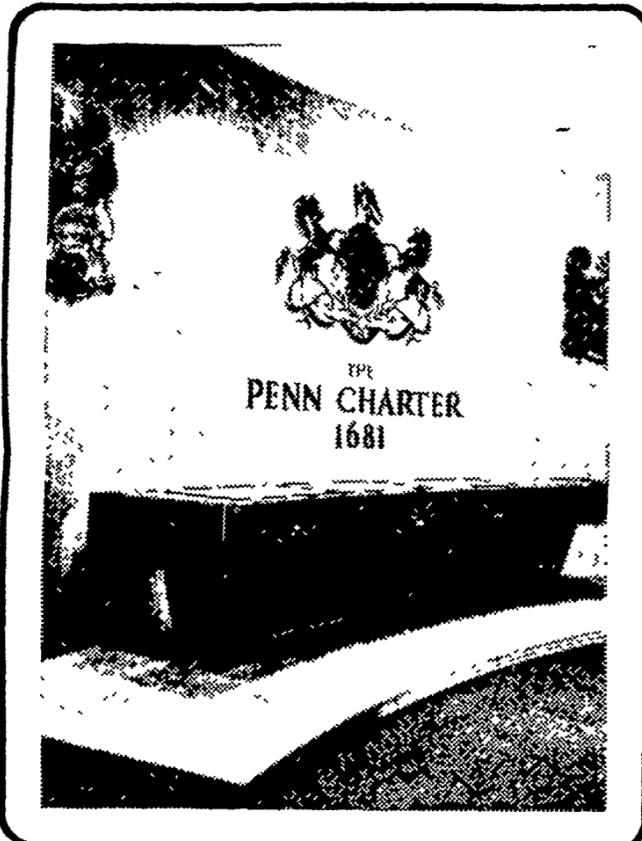
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Constructed at a cost of \$11 million dollars, and now complete, the museum will rapidly become the showplace of displays depicting the transportation, fine arts, natural history, technology, military history, archaeology and geology of Pennsylvania.

Now formally dedicated, the State Museum features temporary displays. Special craftsmen and display planners are at work in the Museum's 273,310 square feet.

The continuous art exhibit program is being opened with a showing of the paintings of N. C. Wyeth, the late Pennsylvania artist and illustrator. The exhibit is being assembled with the cooperation of Andrew Wyeth, the late artist's equally renowned son.

The State Museum is the product of twenty years of planning to house the historical, archival and museum treasures of the Commonwealth.

Dr. Sylvester K. Stevens, executive director of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, is in charge of the development of the exhibits.

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