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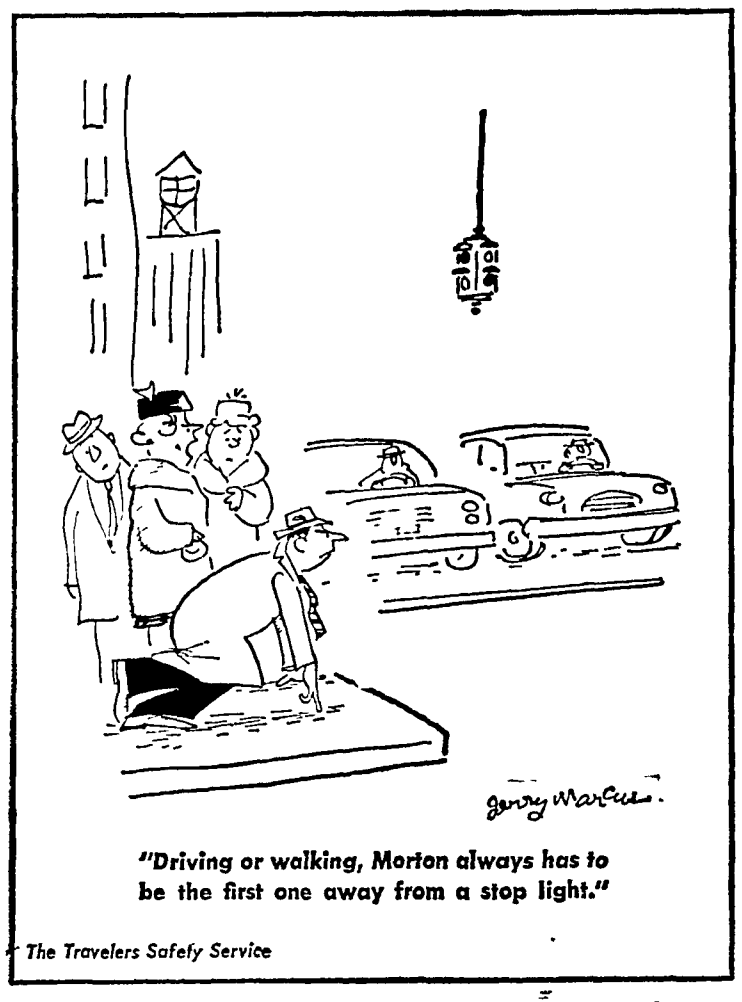

"Driving or walking, Morton always has to be the first one away from a stop light."

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State Grange Denounces Bill

The Pennsylvania State Grange recently denounced House bill 469, now on third reading in that body, and called for its defeat. The bill would give the State Department of Highways power to condemn land in fee simple absolute up to six years in advance of actual need.

A. Wayne Readinger, state master of the Grange, charged this "could cause unwarranted harm to hundred of land owners throughout the commonwealth, especially farmers and others in rural areas."

Many farmers, he said, "would be forced out of business. They would have to relocate perhaps in strange communities or seek other employment, and possibly at great social and economic sacrifice. To them that could amount to major distress."

Readinger added that "if this bill should pass and become law it would destroy one of the fundamental rights of an American citizen — the right to hold his property against seizure by the state until public need for that property has been proven.

"The bill would set up the Secretary of Highways in the real estate business on an unlimited scale Property owners would be at his mercy Agriculture would suffer as would whole communities along with uprooted farm families."

Although admitting a need for additional land for new highways, Readinger protested particularly against provisions in the bill for "giving unlimited authority to the Secretary of Highways for wholesale acquisition of land in fee simple, and before need for the land had been demonstrated, if ever."

In case land so seized but not used for highways were to be re-sold by the Highway Department prior owners would have first chance to buy it back at the price they were paid for it. This provision, Readinger said, "could be attractive in some instances, but, generally, disrupted farm families who had relocated, meanwhile, would experience only added distress in making a second relocation."

New England Warned Of Brown Egg Surplus

"New England is rapidly becoming a surplus producing area," warned Frank Reed, Poultry Economist, University of Maine. "This is complicated still further by the fact that New England produces brown eggs that are not readily accepted in other areas," Reed added.

A recent issue of the New England Marketing Association newsletter further reported careful long range planning to avoid extended periods of over-production, possibly coupled with flock size control with an early slaughter option, similar to that employed by Western Egg Company in Northern California.

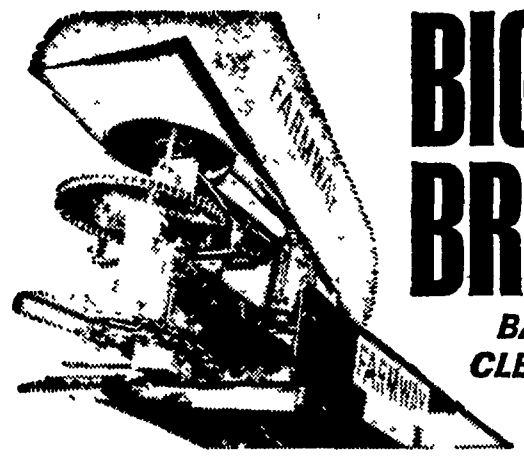
Ray Delano, manager of NEEMA, devoted a portion of his newsletter to a summary published in the Boston Herald by "Red" Curtin, the Boston Market Reporter.

"While local supply and demand factors were still somewhat out of balance, the oversupply was not as serious as several weeks ago. The industry's intelligent approach in divesting sizable lots of eggs into breaking channels (after Easter) to avoid jeapordizing the whole price structure, was of considerable influence In the less cooperative days the attitude was generally "let the other guy make the sacrifice." The awareness of producers that they have a collective responsibility to control supplies in the bounds of a healthy demand, and are actually doing something about it, is an innovation that the industry has never experienced and bodes well in the overall picture. The principles of rugged individualism have been costly."

NEEMA is one of the original egg marketing cooperatives which was instrumental in the formation of the United Egg Producers. They not only preach industry responsibility and restraint but, according to the observations of the Boston reporter, practice it as well.

Pennsylvania Broiler Placements Up 11%

Placements of broiler chicks in the Commonwealth during the week ending June 21 was 1,028,000. The placements were 11% above the same week a year earlier and 11% above the previous week. Average placements during the past 10 weeks were 10% above a year earlier. Settings for broiler chicks were 1,867,000—9% above the previous week and 19% above the comparable period a year earlier. The current 3-week total of eggs set is 11% above the same period a year ago. Inshipments of broiler-type chicks during the past 10 weeks averaged 42,000—twice the comparable period a year ago. Outshipments averaged 328,000 during the past 10 weeks, 21% higher than a year earlier.



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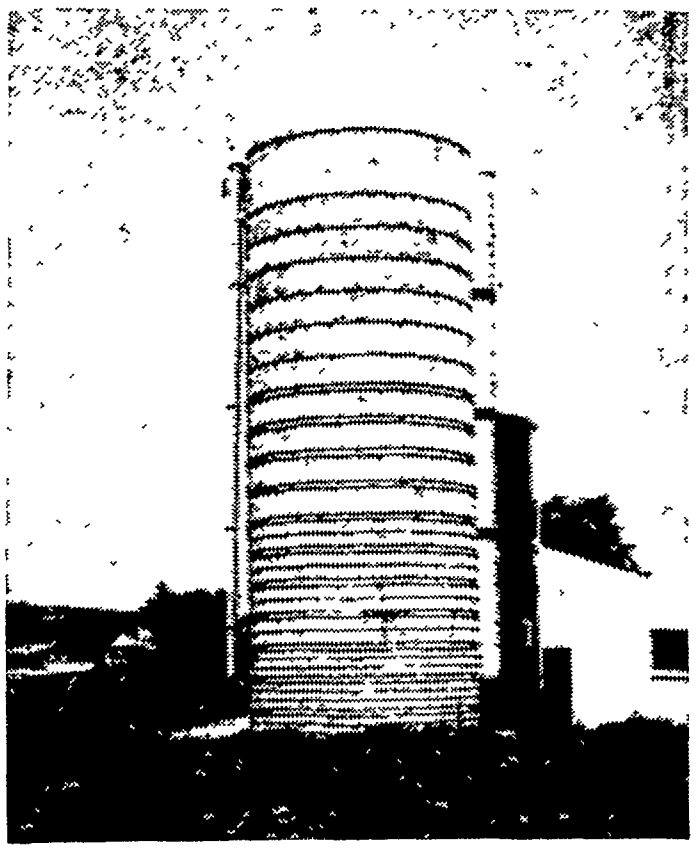

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