



R. FRANK FRAZIER, executive vice president of the National Broiler Council (third from left) is welcomed by Wentworth Hubbard, president of Hubbard Farms, at the firm's annual sales conference. Left to right: Ernie Fors, Fors

Farms Inc., Puyallup, Wash., Hubbard representative on the West Coast; Wentworth Hubbard; R. Frank Frazier; Henry Fors, of Fors Farms, and Lowell R. Blass, Hubbard vice president in charge of sales.

Bull Suggests Bureau Of Development

State Agriculture Secretary Leland H. Bull this week suggested establishment of a Bureau of Community and Resource Development as an important step toward revitalizing rural areas and rural communities of Pennsylvania.

Speaking at the 97th annual

Youth Farm Safety Order Proposed

Secretary of Labor George P. Shultz today proposed a Hazardous-Occupations Order to protect hired farmworkers under 16 from particularly hazardous jobs.

The proposed order, published in the Federal Register on October 9, would replace an interim order of January 1968 which expires this year.

A public hearing on the proposal will be held on November 18 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 102 C & D, Department of Labor, 14th St. and Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington D.C.

The proposed order would protect young workers from dangers in certain tractor and farm machine operations handling hazardous chemicals and explosives working at high elevations, working in pens with breeding stock heavy timber operations, driving buses, trucks, tractors or autos with passengers and work inside airtight produce and grain storages or silos.

The 14- and 15-year olds who complete training under approved Federal Extension Service or Vocational Agriculture programs may receive an exemption for operation of tractors and some farm machines.

Cooperative Vocational Agricultural student-learners would also be exempt from certain provisions of the proposed order. The order would not apply to youths employed by their parents or persons standing in for a parents or person, nor would it supersede more stringent State laws.

The proposal was developed with the assistance of an advisory committee representing youth, farm owners, agricultural associations, educational institutions, unions, farm, industry and safety organizations, and other government agencies.

One of the nicest things about plane travel is getting back on the ground.

convention of the Pennsylvania State Grange, Secretary Bull said a bureau of this nature, within the Department of Agriculture, would be in position to consider the total needs of these areas.

He said it is important that agriculture play a leading role in a new thrust to revitalize rural communities.

"Since these communities are the heart of our farm economy," he said, "Agriculture must become the catalyst in bringing together all efforts in this direction."

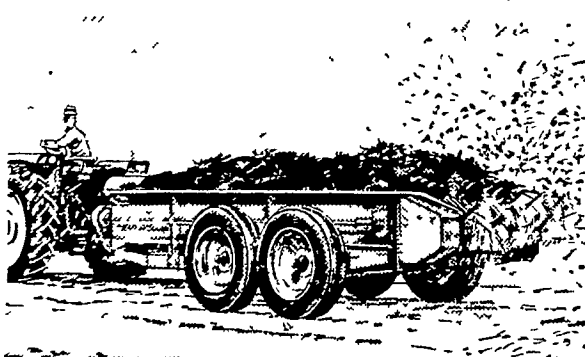
"There is a direct connection between rural blight and urban congestion, and we need to look at the whole problem if we hope to solve either dilemma," he added.

The support and leadership of agricultural organizations such as the Grange are needed, Sec-

retary Bull said, "to bring about understanding of the mutual problems that afflict rural and urban areas alike and mutual assistance needed to overcome these conditions."

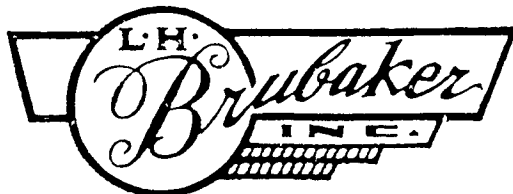
Secretary Bull also told Grange members that Pennsylvania agriculture is headed for its first billion-dollar year in history. Cash receipts of farmers, he said, so far this year are about 5 percent above the 1968 pace. "If this trend continues through the next two months, we will top the billion-dollar mark," he said. Cash receipts in 1968 totaled \$956 million.

Encouraging factors, he said, include the upward trend in milk production, a stronger milk price structure for farmers, the first increase in dairy cow numbers in nine years, and the state's big apple crop and promotion campaign to sell more Pennsylvania apples.



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erations and installed automatic feeders, they feed cattle 12 months out of the year instead of only during the Winter months. It appears that the rural landscape will continue to be decorated with a growing number of huge, tower silos.

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