

Dairymen's Assn. to Honor Cowan

A Lancaster man will be honored for 30 years of service as secretary-treasurer of the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association.

He is Charles E. Cowan, who will be honored by the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association at a banquet January 12, 1971 at the Penn Harris Motor Inn, Camp Hill. A reception is planned for 6:15 p.m. and the banquet to honor Cowan at 7 p.m.

The Association's board of directors will honor Cowan for his many years of service for the benefit of the Pennsylvania dairy industry.

The banquet is being held in conjunction with the Association's 100-year celebration.

Joe S. Taylor, chairman of dairy extension at Penn State University and advisor to the dairy farmers' Association stated, "The Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association has served the Pennsylvania dairy industry well for the past 100 years, and during the past 30 years many of our outstanding accomplishments have been due to men like Charles Cowan. The organization has served as a catalyst in implementing many important dairy industry programs. It was able to act as a clearing house for popular as well as controversial programs as progress in the dairy industry dictated change.

"It is inevitable that a highly organized industry the size of the Pennsylvania dairy industry did in the past and will in the future encounter many different opinions on any proposed changes or programs. However, regardless of an individual or organizational stand on a specific problem or program, they have always felt at home discussing the issues at PDA meetings. This is why the PDA board of directors continually stand for a policy of becoming involved in any program that will benefit the Pennsylvania dairy industry — no job is too big or too small," says Taylor.

The original Dairy Association was organized in 1871 as the Crawford County Dairy Association. In 1874, its name was changed to the Pennsylvania Dairy Association. The Association merged with other groups and was also known for a period as the Pennsylvania Dairy Union.

It is interesting to note, Taylor said, that most speakers on economics at annual meeting programs have asked dairymen to support two ideas to strengthen milk prices for dairymen by stronger producer coopera-

tives for bargaining, and the control of production to fit the market.

The depression of the early 30's severely tested the ability of cooperatives to function effectively on behalf of their members. During that period, Dr. F. P. Weaver of Penn State pointed out that the business depression was only one contributing factor to low milk prices. The real culprit was over-production.

"History repeats itself. In the 1960's many of the traditional cooperatives (some that organized in 1920-21) merged or federated into larger cooperatives to gain more strength for

their members in the market place. We also have under trial a program of supply-demand built into some of our federal milking orders as an aid to control production to fit the market," says Taylor.

Since its organization, PDA has been closely allied with the state's purebred dairy cattle associations. Most of its officers and directors have been purebred breeders. As early as 1927, A. A. Borland of Penn State, in his president's address, stated that Pennsylvania "ranked third in the nation in purebred cattle, even though we ranked seventh in total cow numbers." Today, over 30 per cent of all

cattle in Pennsylvania are listed as registered purebred animals.

In more recent times PDA furnished much of the leadership that helped to encourage more herd owners to join DIIIA production testing, to develop the Junior Dairy Show, the All-American Dairy Show, and to list judges for all-breed shows and fairs as approved by the Purebred Dairy Cattle Association.

The PDA has traditionally cooperated with the Agricultural Extension Service in the development of dairy-related educational programs. Five dairy extension specialists have served as officers and advisors, with

Taylor serving as advisor since 1956.

There are four living past Presidents of the Dairymen's Association and all plan to attend the celebration: Victor A. Houston, Lemont; J. Lewis Williams, Uniontown; J. O. Canby, Tryon, N. C.; Paul R. Anthony, Strausstown. There are over 30 past directors who have been invited to attend the celebration.

Tickets and other details about the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association's 100-year celebration on January 12, 1971 can be obtained by writing the President, Clyde S. Robison, Coal Center RD1, Pa. 15423.

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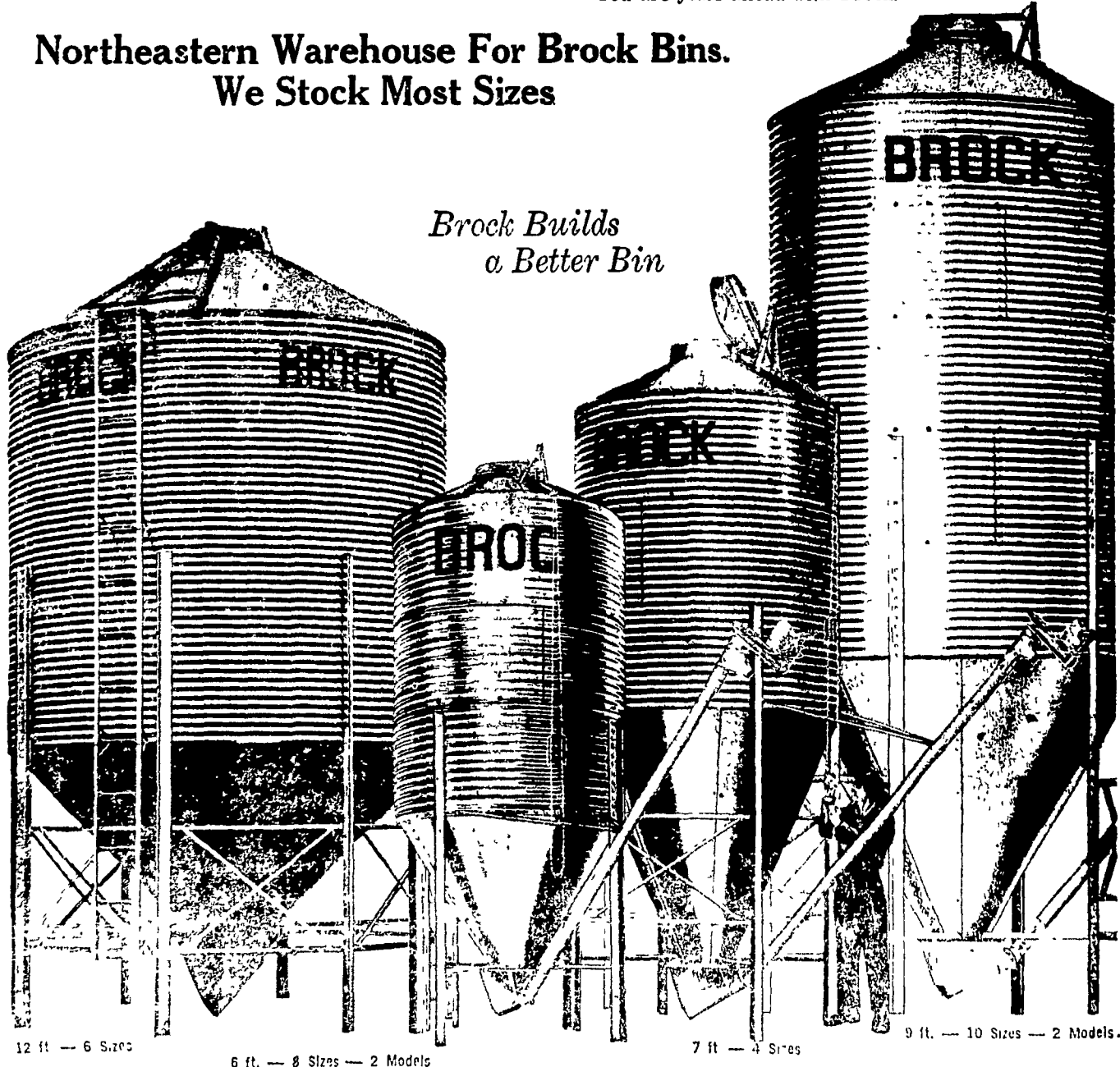
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Tom Herr, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Herr, Manheim RD1 exhibited the best pair of capons at the Lancaster County 4-H Capon Round-Up this week.

Herr is a member of the Little Manheim 4-H Community Club. Craig Harnish, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Harnish, Manheim RD6, won the live hen. He is a member of the Little Willow Community Club.

Thirteen 4-Hers sold a total of 64 capons to the buyers of the members. The capons were sold by the club and will serve champion birds for the 10-pound capons.

The sale of the capons brought the 4-H'ers about \$470.

