

**Animal-Feed Report**

Swarey Barn Burns

Though the corn blight will temper expansion by some producers, prospects are good for an increase — possibly greater than last year's three per cent — in the number of grain-consuming animal units for the 1970-71 feeding year, according to a report issued recently by the US Department of Agriculture.

During 1969, the number of grain-consuming animal units rose to 117.5 million. Cattle on feed and poultry recorded the largest percentage gains, followed by other beef cattle and hogs. Dairy cattle and sheep numbers continued their long-term decline.

Livestock production units based on concentrates during the 1969 feeding year exceeded the record high—attained in 1968—by five per cent. Live-weight production of hogs,

Jacob Swarey and his son Jacob Jr., 25, sustained minor injuries in an unsuccessful attempt early Thursday morning to save their burning barn.

Paul Knier, Lancaster County fire marshall, estimated fire damage at \$75,000 including destruction of the barn and contents, including corn fodder, hay, straw, tobacco and feed, as well as farm equipment including tractors, loaders and balers. Some horses and mules were saved.

There was no known source of the fire and the cause was listed as undetermined.

grain-fed cattle, turkeys, and broilers accounted for most of this increase. Only replacement layers and sheep and lambs showed declines from 1968. Current year livestock production units, based on concentrates, may be up two per cent.

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## WASHINGTON REPORT

### Congressman Edwin D. Eshleman

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Should candidates be permitted to buy their way into public office? This is a question which needs an answer from the Congress. The issue of campaign financing has become quite serious, particularly since the spending spree in many Senatorial and Congressional races this fall.

Congress passed legislation earlier this year designed to halt the excessive use of money in political campaigning. The bill was admittedly narrow in scope because it dealt only with expenditures for radio and television. But I voted for this narrow effort as one step in the right direction.

The legislation struck President Nixon as being only a token attempt in an area demanding broad-based reform. He vetoed the campaign financing bill and asked Congress to consider a more far-reaching program to limit political spending. Recently, when the Senate upheld the President's veto, there was an indication that Mr. Nixon's criticism will be heeded in the future. The next legislative effort, hopefully in the near future, should encompass all facets of campaign financing. A bill should be passed that abolishes the enormous advantage which big campaign spending gives to men of wealth. It should assure that campaign costs do not afford an opportunity for special interests to "buy" a candidate.

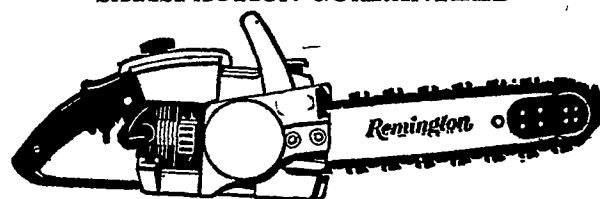
There has been far too much tokenism already in the business of political spending. The Federal Corrupt Practices Act, which now requires candidates for Federal office to file financial reports, has become a farce. It is a modern farce because it was not strong enough. Candidates who spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on their campaigns legally can report no contributions or expenditures under the law's provisions. On

the other hand, the law actually discourages a candidate from disclosing the complete story about his campaign finances.

I can use my own experience as an example. I intend to be open and above board about contributions and expenditures made on my behalf as a candidate. In other words, each year I make a full disclosure of where my funds came from and for what they were spent. But, because of the way the regulations are stated, I must file a technically questionable report. In strictly literal terms, my disclosures are improper because they go beyond the scope of the law. But in terms of self-satisfaction and the public interest, I think my financial statements are correct and justifiable.

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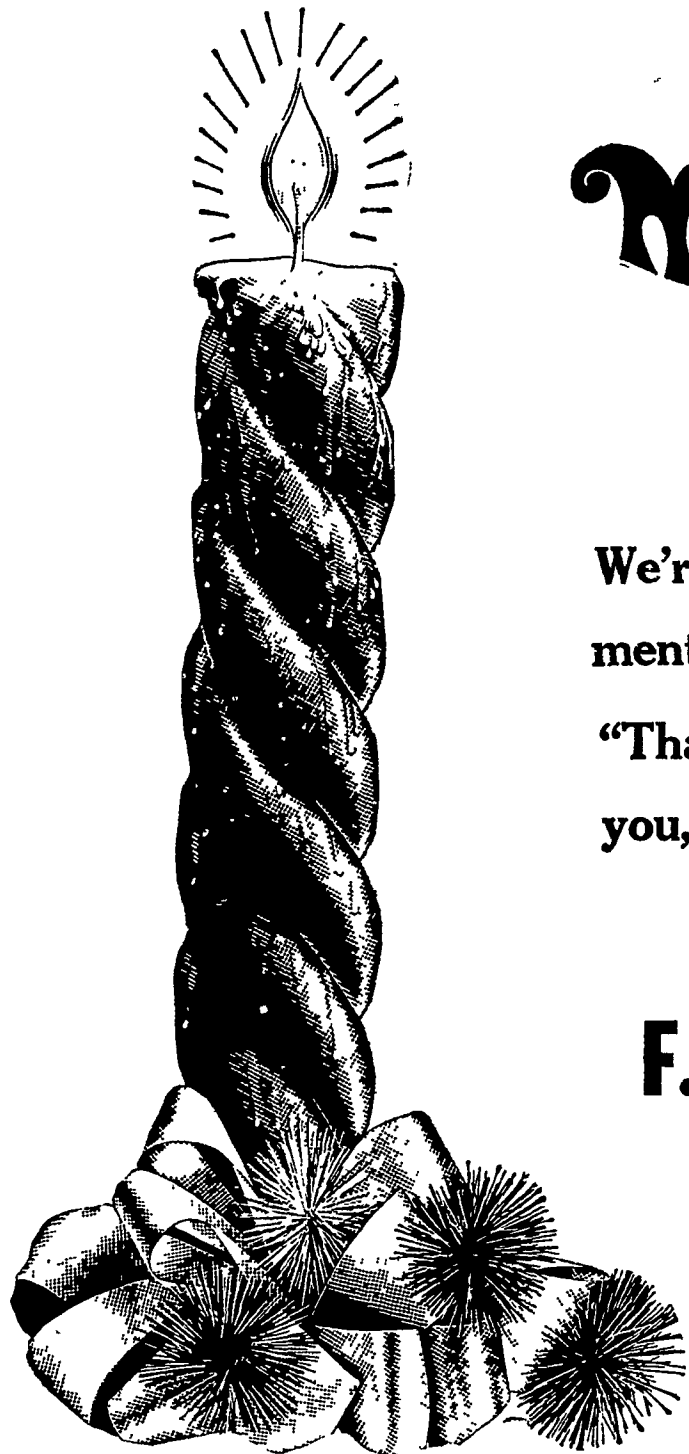
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