

# Fruit Research Center at Biglerville Is Dedicated

More than 500 persons, including state and federal officials, joined with top representatives of Pennsylvania's fruit industry September 15 to dedicate the \$900,000 Musselman Building for Research and Education at the Fruit Research Laboratory of Pennsylvania State University at Biglerville.

Construction was made possible by a \$350,000 grant from the Musselman Foundation, established in 1942 by the late C. H. and Emma G. Musselman, founders of the company which is now the Musselman Fruit Products Division of Pet, Inc.

"This structure and the research and educational programs which will be carried on within its walls will be a constant reminder of what can be accomplished when the public, private and industrial segments of our society join forces to reach a common goal," said Dr.

R. E. Larson, Dean of Penn State's College of Agriculture, as he formally accepted the new facilities.

The Musselman Foundation grant was matched by an appropriation of \$377,237 from the Pennsylvania legislature and administered by the General State Authority. An additional grant of \$68,510 was provided by federal sources under the Federal Facilities Act. Along with other grants and gifts, the total investment in the Research Center is close to \$900,000.

Dr. W. I. Thomas, associate dean and associate director of the University's Agricultural Experiment Station, was master of ceremonies for the dedication.

Among those making formal comments were Dr. Fred H. Lewis, scientist-in-charge, Fruit Research Laboratory, Biglerville, and Earl W. Strite, president, State Horticultural Association of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Lewis expressed appreciation on behalf of his staff

for the support given the Research Center by the Musselman Foundation, the Fruit Growers Association, and the industry. Mr. Strite also thanked the Foundation and others who contributed to the new fruit research facilities.

Speaking on behalf of the Pennsylvania fruit growers, Mr. Strite stated: "I am sure that this laboratory and education building will serve the fruit growers for many years and help us overcome our growing problems."

Mr. Charles Blum, deputy executive director of the General State Authority, presented a symbolic key to the building, which was accepted by Dean Larson on behalf of the University and the College of Agriculture.

Both Dean Larson and J. A. Hauser, president of the Musselman Foundation, unveiled plaques naming the new structure the "Musselman Building for Agricultural Research and Education" and acknowledging the Musselman Foundation grant.

Hauser paid tribute to the "unusual foresight and vision" of the late Mr. Musselman and commented that the grant would "perpetuate" the leadership in the fruit industry displayed by the Musselman family over much of the first half of this century.

Dean Larson accepted the building "with deep appreciation to many people—the University

administrators, agricultural leaders, legislators, General State Authority personnel, and especially the Musselman Foundation for their generous support."

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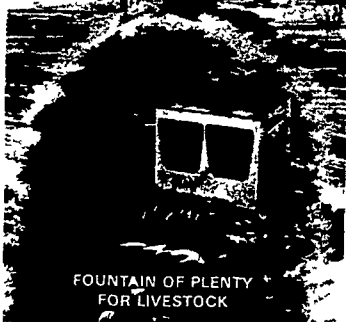
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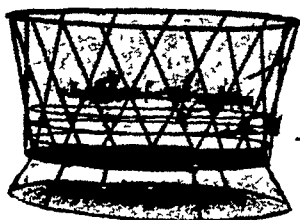
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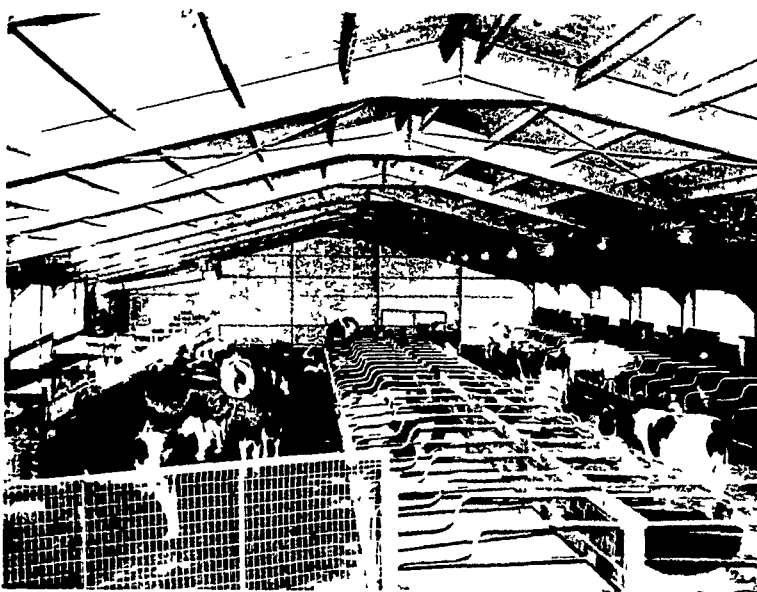


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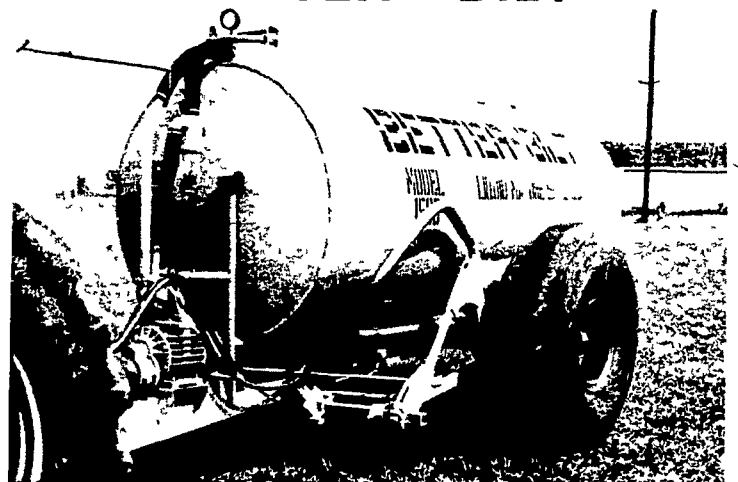
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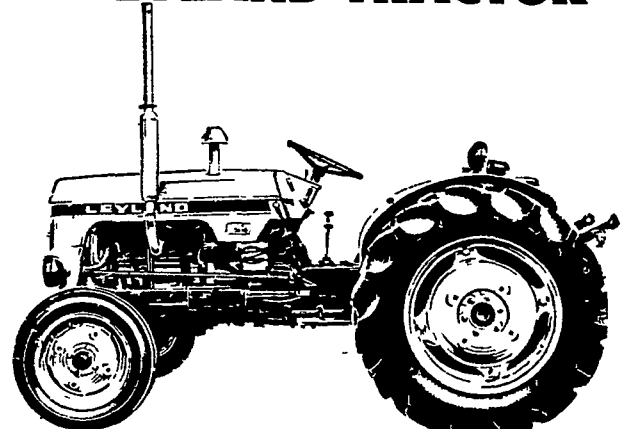
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