

Egg Marketers Oppose Sisk Bill, Support Cholesterol Research

At the recent meeting of the Pennsylvania Egg Marketing Association, Sam Berenson reported that the Sisk Bill may be delayed and hearings held because some features of the bill are not totally acceptable to agriculture as a whole.

In reporting on legislation, Berenson stated that PA House Bill 892 is in committee. One organization wished to move the bill, but many organizations are against it as written.

It was reported that with such legislation in effect for Pennsylvania with other states not covered by similar legislation, the egg and poultry industry would be punished severely.

Another observation was that any negotiations would be mostly on price and without production controls the PA industry would be ruined.

The members went on record unanimously to oppose H.B. 892, as well as the Sisk bill.

Cholesterol Discussion: The committee chaired by Al Wenger is trying to keep up-to-date on available information and will try to give out balanced information. The entire matter was well covered by Mr. Allport at a previous meeting and then additional information became available from PENB at NEPP-CO.

A check off program is needed and will allow for research, advertising, etc., on a long time program.

There is also a short time program being put into effect to publicize the industry to retailers and consumers. A strong effort will be made to reach the medical and premedical group with absolute facts.

There is a National Egg Committee already making plans for a \$30,000 study on cholesterol, as reported by Ed Murphy.

He also stated that a meeting was held with the American Heart Association. A desire to get information to them on how cholesterol effects us, the matter of diets, unsaturated fats, etc. What is being used now are opinions and not facts.

It has been established that a person's cholesterol level is not necessarily increased by an excess intake, nor has it been proven that a low intake will reduce the level.

There are numerous incidents of evidence where the industry has been hit too hard and the Heart Association may be convinced to back off.

Following the treasurer's report, Tom Smith called attention to the fact that the group had committed itself to support cholesterol research to the extent of \$1,000 and only \$290 had been collected. He urged everyone to submit their support promptly and be more generous than the minimum of \$25 in order to reach the goal.

Drapery Classes Planned

A series of three educational meetings have been scheduled on making draperies.

The meetings will be held from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. October 28, November 4 and November 11 at the Farm and Home Center.

The series will stress selection of drapery fabrics and hardware, methods of making lined and unlined draperies, using pleater tape and custom pinch pleated headings.

Regis Puhl insisted the PEMA develop a higher visibility than exists now. He suggested flags, bumper stickers, lapel buttons and other evidence be shown that an active organization does exist.

He further reported that following the next meeting,

letters will go out to all persons whose names were submitted by the members, inviting them to become members.

It was suggested that the December 10 meeting, to be held at the Embers, be ladies night. The group enthusiastically endorsed the suggestion.

Fred Pontz reviewed the information submitted by the members to come up with 17 suggestions for meetings. He stated that the subjects were good and, if the suggestions are followed, the future meeting should be interesting and induce members to attend.

In the absence of president Earl Hess, vice president Tom Smith presided.

A special appeal was made for new members in the Egg Exchange. This group has so much to offer and needs many members for greater strength. Anyone interested can contact Sam Berenson, Ray Sauder or Al Wenger or any other marketer who is now a member.

E J Lawless Jr
Secretary

Beekeepers Will Meet

The Lancaster Beekeepers fall meeting will be held in Lancaster at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, November 4.

The meeting will be held at Ralph Gamber's home at 911 State Street, Lancaster.

The meeting will be preceded by a 4-H Honey Roundup at 6:30 p.m.

W. W. Clarke Jr, Penn State University Extension apiculturist, will discuss late fall and winter management of bee colonies.

Plans for a farm show exhibit will be discussed and refreshments will be served.

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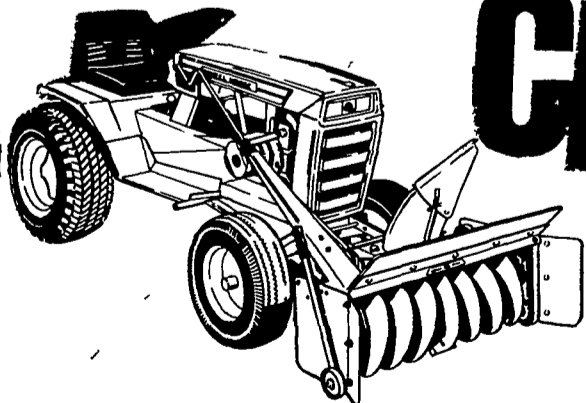
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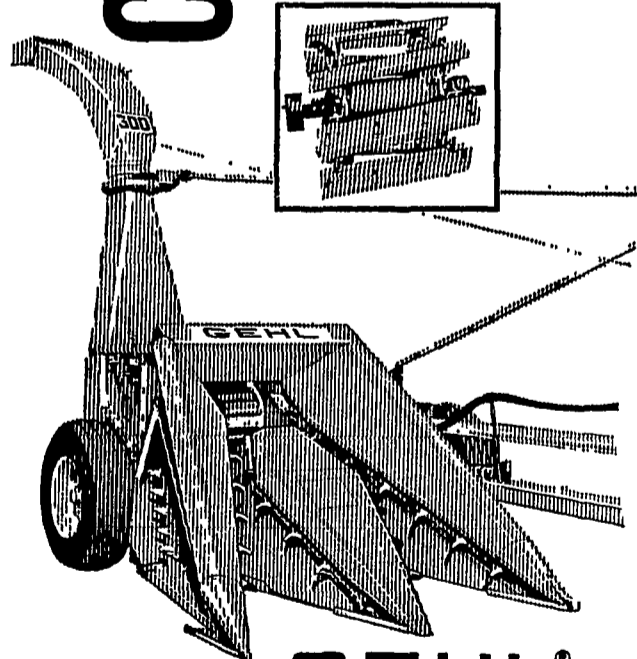
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