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If you've been away from home during a power failure and your furnace is still off, check the firebox for flooding oil residue before turning on the burner.

On some models, under special circumstances, the furnace cannot be started by the master switch. This means you should give the furnace a safety check, then push the reset button on the burner unit. If you have any questions about this, it is well to call your oil dealer, or the local concern which installed the heating equipment.

Records Program Saves Money

Several years ago the Cooperative Extension Service at Penn State University introduced an agricultural records program; farmers using the program have experienced many benefits.

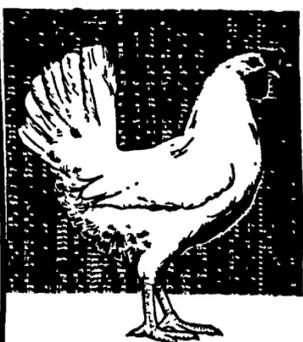
First of all, they save tax dollars with the program. The savings come in the area of income and expenses; or it can come with the farmer knowing more about depreciation schedules.

At any rate, a farmer gains a better understanding of his farm business through the break-down of income and expenses.

A farmer who enrolls in the records program has the option of distributing his income and expenses to a specific enterprise—such as dairy, beef cattle, or crops. In so doing the farmer can determine whether a particular enterprise is making or costing him money.

Overall this gives a farmer a better understanding of the strong and weak points of his business.

For more information on this helpful, money-saving records program, contact our Penn State Extension Service. Farmers are urged to sign up now in order to get the most benefit for the greater part of the year.



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Across the

Editor's Desk

Editor's Note: Bob Williams, managing editor, had this to say about the current farm situation in Pennsylvania in the February 12 issue of the Pennsylvania Farmer:

Will the rural revolt against Jim McHale and the Shapp administration cost Senator Edmund Muskie the presidential nomination next summer?

The revolt is real enough. Leaders of 44 farm and allied organizations met this past month to draw a "bill of particulars" against the policies and programs of the state department of agriculture.

And at the Council of Farm Organizations annual meeting January 24 Dean Russell Larson of Penn State answered in no uncertain words the smear campaign instigated by McHale against the college of agriculture.

The Maine presidential hopeful counts heavily on Governor Shapp and Pennsylvania in his

drive to become the Democrat standardbearer. And with organized labor and big city mayors in the Keystone State leaning toward Senator Hubert Humphrey, Muskie must depend on rural Pennsylvania for much of his support.

But that support is fast evaporating for Muskie as Governor Shapp's rural advisor, Jim McHale, continues to flail away publicly at Penn State, the Farm Show Commission, agricultural and rural organizations and just about anybody and everything in sight.

Mr. Shapp got the word from rural Democrat legislators at a private breakfast meeting this past month. They told the governor that their house and senate seats were in jeopardy and with them the Democrat control of the General Assembly.

The governor is reported to have told McHale to "cool it." The state secretary of agriculture countered by can-

celing two research projects at Penn State the following weekend and calling a press conference the next week to show off his rural support. Strangely, none of three strictly farm organizations that showed—Pennsylvania Farmers Union, National Farmers Organization and United Dairy Farmers—are included in the 1971 list of farm organizations published this past June by McHale's own state department of agriculture.

Now the Concerned Citizens for Agriculture await their day with Governor Shapp. Membership of organizations represented on the committee total a conservative 45,000 to 50,000 farm families.

And in a rare display of cooperation, the farm and commodity organizations have

been joined by farm dealer and other allied groups.

The "concern" ranges from the diversion of research funds by McHale to health and employment programs and the harassment of country butchers by state inspectors to the management of the Farm Show complex... a big can of worms indeed.

The carefully structured committee represents all segments of agriculture and attempts to walk a strictly non-partisan line. But this is not always possible. In an election year any accusation... any meeting with the governor... has political impact.

Little wonder that Senator Muskie's concern could well be the rural revolt in Pennsylvania and the actions of Jim McHale.

64 Southeastern Pa. Farmers See Ky. Fair

Sixty-four farmers and machinery dealers from the Southeastern Pennsylvania area were among a total of 145 farmers and dealers from across Pennsylvania who attended the seventh annual Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center at Louisville, Ky., last week.

Three local International Harvester dealers were among those sponsoring the trip to the national farm machinery show. These men included: C. B. Hooper and C. B. Hooper Jr., of C. B. Hooper & Son, and Bob Gantz, Elizabethtown, representing Messick Farm Equipment, Elizabethtown.

The Fair and Exposition Center is reported to be the largest showroom for farm products and machinery in the United States. The Exposition Center houses more than 350 major and short line manufacturers in a display

area of nine and one-half acres. Nearly 150,000 persons from 35 states and five foreign countries attended in 1971.

A highlight of the show was the National Farm Machinery Show Tractor Pulling Championship. Drivers competed for more than \$14,000 in prize money and trophies.

Pennsylvania International Harvester dealers placed fifth in the national competition.

The adverse weather conditions caused almost as much excitement on the return trip as the show itself. Airports were closed, roads were closed.

Perhaps, in spite of all the hardships, the farmers really were concerned most about their wives, who were at home coping with lack of electricity, drifted lanes, full tanks of milk, and more cows to milk.

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