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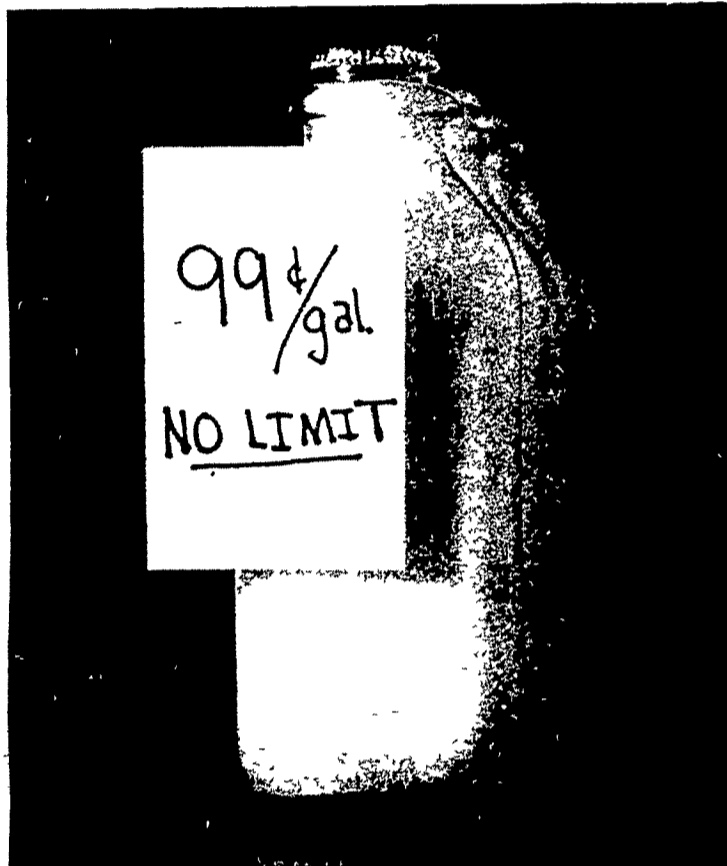
Avalong Fights Milk Board Action

"We're going to fight the Milk Board all the way to the Supreme Court if we have to," Clyde Long, vice-president of Avalong Farms, York, told Lancaster Farming this week in an exclusive interview. He was referring to a May 19 Commonwealth Court injunction restraining Avalong Farms from selling milk below minimum prices. The injunction was obtained by the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board.

"What we're doing, we're doing on purpose," Long said. "We run a juggling operation. The law says we're allowed to sell no more than two gallons of milk a day to any one customer."

"We're fighting that law. The best way I knew to fight it was to violate it. Now, I respect the law, and I'm not saying that laws should be broken whenever anybody feels they want to change things. But in this case, I just couldn't see any other way."

Avalong Farms began the fight with a sign in the window advertising milk at 99-cents a gallon with no limit on the number of gallons that could be bought. A local newspaper spotted the sign and printed a picture of it along with a story. Shortly



thereafter, a Milk Board agent came into the store and bought three gallons of milk. And then the injunction was served.

Explaining the injunction, Milk Board chairman Harry E. Kapleau said, "Avalong Farms was operating as a milk dealer without a license and selling milk below minimum prices. Farmers are permitted to sell a maximum of two gallons of milk to a consumer in any one day without being subject to the minimum prices of the Act. This exemption is given to farmers who process and sell only that milk produced on their own farms."

Avalong in the past sold milk under the farmers exemption, Kapleau said. When they began to sell milk in excess of allowable quantities they were, in the view of the Board, subjecting area milk dealers to unfair competition.

"Until the Milk Marketing Law is changed, the Board must enforce all provisions as they affect farmers, dealers and consumers," Kapleau concluded.

Clyde Long said that Avalong is now selling milk, but they are keeping within the prescribed limits. "But this still doesn't

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Substantial Rise Reported in Conestoga Creek Sedimentation

Sedimentation in the Conestoga Creek has doubled in the past ten years, it was revealed Wednesday night at the regular meeting of the Lancaster County Conservation District. A U.S. Geological Survey report shows that in the early 60's, the

Conestoga was carrying about half its present sedimentation load level of 530 tons per square mile per year.

District directors heard these and other facts in a lengthy report from Craig Kachel, a student at Franklin and Marshall. Kachel is doing independent study under a federal grant to determine the extent of pollution in the Conestoga water basin. The Conestoga, he said, drains an area of about 500 square miles.

Eleven sampling stations have been established in the Conestoga and its tributaries, Kachel said. Three are in the Conestoga itself. The other eight are at the mouths of Muddy Creek, Little Muddy Creek, Cocalico Creek, Hammer

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Poultry Queen Contest Entries Due June 20

Know any girl-type chicks who'd make good candidates for the title of Lancaster County Poultry Queen? If so, there's not much time left to get your favorite candidate into the running, according to John Melhorne. Melhorne is on the board of directors for the Lancaster County Poultry Association, and is in charge of this year's Poultry Queen contest.

Potential candidates can contact Melhorne by phone at 653-1102, Mount Joy. The deadline for entering is June 20.

Candidates must reside in Lancaster County, be single and between the ages of 17 and 23. They must also be an employee of, or related to (daughter, sister, niece, or in-law) an employee of the poultry or allied industries, or of a producer of eggs, turkeys, broilers, or other poultry products.

Farm Calendar

Monday, June 12
Fulton Grange meeting, ice cream festival, Oakryn.

Tuesday, June 13
8 p.m. — Farm and Home Foundation board of directors meeting, Farm and Home Center.

Wednesday, June 14
7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. — Berks County Wool Pool, Reading Fair Grounds.

Thursday, June 15
6 p.m. — Pennsylvania Poultry Federation annual meeting, Sheraton Inn, Harrisburg.
Lancaster County Dairy Princess Contest, Farm and Home Center.

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The Golden Egg Award of Excellence, "for consistently preparing and serving fine quality eggs," was presented to Lester Bingeman, owner of Bingeman's Restaurant, by the the Pennsylvania Egg Marketing Association. Shown above

during the presentation are (left to right) Russell H. Keith, making the award, Bingeman, Raymond Sauder, all of Lititz, and E. J. Lawless, Jr., Harrisburg, a member of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and PEMA secretary.

Pennsylvania Price Index Up 3 Points

The index of prices received by Pennsylvania farmers increased three points during the month ended May 15, to 280 per cent of its 1910-14 average. Higher prices for steers, heifers and hogs more than offset lower prices for milk and eggs. The mid-May 1972 index was 5 points above the comparable index of 1971, according to a report released this

week by the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

For the country as a whole, the index increased 4 points to 123 per cent of the January-December 1967 average for the month ended May 15. Higher prices for hogs, beef cattle, cotton, cantaloupes and watermelons contributed most to the increase.

Lower prices for milk, lettuce

and sweet corn were only partially offsetting. The index was 10 per cent above a year earlier.

The index of prices paid by farmers for commodities and services, including interest, taxes and farm wage rates, for May 15 was 125, unchanged from a month earlier. Lower prices for motor supplies offset higher

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