*281,000 Paid for 234-acre Co. Farm

A 234-acre farm near Christiana, the largest farm in Sadsbury Twp., was sold Saturday afternoon at public auction for \$281,000 or approximately \$1,200 an acre.

The farm had been in the Pownall family for 170 years and was purchased by three Quarryville area real estate men. They said they haven't decided definitely what they will do with the property

The tract, which consists of 130 acres of tillable land, 50 acres of meadowland and the remainded in woodland, was sold by Jean Lithgow Pownall, trustee for Dorothy Gest Pownall and the

What About Herbs?

The terms herbs and spices are frequently used interchangeably In fact, most of us, if given a list of common herbs and spices, would be hard pressed to tell which is which.

The traditional distinction has it that spices grow in tropical regions, whereas herbs originate in temperate zones. Too, spices are defined as aromatic vegetable substances — including seeds, leaves, stems, bark, roots, and other plant parts—in which the volatile oil or flavoring agent remains intact.

Herbs, on the other hand, consist only of aromatic leaves, stems, and flower heads. Since seeds are excluded, most of the spice-type seeds grown in temperate climates are simply dubbed "aromatic seeds."

The 1960's were very good years for herbs, as borne out by a doubling of herb consumption to 14 million pounds. In 1963, U.S. import statistics for the first time gave individual listings for basil, mint leaves, parsley, iosemary, savory, and tarragon. At the same time, imports—of laurel (bay) leaves, marjoram, and thyme were once again reported separately, reviving an earlier series.

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The purchases were Emory D. Wagner and Paul E. Bucher, both of Quarryville, and T. Pyle, of Kirkwood, all affiliated with the Wagner's real estate firm. The buyers, however, bought the property under the name, Pet Co.

Wagner said the property has a stream through it and could be converted easily into a golf course.

It also may be split up, he said,

with a section sold for farming and the remainder for residential or industrial development.

The farm is located 2½ miles southwest of Christiana near the well-known Chester-County "Hunt Country."

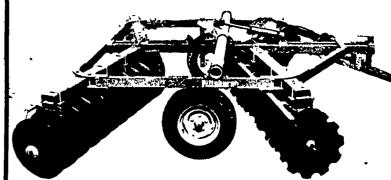
More than 200 persons were at the sale. Household items were sold in addition to the farm. Included on the tract is a frame colonial-style house, a stone and frame tenant house, a large bank barn and a silo. Eight bidders for the property came from Philadelphia, Wilmington and West Chester area.

The sale was conducted by Lewis S. May, attorney.

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