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Crowning Dairy Princess

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Lebanon Mayor Walter Swanger (left) and County Commissioner Thomas Behney pull hard to see who gets the most milk in the cow milking contest held prior to the Lancaster Farming Photo

dairy princess pageant. The mayor won when Commissioner Behney's cow kicked the bucket.

Flood Prevention Dams Under Construction

State Conservationist Benny Martin, Soil Conservation Service, announced that the 50th flood prevention dam is nearing completion in Pennsylvania Eight other dams are now under construction he reported

Martin said all of the dams are located in the headwater streams to protect agriculture, utilities, public facilities, and communities in the floodplain. Some of the dams store water for municipal and industrial uses, recreation and fish and wildlife. They are built with federal assistance under the small watershed program administered by the Soil Conservation Service

The dams prevented millions

of dollars of flood damages during Hurricane Agnes. Upstream communities like Wellsboro, Jim Thorpe and Hamburg remained flood free. In other areas the dams reduced flooding considerably, Martin added

The state conservationist said watershed projects are under way in 33 counties and cover one and a half million acres Over 100 dams have been planned in these watersheds to prevent floods and reduce stream sedimentation

Terracing, tree planting, contour farming and improved grass and woodland are important in watershed work. These measures, Martin said, improve agriculture, create new homes for wildlife and hold back sedument and nutrients from the streams.

In Pennsylvania, watershed work is done in close cooperation with the local people and state and federal agencies. Engineering designs and the cost of building the dams for flood prevention are born by the federal government. The local people provide the land rights and maintain the completed dams

In feasible projects the federal government may cost-share in building recreation facilities and enlarging the dams to store water for recreation and fish and wildlife, Martin added.

Scores of communities have



applied for local flood prevention projects following Hurricane Agnes. Soil Conservation Service engineers are evaluating the areas to determine whether they qualify for federal assistance under the small watershed program. All projects must show a favorable cost-benefit ratio and the local people are required to assume a strong leadership role in order to qualify for federal assistance, Martin reported.

Majority of Farm Exports Sold And Not Donated About five-sixths of U.S. agricultural exports are sold for dollars and not donated to "give-away" programs.

Food Market Basket Holds Surprise

Three-fourths of all pet food, two-thirds of all toothpaste, and over half of all aspirin and baby powder are sold through food stores. Non-food items like these account for about 25 cents of every dollar spent by the average consumer at the grocery.

No Quick Way To Put

Steak On Consumer Table Despite increased farm efficiency, there's no short cut to putting good steaks or roasts on the consumer's table. It takes two years for a calf to grow and be fattened as a 1000-pound steer ready for market.

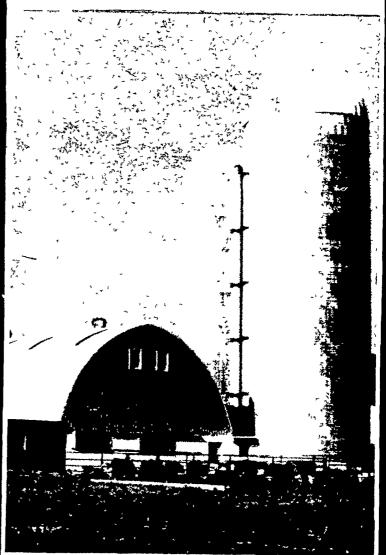
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