

## Produce Information Exchange Begins

A pioneering effort to increase the demand for Pennsylvania grown fruits and vegetables has been launched by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, Secretary Jim McHale announced recently. Called Produce Information Exchange (PIE), the new service has as its objective the locating of sources of supply of state-grown produce to meet the needs of brokers, wholesalers and retailers. "A survey of both buyers and sellers indicates a need for this kind of service," McHale said. "Many times

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B. Pack freezer bucket with ice and salt, using a ratio of more salt to ice than for "freezing." Wrap in a heavy towel or newspapers. Let stand in cool place for 2-3 hours. Drain brine and check ice and salt frequently. Add more if necessary.

C. Homemade ice cream is best when eaten right after hardening. If you wish to store it, transfer to plastic freezer container after it has hardened for three hours. Cover top of ice cream with plastic wrap and then seal container.

D. Ice cream or sherbet can be hardened in the family freezer. Pack in plastic containers. Be sure to leave room for expansion. Or leave

the ice cream in the mixing can, cover, and store in freezer.

The recipe and tips on ripening and hardening ice cream are from the cook booklet, "All About Homemade Ice Cream." If you would like a copy, please send 25c in coin to "Ice Cream Booklet," c/o American Dairy Association, 6300 North River Road, Rosemont, Illinois 60018.

growers and packers in the state are unable to dispose of their supply through normal channels. At the same time, buyers often are faced with trying to locate new or additional sources of supply. The Produce Information Exchange is designed to solve some of these problems."

The Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Markets will serve as the headquarters for PIE. Growers and packers with something to sell and buyers looking for supplies are asked to call a toll-free number (800-932-0605) and provide the necessary information, which will be made available to all interested parties. The service will continue through the 1974 fruit and vegetable season as a pilot project. The toll-free line has been set up only for the trial period.

McHale pointed out the Bureau of Markets will serve only to bring buyer and seller together. "It will make no deals and ask no fees," he said. "The sole purpose of PIE is to help sell more state-grown produce. It is not intended to interfere in any way with the established and accepted marketing system.

## Pennfield Corp. Plans New Plant In Lanc. Co.

Pennfield Corp., 711 Rohrerstown Rd., Lancaster, this week asked the East Hempfield Township Zoning Board for a zoning law interpretation to build a grain processing plant in Hempfield Industrial Park. The park is located west of Lancaster off Route 30 bypass.

Accompanied by a cluster of 100-foot storage silos, a 180-foot grain elevator will form the nucleus of a distribution and processing plant.

Pennfield President Robert Graybill told the board that his corporation needs a new manufacturing facility and would like to locate as close as possible to its present plant in Rohrerstown.

The only problem was the township limits buildings to 36 feet or less, except for "silos" and necessary mechanical appurtenances."

Pennfield asked the zoning board if its proposal would qualify for a special exception to the height limit under those definitions.

The lower portion of the main building would have a railroad siding and trucks for loading and unloading of grain.

On the second level of the tower, about 26 feet from ground level, one man will operate all functions of the plant from a control room.

The remaining part of the tower will be for grain storage, processing, elevators and machinery. No one will work above the control room except when repairs are necessary.

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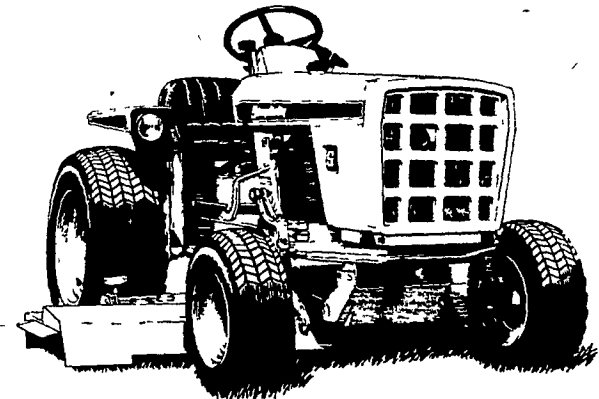
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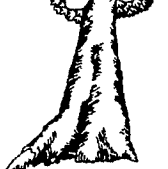
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