



Paul Furth, Woodstock, N.Y., learned some carpentry skills while he was with the Trailside School on a Lancaster County Farm. He and some

other Trailside youths built a new running gear for a farm wagon during their ten-day stay in the county.

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Traveling School

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"We're going to take half a year off starting January," Mike Cohen told us. "Diana and I have been riding around with a busful of kids for six years, and I think we need a vacation."

While they are at their leisure, Cohen said they'll be

thinking seriously about the school's future. The biggest question is money. "We've been charging \$4500 for a full year's tuition," he said. "That sounds like a lot, but it includes 263 days out in the field. It includes transportation, food and other living expenses. We've been charging the same \$4500 for five years, and it's not enough anymore. I just don't know if we can raise our rates to what they ought to be and still get students."

As the current students finished their farm chores, they drifted back to the bus, discussing whether or not they should leave for the Green Dragon. The matter was debated at some length, as are all group decisions. Once the decision to leave was made, though, the bus was moving almost before the door was closed.

At the Green Dragon, the group appointed a trio to shop for the next day's food supply. Mike Cohen came

Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative approved a vigorous anti-inflation policy by President Gerald R. Ford and the U. S. Congress during the fall meeting of its 200 delegates on October 15th, in Syracuse, N. Y. However, the 8500 dairy farmer member cooperative opposed as unsound Ford's proposal for unlimited domestic production of food.

James Broe from Colliersville, N. Y., Chairman of Eastern's resolutions committee, in presenting the resolution, stated that such a policy would lead to unwieldy surpluses with resultant widespread financial catastrophe and inevitable bankruptcy for farmers.

Eastern's delegate body also strongly opposed President Ford's suggestion that the Federal Milk Marketing Order Program be curtailed. Broe said that this program along with growth of the cooperative movement have been chief factors for price stability for several decades. The destruction of this program would introduce disorderly and disastrous milk marketing not seen since the depression years.

Howard Merrill of Wakon, N. Y., the Cooperative's President, stated that present farm policy is causing an untenable cost-

back with their budgeted \$43 and they burst into the stalls of the Green Dragon. The three food buyers started with an armload of freshly baked bread, veered to the lunch meat counter, paused briefly before moving onto the fresh vegetables, and launched into a lively conference by a stack of cabbages.

We left the group as they bogged down momentarily on the logistics of feeding 18 teenagers, three instructors and dog. If they can learn to do that on \$43 a day, and even if they'd learn nothing else, their time in the Trailside School would have been well spent.

price squeeze for farmers. He sounded a warning that unless there is immediate price improvement for farmers, our nation will ultimately suffer from the exodus of food producers.

Other resolutions adopted by Eastern delegates were:

-The Departments of Agriculture of New York, Pennsylvania and Vermont be requested to release information to the news media on weather conditions, crop conditions and production of food more regularly and more completely than in the past.

-That Eastern support the provisions of the Dairy

Quality Control Act of 1973 (HR 9419) because it requires imported dairy products to meet the same health standards as are now applied to similar domestic products.

-That Eastern oppose the Free Trade Act (HR 10710) because it is designed to lower tariffs on imported dairy products at a time when the present marketing quota program is already disastrously depressing milk prices in this country.

-That Eastern continue to urge the passage of an effective milk bonding law in New York State.

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