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Letters to the Editor

A Bullock is a
Steer is a Bull

Editor:

In your reports of livestock auctions, you list "slaughter steers", "bullocks", and "bulls". Kindly tell me the difference between "bullocks" and "steers".

In our dictionary, a bullock is defined as a castrated bull, and a steer is defined as a

castrated male bovine.
Are they not the same?

J. P. Monk
Bethel, Pa.

Our dictionary defines a bullock two ways, either as a castrated animal of any age, or a young bull. So, a bullock can be the same as a steer, but it is not always thus. We checked with Jim Anderson, with the USDA's Market Reporting Service at the

Lancaster Stock Yards, to see which definition they use. Anderson said that to them, a bullock is any uncastrated bull below two years of age. Editor.)

Liked the Poem

I want to tell you how we enjoyed the poem "Newborn Bull Calf" in the March 1 issue. I read it to my sons at breakfast this morning and we laughed and laughed till we couldn't see anymore. You may keep up the "Readers Corner" as far as we are concerned.

I'm a dairyman's wife and know all about teaching calves to drink from a bucket, and the poem was all so true. I'm sure the calves are lucky if the farmer's wife teaches them to drink, because she usually has more patience.

Mrs. K. W. Blatt
Jonestown

PLAIA Committees Announced

Donald W. Parke, Lancaster, President of the Pennsylvania Livestock & Allied Industries Association announced the appointment of several standing committees at a recent meeting of the board of directors. The state-wide association represents all species of livestock and all phases of the industry from producer to marketer. It co-sponsors the Keystone Livestock Exposition with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Parke challenged committee chairmen to develop new ideas to better serve members of the association.

Chairmen appointed were Charles Wolgemuth, Hershey, finance & audit; Jesse F. Smith, Harrisburg, farm show booth; James Fink, Harrisburg, education and research; Max M. Smith, Lancaster, awards; Anthony Dobrosky, Glen Rock, youth; Dean Snyder, King of Prussia, annual meeting; Peter A. Krall, Catasauqua, membership; Dr. B. R. Baumgardt, State College, planning and evaluation; W. Dale Anderson, Willow Grove, legislative; Dwight E. Younkin, State College, communications and publicity; Walter Dunlap, Jr., Lancaster, nominations and by-laws.



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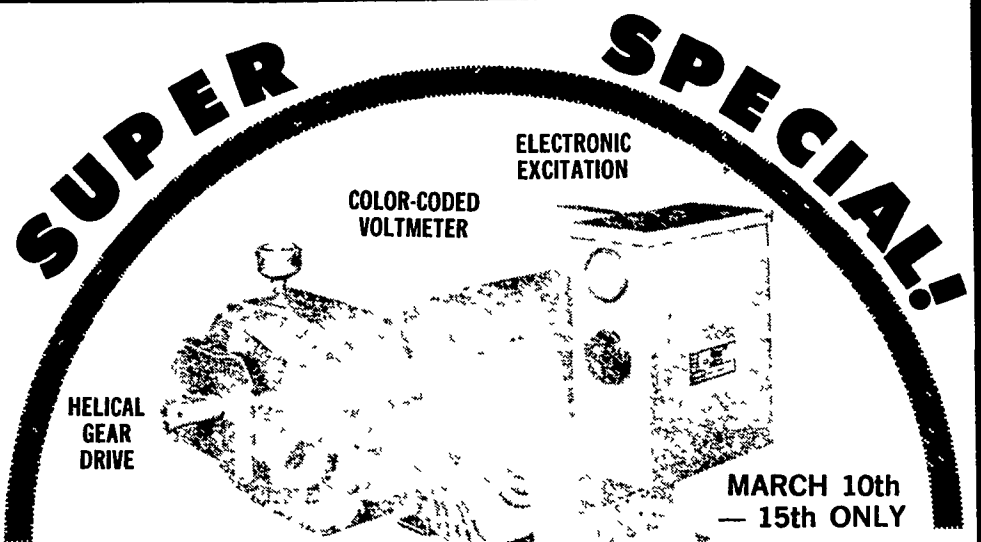
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