

Kapleau

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 As he left, Kapleau unleashed a salvo of criticism at the administration and the members of the milk board. "I leave state service after three-and-a-half years with little desire to return but much distressed by the caliber of many appointments made by our governor," Kapleau said. "Too many political hacks, campaign workers, friends of the family and the like have been appointed to boards, commissions and important executive positions with little or no experience or special backgrounds." Kapleau said he left decisions to the three board members but found it difficult to do his duties "because of the incompetence, meddling and political maneuvering" of Elish and Mrs. Gowell. "I now find my concepts and standards of administering the milk marketing law at odds with those of the governor and his appointees," Kapleau said in a telephone interview. The milk board sets minimum milk prices at both wholesale and retail levels, influencing what farmers get

for the raw product and how much consumers pay at the grocery store.

Shapp crusaded against high milk prices when he was running for governor and vowed he would lower them by reforming the milk board.

But Shapp's initial efforts, coordinated by Kapleau, were blocked by the legislature. Over the past two years, the administration has virtually given up its attempts to change the state's milk pricing system.

Kapleau was chairman of the milk board from 1972 to 1974, when he resigned to take the higher-paying job of executive secretary.

At the time, administration officials made clear that they expected Kapleau to continue running the board.

That apparently didn't sit well with Elish, who succeeded Kapleau as board chairman.

Elish said in a telephone interview that many farmers and cooperatives have been displeased with board policies originating with Kapleau.

"It's been practically a one-person operation," Elish said. "We're going to change that. We're going to have a better rapport with various segments of the industry."

Swine Tour Slated

The Lancaster County Swine Producers will be taking a tour of the Jerry Rutter Swine farm in Dover, York County, on July 10. Interested members and swine producers who would like to go on the tour are asked to meet at the Farm and Home Center on July 10 at 6:00 p.m. The directors of the organizations will be driving so no cost or reservations will be required.

The Rutter farm has a 450 sow-feeder pig operation. Along with the tour, Robert Kimball of the Meat Evaluation Center at Penn State will be demonstrating the Sonoray machine developed to aid in the calculation of loin eye percentages.

Boots Saddles 4-H Club

The Boots and Saddles 4-H Horse and Pony Club held its June meeting at Tomlinson's Farm. President Ray Carmean called the meeting to order and led the pledges. Roll call was then taken and treasurer's report was given. Afterwards secretary's report was given. Then the President talked on Old, then New Business. Under Old Business the members were reminded that they must have a cogan test to be able to show at County Roundup and every member must show their cogan result to Rose Fellenbaum by the July meeting. Rose Fellenbaum talked on Captain Jacks ride through Lancaster County on June 26. Under new business, members that are holding

Poultry

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 methane production and the production of a very high quality protein recovered from single-cell organisms cultured on a manure medium.

Land application has the strongest appeal and is most useful to the most number of people, Ostrander said. Surface spreading is the most economical way to handle manure, but it can cause air and water pollution, and much of the manure's fertilizer value escapes as ammonia gas when it's spread.

Ostrander likes to see manure injected into the soil at about a six-inch depth. Injection controls odors and pollution and it helps keep the nitrogen in the ground. But injection does take special equipment and more power. A farmer needs at least a 60-hp tractor if he plans to inject manure into the soil.

Chicken manure silage is one possibility that should be examined where chickens and cattle are fairly close to each other, Ostrander said. It's ideal for a low energy feed. Although cattle may not seem to like a corn and chicken manure silage mixture at first, Ostrander said, they develop a taste for it after a short period of time.

Methane production from

the novice project nook sale to hand them in by July 11. Then county demonstration day was discussed. Then the club voted on its Junior and Senior Queens. Junior Queen is Brenda Blaxland, Senior Queen is Patti Groff. Alternate Queens are Junior, Donna Sommans. Senior is Deb Carmean.

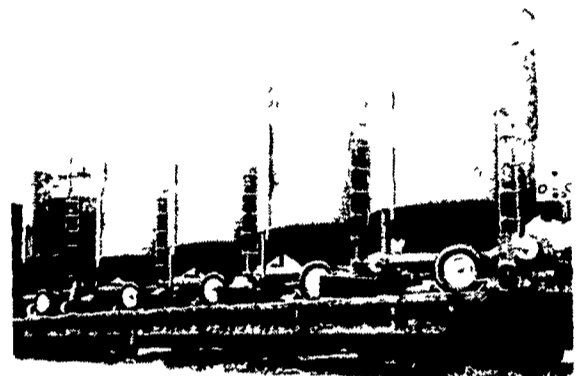
chicken manure may have a place in the farm economy, but Ostrander feels it would be useful only in a limited way for heating brooders, hot water and other on-farm applications.

Cornell scientists are currently studying the possibilities of cultivating single-cell organisms on chicken manure and then extracting the protein from the organisms, Ostrander said. The organisms reportedly have a 60- to 70-percent protein content, and that protein is of very high quality.

Other features of the day-long program included a panel discussion on recent developments of legislation and regulation, a poultry film festival and a panel on training young people for poultry careers.

At the evening program, Vernon J. Leininger, Denver, said, "Thanks for the opportunity," to the group that last year elected him president of the federation. He then handed the gavel over to the new president, William Carlin, Harrisburg, manager of Agway's southeast region.

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