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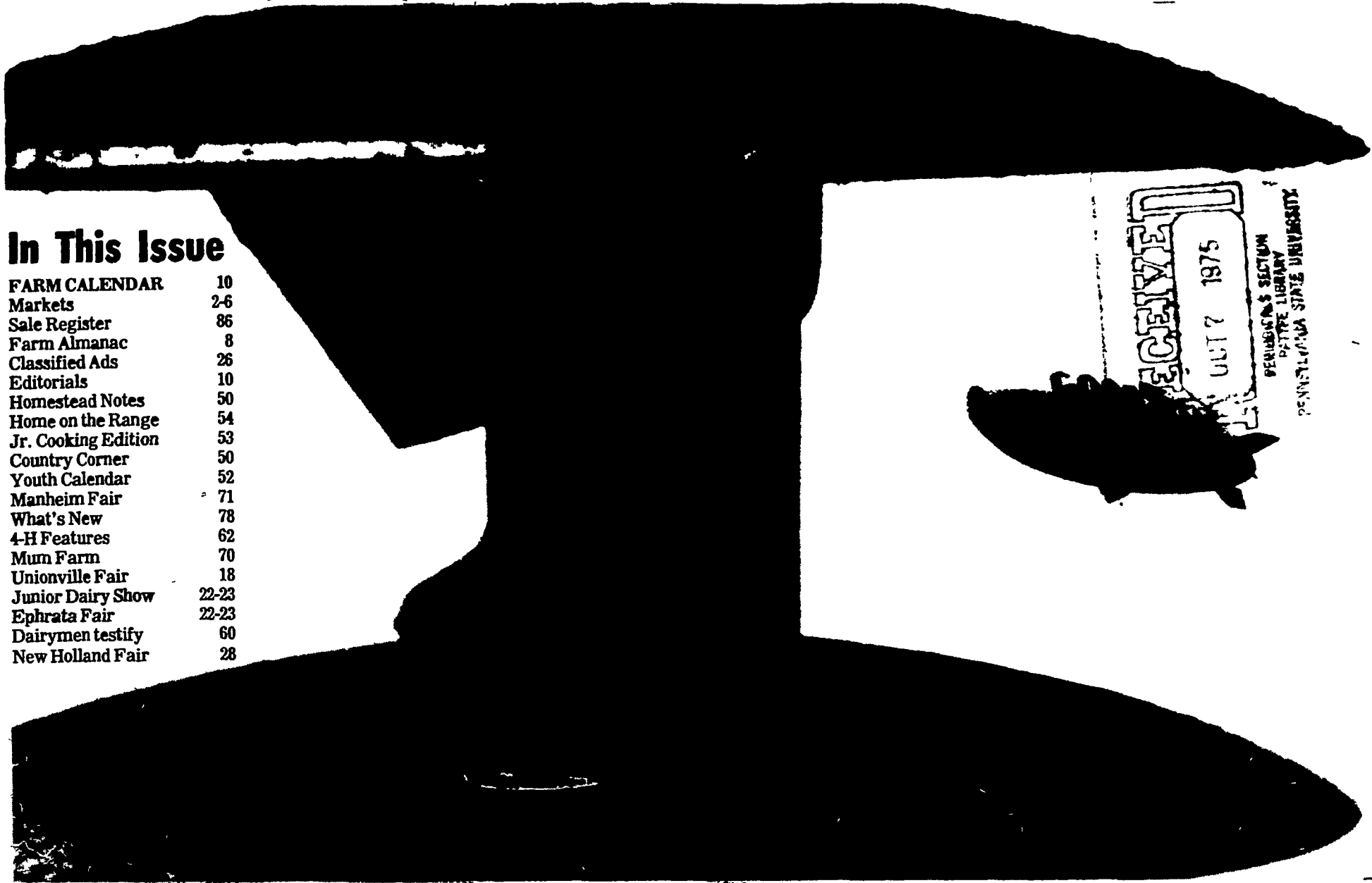
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Lancaster Farming Photo
 by Dieter Krieg

Is the Good Year blimp coming in for a landing? No, not quite. Tillage tools in the Midwest are big, but they aren't quite big enough for a blimp to land on a disk, even though this photograph was taken to give a reader that kind of an impression. The famous, 200-foot long blimp flew over the Ag Progress

Show site for several hours on Wednesday while more than 100,000 people observed the latest farming machines in operation on a 1,100 acre farm near Malta, Illinois. The show is the biggest of its kind in the world, and hundreds of the visitors came by private airplane.

The soil trembled in Illinois

By Dieter Krieg

MALTA, ILL. — The ground on the James Willrett farm, near here, was trembling last Tuesday,

Bulletin

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz reset dairy support prices to 80 per cent of parity on Thursday and the new support level is now \$7.71 per hundredweight.

Dairy support prices had not been increased since January of this year when they were set at 80 per cent with a value of \$7.24 per hundredweight.

Lancaster Farming has learned that the September butterfat price differential was expected to be announced Friday night, and if guesses are on target, it will be the highest in history. A 10.4 cent butterfat differential per 0.1 percentage point is forecasted.

The order becomes effective immediately.

Wednesday and Thursday as equipment manufacturers from all over the country and several foreign countries

demonstrated their machines before crowds which were expected to approach the 500,000 mark

for the three-day period.

This was no ordinary agricultural exhibition — it was the world's biggest — and there were a number of ways a visitor got that impression. For one thing, the Good Year blimp does not

show up for any old event — but it was here for the Ag Progress Show, circling overhead. Visitors who had not been to such an event before stood in awe as hundreds of private planes landed one after another, and at times there were

more than 15 airplanes in the air at one time. Landing at a rate of up to five per minute, an entire field of approximately 50 acres was saturated with light aircraft, parked wingtip to wingtip in long rows.

Visitors came by

automobile, truck, bus, motorcycle, camper, helicopter, and jet.

Chartering a Boeing 727 jet and two Greyhound buses, Penn-Jersey Harvestore, Inc., of New Holland offered

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Crop damage exceeds \$40 million

By Melissa Piper

LANCASTER — While many crops and pastures were heavily damaged in the wake of Tropical Storm Eloise that swept over the state last week, corn and fourth cutting alfalfa received the storm's worst fury.

Most of the losses of agricultural land and commodities, were spawned from some 8-12 inches of rain, much erosion caused by small streams overflowing contributed to an estimated \$40 million worth of damage in the state.

Although the estimated amount of damage to crops involved those ruined by water, it seems likely that still more losses may occur because of the inability for

corn to be harvested without problems.

Lancaster Receives Little Damage

Compared to its neighboring counties, Lancaster received relatively little damage. Heavy rains presented the worst problems as much of the new

seedings of winter wheat and barley were effected.

A spokesperson in the County ASCS office explained the damages incurred, "Corn was probably hit the hardest in this county as not much of it had been harvested."

It was initially estimated

that much of the county's tobacco crop had been literally "wiped out", but as reports came into the office later in the week, it was noted that the crop had escaped much of the damage.

Many of the small streams in Lancaster County did

overflow, causing some pasture damage but in an overall view, the area fared better than most.

According to officials in Chester County, the worst problem for the farmers in that area will be the loss of

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Corn-soybean field day held

By Melissa Piper

MANHEIM - Oversupplies of soybeans, yields of the latest commercial corn hybrids and the effectiveness of insecticides were the popular topics of conversation at a corn-soybean field day held Monday afternoon at the

Penn State Research Farm near Landisville.

Interested farmers from all portions of Lancaster County gathered at the facility to hear Dick Cole, Mel Johnson and Joe McGahen speak on the latest developments in agronomic practices.

Visitors were invited to view several plots of commercial hybrid corn to see how it had fared throughout the growing season and of what value it could be in their own farming program. Mel Johnson, representing Penn State, spoke to the field day group on the disease

problems encountered with the various plots and discussed how well the newly developed hybrids had done. Speaking on the new hybrids, Johnson explained the varying maturities represented.

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