

Farmer market

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produce here. His main criticism of the market is its vulnerability to bad weather, and he hopes it will open sooner next year.

Managed by Robert Stine of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, the marketing facilities cost farmers six dollars per stall. Measuring 15 feet wide, each stall provides its renter with parking and sales space. Fees collected from stall-renters go towards promotion and advertising. The sales organization itself is operated on a non-profit basis.

To illustrate his satisfaction with the market, Wedde explained that he once came with 25 bushels of beans, thinking that it was certainly too many, and he'd have to take a lot of them home again. To his surprise, he sold them all, and he believes he could have sold another 25 bushels besides. "By comparison," he continued, "back home I only sell a couple of baskets." Another advantage he cites after his experience here this year is that he'll know what to plant next year.

Leroy Pfautz of Stevens R1 believes the market was a success — but it has really slowed down since Hurricane Eloise came through the area last month. People apparently realize that the growing season has ended and are coming in fewer and fewer numbers. Consequently, many of the farmers have left — and those who return come with less to sell than they had several weeks ago. To counteract the dwindling supply of fresh vegetables, Pfautz brings such items as woven baskets to the market.

Marketing 15 to 20 per cent of his produce in Harrisburg, Pfautz concludes that the market is worthwhile for him because it's only a two-days-a-week market. His stand at home operates six days a week. The Lancaster County vegetable grower has

a 79 acre farm to supply his retail needs at both markets.

Like most of the others interviewed last Tuesday, Pfautz thinks the market needs more customers. "We had enough people last summer, but not now," he asserted. He also felt that some kind of protection was needed from the weather. "It rained on about half of the market days at one time or another," he explained.

As for the future of the market, Pfautz thinks there's potential for it. "This is a beautiful spot — nice parking, and access to customers," he remarked.

Pfautz claimed he sold much of his produce cheaper here at the Farm Show parking lot than he did at home. The simple explanation for that is that there was a competitive factor to reckon with here, while that was not so noticeable at home. "We were selling corn and tomatoes at wholesale prices here," he admitted, "but at least we moved a big volume."

The market is described as "so far so good" by the Labenberg Brothers of Zion Grove, in northern Schuylkill County. Participants since the market opened, the brothers intend to come back again next year in spite of several disappointments. Drawing on vegetables grown on their 25-acre farm, the brothers marketed about half of their produce here and the balance at a roadside stand at their farm. The finding was that some of their vegetables move faster in Harrisburg than back in rural Schuylkill County. "Others don't move so fast, however," Labenberg added quickly.

As far as Labenberg is concerned, the market can be improved upon through better management. "It wasn't organized well enough," he said scratching his head, "but don't ask me to explain that."

Youths can hunt - must be with adult

A new Game Law provision now permits 12 and 13-year-old hunters to be accompanied by any adult who is 18 years of age or older.

Previously, 12 and 13-year-old hunters had to be accompanied by a parent or guardian or some other adult member of the family.

Now, any adult 18 years of age or older, with the approval of the parent or guardian, may assume the role of a parent or guardian in accompanying a 12 or 13-year-old youth while hunting.

Prior to the Game Law change, it was nearly impossible for some youngsters 12 and 13 years old to enjoy sport hunting if they were unfortunate enough to come from a family of non-hunters. The new provision will also take care of cases where the parents may be separated or divorced, where a parent may be deceased, etc.

Those active in the "Big Brother" plan and similar programs will find the change in the law helpful in carrying out wholesome outdoor activities with their young charges.

Lewisburg Grange meets

Welfare reform legislation that would provide programs and services "for the benefit of those persons who are in need of assistance," has been recommended in a resolution adopted by Valley Grange of Lewisberry.

The resolution, which has been forwarded to the Pennsylvania State Grange for its consideration at the annual convention in Lancaster Oct. 27-30, also urges that "employable welfare

recipients be required to accept gainful employment when it is available and offered to them in order to remain eligible for continued welfare payments." It also recommends that "voluntary termination or interruption of employment shall not be acceptable grounds for welfare assistance." In adopting the resolution, Valley Grange pointed out that the original intent of the welfare program in the United States was to assist persons in need. It cited the growth and expansion of welfare programs "beyond the intent of the original law," and the resulting financial burden this places on taxpayers.

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Horse show

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Other feature events of the seven-day show included a special police competition with teams from the Pennsylvania State Police, Philadelphia, Washington, and Baltimore performing. There was also a Ladies Barrel Racing class, as well as the usual classes for gaited animals, walking, Morgans, jumping, and Hunters.

Radio and television personality Arthur Godfrey,

who is known all over the country as a lover of horses, made an appearance at the show on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. He will make a fourth appearance tonight during the conclusion of the show. Show time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$4, 5 and \$6, depending on their location and whether or not they're reserved. A specially-priced ticket for those who wanted to see all events was made available to fans for \$30.00.



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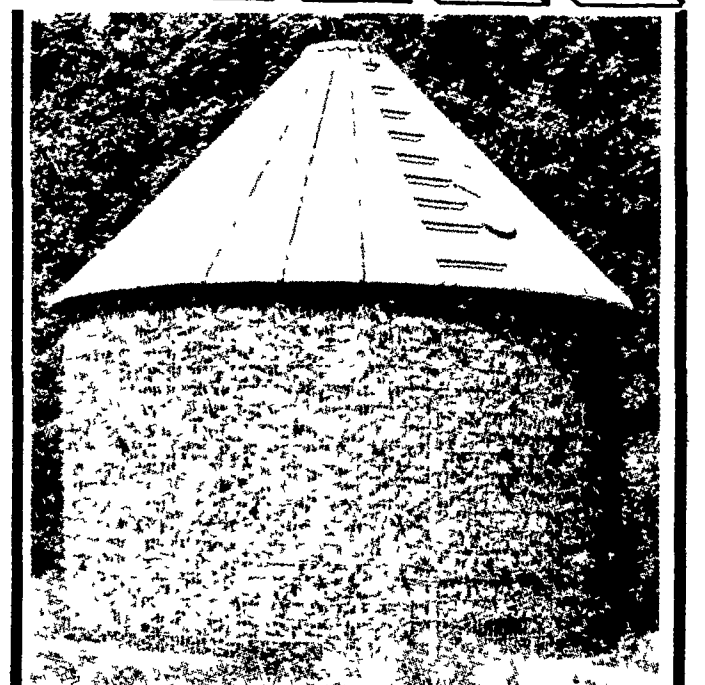
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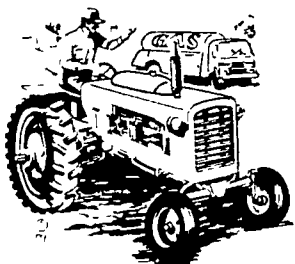
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