

Alfalfa crop smallest in 27 years

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reports that this year's alfalfa seed crop is the smallest in 27 years. This, despite the second highest yield on record. The reasons: Sharply higher carryover, lower than-year-go prices for seed, record or year record high hay prices. Here's how it works out: With carryover, at 52.6 million lbs., nearly double that of a year ago and the highest since 1953, seed prices have sagged. Uncertified varieties went for \$107 per cwt. in Sept., down from \$151 a year ago, certified varieties at \$132, compared to \$166 per cwt. a year ago.

In the meantime, hay prices have soared. They hit a record \$53.60 (for all hay), while baled alfalfa hay reached \$67.20 per ton in June and have remained good since then.

The result: Alfalfa harvested for seed now expected to total 329,800 acres, down 17 pct. from last year, the smallest on records going back to 1929. And, production, at 83.2 million lbs., is down 25 pct. from a year ago, the lowest since 1948. This, despite sharply higher yield per acre. At 252 lbs. per acre, up from 248 lbs. a year ago and second only to the record 280 lbs. of 1972.



Some scholars say that Shakespeare was the first to use the word "hurry."

(Continued from Page 1) proper to carry out the purposes of the committee."

Grangers also were critical of a proposal to raise marriage licenses fees in Pennsylvania to \$50. The proposal is included in House Bill 1702 which would create a Department of Family Relations. A resolution charged that the proposal would "encourage many couples to live together without the ceremony of marriage."

Other resolutions adopted at the Grange convention called for:

The State Game Commission to prohibit hunting "of any kind in unharvested corn, soybean and sorghum fields" to protect those crops from damage.

Legislation to provide funds for compensating farmers for crop damage done by deer.

To prohibit the Game Commission from declaring closed seasons to protect woodchucks, raccoon and crows from hunters.

A plan to feature at the 1976 Farm Show, a Bicentennial exhibit of arts and crafts depicting evolution of agricultural arts and crafts over the past 200 years.

Expanding from eight to 20 miles the distance farmers may use trucks without licenses for transporting commodities and supplies.

Developing land use policies to be administered

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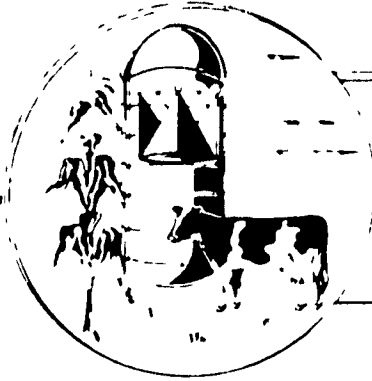
Welfare reform called for

by local authorities to help keep under better control "land areas and waterways now serving the farmer and the consumer."

Opposition to two proposed changes in sections of the State Milk Marketing Law that would provide for

minimum retail pricing based on half-gallon containers, and to permit schools, hospitals and other institutions to purchase milk

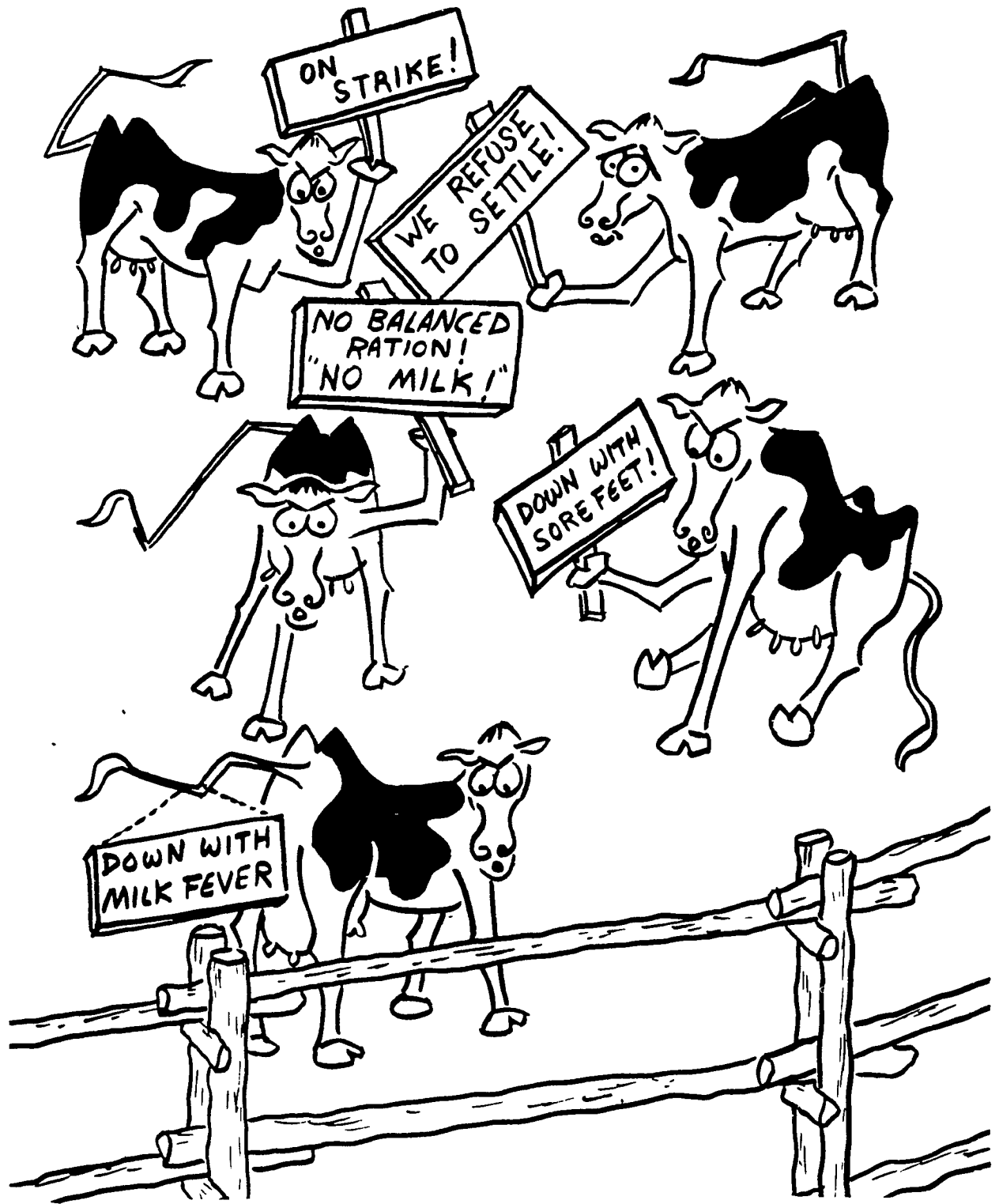
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Area men named to directorships

Two area men representing Wolgemuth Bros., Inc. of Mount Joy, have been elected to the boards of directors of C. F. Manbeck, Inc. and Farmer's Pride, Inc. of Fredericksburg, Pa.

D. Jay Wolgemuth, treasurer and Donald H. Wolgemuth, secretary of the Mount Joy firm recently announced their elections.

C. F. Manbeck, Inc., a poultry processor, and

Farmer's Pride, Inc. a wholesale and retail poultry distributor, and Wolgemuth Bros., Inc., an animal feed manufacturer and broiler producer, have been working in cooperation with each other for the past five years.

The election of the Wolgemuths as directors is the beginning of an additional cooperative effort by the companies to increase their growing and processing of poultry throughout Central Pennsylvania.

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