

Shelhamer says yes

HARRISBURG - Kent Shelhamer, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee and Columbia County fruit grower, is willing to be Pennsylvania's next Secretary of Agriculture, according to a story filed by the Associated Press last Monday.

Shelhamer, 51, a Democrat, has been a House member since 1964 and is reported to be the Governor's choice to head the state's Agriculture Department.

Raymond Kerstetter, who was selected to the post of agriculture secretary after the State Senate denied James McHale another full term, has been Secretary of

Agriculture since Jan. 6. He was formerly deputy secretary of agriculture.

The Associated Press further reports that Kerstetter, 61, is not interested in having the job for more than one year. Shelhamer couldn't take the job before next year anyway since state law prohibits a lawmaker from joining the executive branch during a current legislative term.

Shelhamer announced a week ago that he will not seek re-election to the House this year. Governor Shapp picked him to succeed McHale because he "knows the problems of farmers" and has had legislative experience.

Myers aloft with cattle exports

LANCASTER — Charles C. Myers, owner of "Black and White Holstein Farm," and well-known cattle dealer, this past week sent a plane-load of grade Holsteins to Iran.

The 75 heifers which left for the Middle East last Saturday represent "a start to Iran," Myers said. They are the first cattle he's ever shipped outside of the country except for some which went to Canada. Loaded aboard a "stretched DC-8," the 75 animals left for oil-rich Iran from Harrisburg's Olmstead airport.

A Lancaster County cattle dealer for the past 15 years,

Myers is acting as an agent for Zolman Enterprises, Inc., an American-Iranian concern which is involved in a variety of businesses, including the exporting of cattle. According to Zolman's president, Javad Zolfaghari, the firm has been exporting cattle for about a year and sent approximately 4,000 head of dairy cattle to Iran during the first nine months of 1975.

Myers and his brother, Park, who is a partner in the Black and White Farm, are figuring on selling eight plane-loads of grade Holstein heifers in months to come. The Zolman firm is expressing interest in cattle from this area and may possibly rely primarily on Pennsylvania animals. Each plane load may take as many as 80 head, depending on the size and weight of the heifers. Cattle will be picked according to Iranian specifications, Myers noted. Zolfaghari and an

assistant, Ehsan Begherian, commented that there is a definite strong demand for American cattle in their homeland. The sales are being coordinated by private

concerns both here and abroad, as well as the Iranian government.

Zolman Enterprises, Inc. has offices in Tehran, San Francisco, and New York.



Charles Myers, left, and Javad Zolfaghari shake hands after loading the first plane-load of Holstein heifers bound for Iran.

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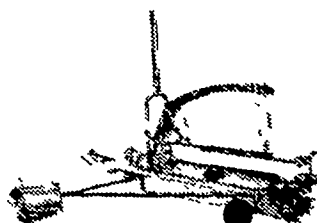
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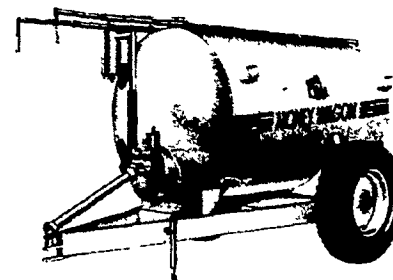
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