

## Solanco Fair Association kicks off new fund drive to expand use of facilities



The Solanco Fair Association recently built a second barn, bringing the total of the Association's buildings to three. There is a possibility of building a fourth structure in time for the county-wide dairy shows to be held here in July. A fund drive is currently going on to have the Community Building, left,

readied for use the year around. It needs interior finishing - panelling, heating, insulation, tables and chairs - to be ready for all sorts of community activities. Almost all of the work for the three buildings was done by Quarryville area residents who donated their time and efforts.

**QUARRYVILLE** - The Southern Lancaster County Fair Association recently accepted a contribution of \$500.00 from Clarence Murry and family in Drumore, given in appreciation of all those friends and neighbors in the community who helped the Murrys while Clarence was recuperating from a heart attack last year.

This initial contribution has ignited a fund drive set up by the Fair Association to raise \$50,000.00, needed to transform the newly constructed fair buildings into year round community facilities.

A committee of four, including Paul Risk, Ken Rutt, Jane Miller and Dwight Wagner, chairman, has been formed to spearhead the fund drive. Plans are being made to select five sub-committees to solicit group

goals of \$10,000.00 each. Anyone interested in joining in this community project is asked to contact Dwight Wagner at 786-2131 or 786-7554.

The decision to make the present fair buildings available as a year-round community facility, to be used by individuals and groups within the community, is solely dependent upon the ability of the community to contribute the necessary funds to accomplish the project.

Provided that the required funds can be raised, the Community Building erected by the Solanco Fair Association will be available to the public for such activities that will enhance the moral, ethical, social and educational climate of the community.

The purpose of these facilities is to encourage

community spirit and cooperation, build character and create a better community. In order to accomplish the goals for which the building was erected, the following guidelines have been proposed for use of the buildings:

1. No contract shall be made for the use of the building on a regular basis.
2. Activities involving gambling and the use of

alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

3. All youth activities must have an adult supervisor who is responsible for the group.

4. The Association reserves the right to cancel or refuse admittance to any persons or groups who do not fulfill the standards of admission.

5. The noise level at all times must be within reason.

6. Smoking is prohibited

everywhere in the building.

7. A lease form must be signed for the use of all buildings and facilities. Fees must be paid in advance. Liability forms must be included.

8. Deposit fees of \$25, to \$100 are to be paid in advance, depending on area leased, and will be returned after area has been checked.

9. Police protection and clean-up are the respon-

sibility of the group leasing the building.

A schedule of fees has been established for both non-profit and commercial use of the buildings which is available upon request. The Fair Association has applied for tax exemption under both Federal and State regulations. It is anticipated that the exemption will be permitted and all donations and contributions to this drive will be tax deductible.

## Community effort

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for the dairy shows to be held here in July.

The Solanco Fair Association currently owns five acres near the southeastern edge of Quarryville Borough. Adjacent open areas easily give them a total of more than 20 acres, which is comfortable for having large fairs and shows. The County's 4-H dairy shows and the Lancaster District Holstein Show are scheduled to take place here this summer. They had been at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion along "The Tourist Strip" just east of Lancaster.

The two barns now on the site have room for 150 head of cattle. Washing facilities are also permanent. Trees between the two barns will someday provide shade. That area has been designated to be a show ring.

This being the Bicentennial Year, Fair Association planners and officers expect larger turnouts than ever before. Dwight Wagner and Ken Rutt both predicted that "everybody will be making something this year." That could translate into problems for the rapidly growing Fair. Last year the number of entries doubled in all categories except for livestock. If that happens

again this year, they'll run out of space. No one really expected this kind of response. Rutt, the Association's president, noted that the Fair had grown by about 40 per cent per year for many years, this past year that shot up to 100 per cent.

Viewed from the dollar angle, Rutt pointed out that when the Fair Association first became incorporated about 20 to 25 years ago, the budget was \$950. Last year they operated on \$160,000.

Although the community is proud of all that's been done so far, much of the attention is focused on the Community Building. Constructed at a total cost of \$90,000, it too was largely a community-wide and volunteer effort. Paul Risk Associates, architects, provided the planning skills. Some firms offered materials, while many others pitched in with donations and labor.

The Community Building can seat 400, and is licensed to serve food. According to many Solanco residents — both in Quarryville and surrounding townships — the facilities could easily lend themselves to other uses besides the Fair itself. That's why the effort for continued improvements continues.

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## Apples counted

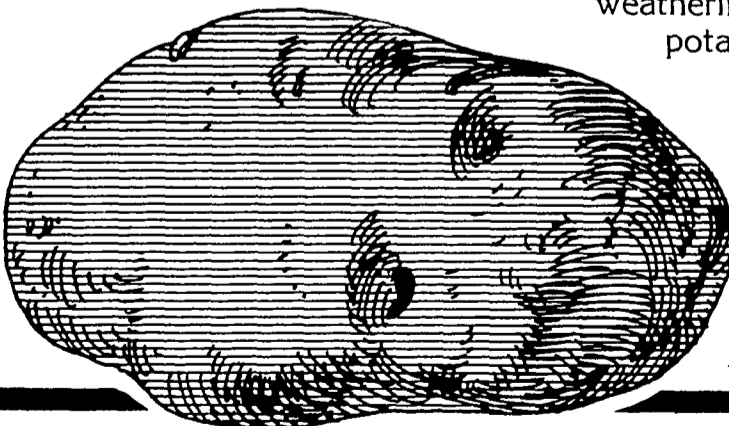
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