

Hog cholera quarantine established

WASHINGTON, July 20 — Massachusetts, Rhode Island and three southern counties of New Hampshire - Cheshire, Hillsborough and

Rockingham - were placed under state-federal hog cholera quarantines on July 20, the state animal health agencies and U.S. Depart-

ment of Agriculture (USDA) announced.

Officials of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), announced that hog cholera was confirmed in a swine herd in Worcester County, Mass., on July 17. This outbreak was in one of the herds under surveillance in New England.

Portions of the three state area had been quarantined earlier this year because of a hog cholera outbreak. Hog cholera was also diagnosed earlier in New Jersey, but continued surveillance efforts have not disclosed any new hog cholera there.

APHIS officials said the area will remain under quarantine until further

investigations can be carried out and state and federal officials are satisfied that the infection has been eliminated. Investigation efforts have been hampered, they said, by swine owners refusing to tell investigators about swine sales and purchases made shortly before the Worcester County outbreak was confirmed.

Current investigations are also concerned with suspected use of hog cholera vaccine in the quarantine area. Hog cholera vaccines have been banned from interstate commerce since 1969, and licenses to produce such vaccines have been withdrawn since 1971. These actions were taken in the latter stages of the hog cholera eradication program because vaccines are known to mask infections and even to cause outbreaks in some cases.

The feeding of raw or improperly cooked garbage to swine is another major concern. All recent hog cholera cases have involved herds that were fed garbage or food waste.

Interstate movement of swine fed raw garbage is sharply restricted by animal health regulation. Pigs fed uncooked pork scraps containing live virus may contract the disease.

In its acute form, hog cholera is highly infectious and usually fatal to swine. It affects no other farm animals or humans. The few outbreaks that have occurred since 1972 have involved less-apparent, chronic forms of hog cholera. If not eliminated, however, the viruses that cause chronic disease could build in virulence and further endanger the nation's entire swine industry.

Funds to be appropriated

LANCASTER — For many years, the Lancaster Farm and Home Foundation has provided funds for student scholarships and other educational activities such as meetings of current public interest.

Rather than compete with other educational organizations by planning additional meetings, the Foundation is willing to participate in such programs by providing some financial assistance for speakers, awards, and other related activities for Lancaster County organizations.

The educational objectives of this program will be in accord with those of the Farm and Home Foundation. The Board of Directors has approved a fund of \$1000 for educational

purposes including educational awards to organizations. Applications will be evaluated by the Farm and Home Educational Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Farm and Home Foundation.

Each request will be considered according to the availability of funds and the following guidelines:

1. The educational nature of the use for which the request is made.
2. Other financial resources of the organization requesting the funds.
3. The number of persons expected to benefit from the assistance.


For more information, contact Howard E. Campbell, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster.

Farm Calendar

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- Program begins at 10 a.m.
- Ephrata Area Young Farmers Fishing Trip, Rock Hall, 1 a.m. Ephrata Jr. H.S.
- Hunterdon County, N.J., Soil Conservation District Supervisors Meeting, 8 p.m. at the County Extension Office.
- Wednesday, Aug. 4
Annual tour of the Lancaster Red Rose 4-H Beef and Sheep Club; assemble at 9 a.m. at Dennis Nissley farm, 539 Hill Street, Mount Joy.
- Board meeting of the Lancaster County Conservation District, Farm and Home Center.
- Field Day at Southeast Pa. Field Research Lab., Landsville. Two tours — 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Lancaster County Pork Producers get-together, New Holland Sales Stables, in conjunction with carcass contest which begins at about 3 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 5
Lancaster County Holstein Field Day at Maurice Welk farm, Quarryville. Program begins at 10 a.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 7
Ayrshire Field Day for all of Pennsylvania. Activities begin at 10:30 a.m. at Foxglove Farm, Lykens, Pa.

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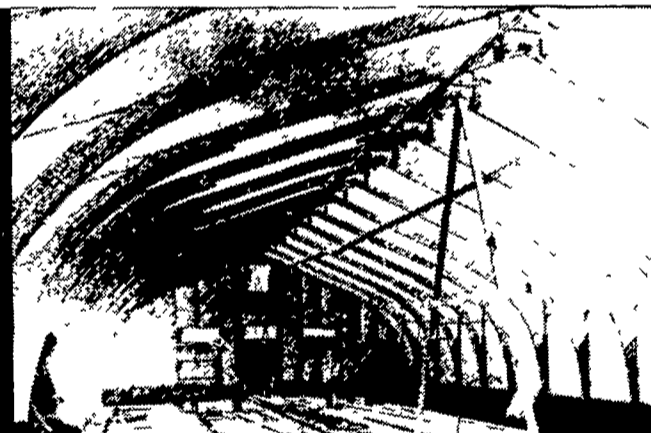
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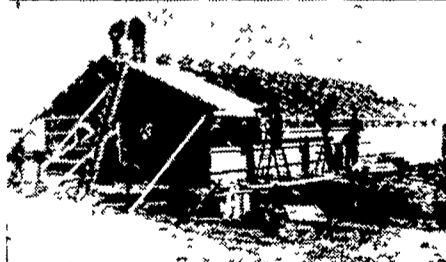
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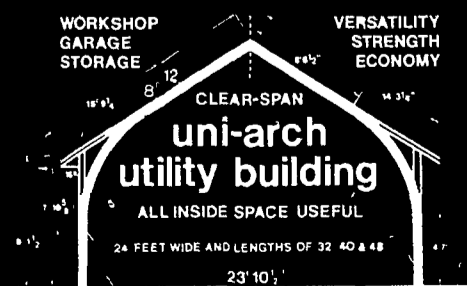
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