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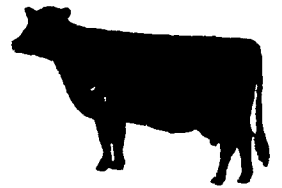
LEXINGTON, N.C. - Allan Grant, the California farmer who is president of the nation's largest general farm organization, said here yesterday (Friday) that Jimmy Carter's endorsement of United Farm Worker proposals for unlimited access to California farm properties by labor union organizers, "amounts to open betrayal of all American farmers - and a callous - if not unconstitutional disregard for property rights..." Grant, who heads the 2,500,000 member-family American Farm Bureau Federation,

said that although the issue is on the November ballot only in California, the state has become a testing ground for unionization of all U.S. agriculture. Elsewhere in his hard-hitting speech, Grant said Carter's endorsement appeared consistent with the Democratic Party platform's already "chilling disregard for personal rights" in seeking repeal of Section 14-b of the Taft-Hartley Act, which allows states to enact right-to-work laws. Twenty states, including North Carolina, now have such laws.

The farm leader challenged the Democratic Party and George Meany, head of the AFL-CIO, to let workers decide for themselves whether or not they wish to join a union. In view of the union-shop party plank, Grant said it was "small wonder that Mr. Meany has pledged to deliver his vote to the Democratic Party this fall. Apparently he feels that the chance to extend union compulsion and at the same time to help decide this nation's farm and foreign policy is too good to pass up. "With identical wage

scales, labor costs in a union shop are now between 25 and 35 percent higher than in a non-union shop. Redundant workers, cumbersome and costly work rules, slowdowns, work stoppages and strikes, bring those greater costs. With such a record Mr. Meany dares criticize farmers - with our unmatched productive output - and says he is concerned about the higher costs labor union members must pay for what they buy," Grant said.

"Mr. Meany's words do
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York Fair had it all

YORK - More than 1700 head of livestock, and a record number of entries in many other exhibition categories were shown here at the York Fair, which ends today (Saturday).

The nine-day Fair is one of the biggest in the state and in many respects rivals the State Farm Show in Harrisburg. Despite nearly constant rain from Wednesday evening through Thursday night, exhibitors kept up their good spirits and went about their activities in normal fashion.

As in previous years, this - the 109th York Fair - hosted

4-H and FFA contests, as well as open classes. There were horticultural displays, homemakers' projects, animals, rides, entertainment, and unusual contests. Among the more

unique events was a tobacco spitting contest which was judged on the basis of accuracy and distance. A youngster, who did quite well in the contest, reportedly has been chewing since age three. Donald Lewis, 6, is the young champion tobacco spitter and he has even lobbied for tobacco in front of the Maryland Senate!

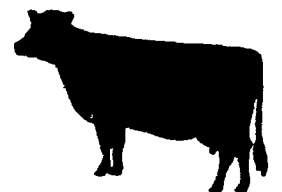
Another unusual event was grape stomping, the first ever at "The Great York Fair." There's also a wine tasting contest held here annually.

Over in the livestock barns, the familiar names of Knight, King, Rutter, Welsh, Strawbridge, Bankert and others dominated the scene. Cindy Knight, subject of a special feature within the front section of this paper, had all but one of the champions in the 4-H Holstein show. Carl Anderson III had three animals entered in the open Holstein

show and walked off a winner with each one. Wayne Bankert excelled in several classes of livestock, primarily sheep and hogs. John Strawbridge possibly took home more champion ribbons for his hogs than he brought hogs to the Fair in the first place.

And so it went. Competition, excitement, fun, and the satisfaction of winning.

Detailed results on the 1976 York Fair may be found throughout the 116 pages of this week's issue of Lancaster Farming, with more to come next week.



Fair visited in rain

QUARRYVILLE - For the second year in a row, it drizzled on the opening day of the Solanco Fair. However, few people seemed to mind because the parking lot was filled to capacity. Don Trimble, Solanco Association president commented that in his estimation the turnout for the whole day was larger than any other Wednesday in previous years.

Regardless of the rain, people still lined up to view the countless entries in the Fair tents, and wandered over the grounds to enjoy the opener of the local fair season.

One particular item of interest was a 235 pound pumpkin exhibited by Bob Ford. One spectator remarked on seeing this mammoth creation of nature, "Mmm, boy, that's over 200 pumpkin pies, there."

The Fair did not officially begin until 7:00 p.m., however. Prior to the opening, dairy and sheep judging took place, and a

traditional baby parade was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Due to the rain, however, the parade was cancelled and reset for Friday morning.

Don Trimble officially opened the Fair with a brief note of welcome to the visitors at 7 p.m. Immediately following Trimble's opening, a bake sale was held for the radiology department of the Lancaster General Hospital. Not all the proceeds went to the hospital, however. Half went to the Fair fund. In total, \$265 was raised.

The final scheduled event on the day's agenda was a

log sawing contest, which was to take place rain or shine.

During the afternoon, the fair was honored by the visit of a foreign dignitary. Juan Manuel Fernandez, coordinator of general training for people in rural areas of Venezuela through the Instituto Nacional De Cooperacion Educativa de Venezuela, was at Solanco to get a first hand look at a Lancaster County agricultural Fair. Presently, Fernandez is working with Penn State on a cooperative program to implement

techniques of agricultural education into his country.

Mike Lynch, coordinator of staff development for the Penn State extension staff, explained that the program being worked on is part of the Penn State College of Agriculture's international program.

After spending some time at the Solanco Fair, Fernandez remarked this kind of agricultural development is the greatest training for the "younger people." He expressed the sentiments that with so many youths of today turning to drugs because they have no purpose in life, this type of agriculture program is needed to instill pride and a sense of worth in them.

After his tour of the Solanco Fair, Fernandez went on to tour other Penn State facilities such as the Southeast Field Research Laboratory near Landisville. By the close of Wednesday, the afternoon's drizzle had turned into a heavier



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