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cheapest brought \$76 per hundredweight.

POULTRY QUEEN

York County was presented with a new poultry queen on June 15. She was Debra Markey, one of four girls to compete for the title.

USDA issued a report in June which said that a record number of broilers were produced in 1975 and that the poultry situation continued to go strong. Placements of broilers throughout 1976 were ahead of the corresponding week of the year before. Egg prices were expected to rise seasonally, but USDA did not expect prices to be as high at the end of the year as what they turned out to be.

Former Under Secretary of Agriculture John Knebel (now Secretary of Agriculture) was in Lancaster in June to address the 1976 version of the Pennsylvania Poultry Conference.

He believed the Egg Research and Promotion Order to be the key to strengthening and improving the poultry industry. The order was to go into effect on Aug. 1.

MILK PRODUCTION

USDA reported that milk promotion in mid 1976 was booming. A Washington study said: "Continued expansion in milk production is likely for the rest of 1976 since milk-feed relationships are expected to remain favorable to heavier concentrate feeding. Milk production was up all around the country and in many parts of the world."

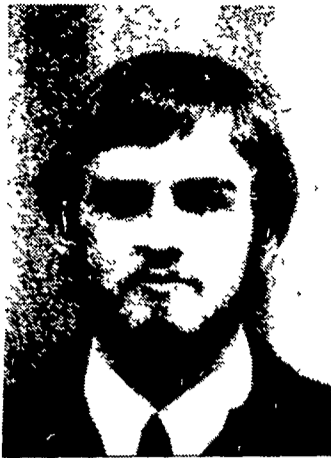
Dr. Lawrence J. Hutchinson, a Chester County veterinarian was named to succeed Dr. Sam Guss as Extension veterinarian at Penn State. Guss retired on June 30; Hutchinson took his position on July 1.

A dairy cooking contest was held at the Berkshire Mall in June, as part of the dairy display put on there by the county's dairy farmers. The contest had several categories, and therefore also several winners.

A 30-year old dairyman from Colora, Cecil County, Md., was chosen as the Outstanding Young Cooperator by members of Maryland Coop. He was W.B. Kilby.

EMBARGO LIFTED

After several months of embargoing swine from New



Lynn Groff was named a 1976 FFA Northeast Regional Agribusinessman.

Jersey and several Northeastern states, Secretary of Agriculture Raymond Kerstetter rescinded the action in mid June. The embargo had been in effect to keep hog cholera out of the Commonwealth.

The Pennsylvania State Grange called for a plan in early Summer which would include the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in any study aimed at creating a so-called "Master Environmental Plan for Pennsylvania."

Hog producers voted in

favor of a national check-off program to promote pork and related products. The program became effective July 1.

In Berks County, the big ag story in late June was that the cereal leaf beetle was the subject of a biological control program aimed at eliminating that pest. Their method of control was a tiny wasp imported from Europe which is said to be harmless to anything but the beetle.

HOMESTEAD ACT

The Senate Subcommittee on Agriculture was reviewing a bill which was referred to as the "Young Farmers' Homestead Act" and designed to help young men get started in agriculture. Lauded by many, the program wasn't without opponents, however. The National Grange voiced this apprehension about the proposed Act: "The bill will advocate the creation of a government agency to buy, lease or sell farm land. The Grange fears this could lead to socialized farming and that farm ownership would shift from private hands to government. The Board responsible for deciding who could buy, sell or lease farm land could become an agricultural czar." The

Grange favored a system based on profits which would encourage young men to enter and stay with farming.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!

The first issue in July saluted America's 200th anniversary with a picture of the Bicentennial wagon train as it crossed the Susquehanna River between Wrightsville and Columbia. A lengthy feature on the procession began on page 1.

The harvest season was picking up steam, with barley being just about all combined and wheat beginning to roll in. It turned out that barley was just a half a crop, wheat was looking good so far (as had

barley in its initial days of harvest) and high quality hay was a little difficult to come by. In Lancaster County, average barley yields were between 35 and 40 bushels per acre in northern sections, while Solanco area farmers reported the range was close to 50 bushels per acre. York County barley yields were estimated between 40 and 50 bushels. A surprise came along with the harvest in that the crop turned out bigger than had been expected in some sections. The short straw kept a few people fooled. Quality of barley was described as nothing less than good by growers and

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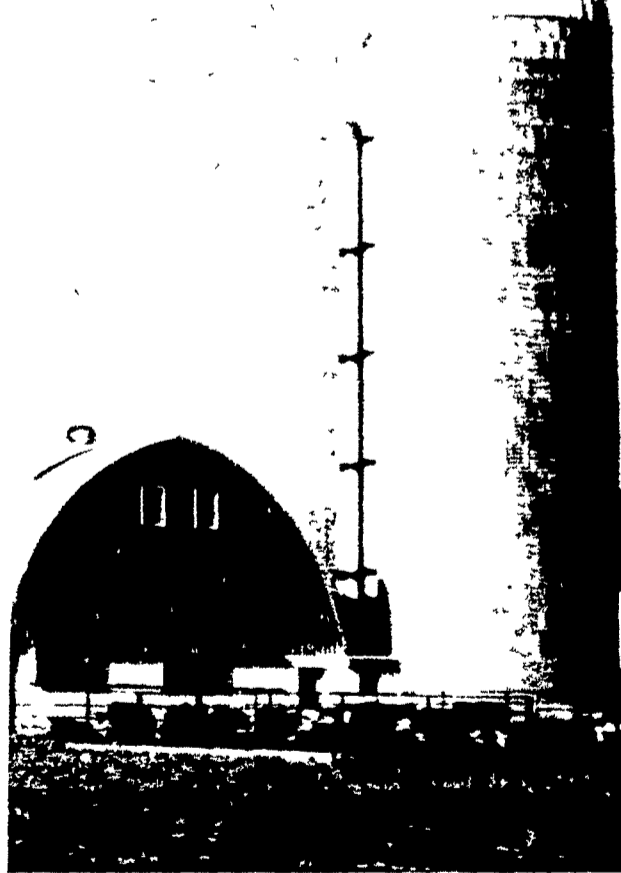
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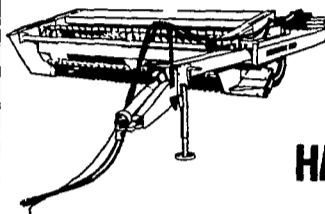
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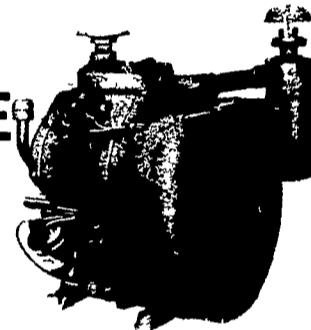


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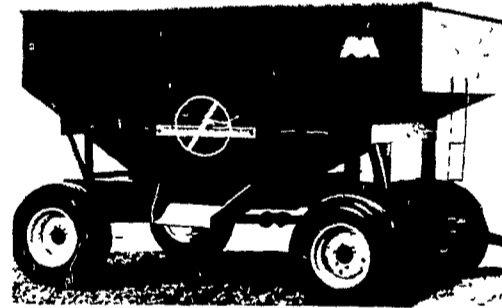
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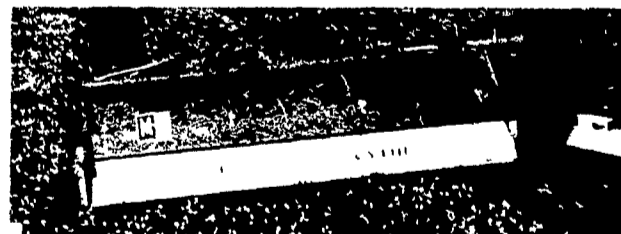
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