

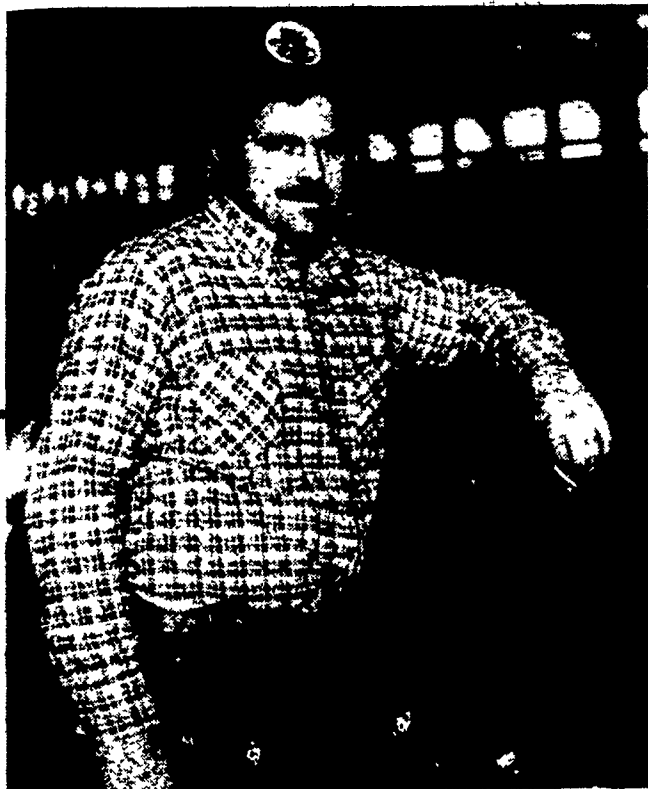
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John Barley doesn't want a refuse barn next to his 380-cow dairy. More than 14,000 pounds of milk are produced here daily, making it the largest operations in the County.

Farm anti-trust act introduced in Congress

WASHINGTON, D.E. - In an effort to reverse the trend toward corporate domination of U.S. food production and insure the future of the family farmer, South Dakota Senator Jim Abourezk has re-introduced the Family Farm Anti-trust Act. The anti-trust measure would require corporations holding more than \$3 million in non-farm assets to divest themselves from agricultural production within five years.

"Corporations are increasing their economic control over agriculture through contract farming," said Abourezk. "This centralizes the production and marketing of the nation's food into fewer and fewer hands and gives them more power to determine prices on the market."

"In addition, family farmers find themselves increasingly powerless against these corporations and are being forced to abandon their farms," he added. "Since World War II, 2,000 farms and 300 rural businesses have been driven out of business each week. Meanwhile, food

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Industry men gather for poultry seminar

By JOANNE SPAHR
LANCASTER, Pa. - The second of three educational seminars sponsored by the Lancaster County Poultry Association and the Penn State Extension Service was held last Thursday evening at the Farm and Home Center, here. Speaking on the subject of solving egg shell damage problems, at that meeting were John Bezpa, poultry specialist of Rutgers University, and Kermit Birth, Extension poultry marketing specialist of Penn State University. A second topic of "Layer Management," was discussed by Dr. Stan Smith, poultry nutritionist of Agway, New York.

Prior to the speeches by the three featured lecturers, Jay Irwin, Extension agent for Lancaster County, offered a few words of introduction. He explained that in Lancaster County, the poultry industry is now exceeding the \$73 million dollar mark, and that it employs from 10 - 12,000 individuals in all phases of production.

"We've got the markets, the industry people, and the know-how, so it's important we keep up with the current developments in the industry," he explained.

Egg Shell
Damage Problems
Birth and Bezpa's topic
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Rally planned Wednesday

Farmers challenge eminent domain

By DIETER KRIEG

WASHINGTON BORO, Pa. - Two busloads of Pennsylvania legislators are due to arrive on the Abram and John Barley farm near here on Wednesday to see for themselves what impact a threatening landfill may have on one of the largest dairy operations in Lancaster County. Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, Kent Shelhamer, may also join the group. Meanwhile, the Lancaster County Farmers Association is mounting a campaign of its own to have "as many farmers as possible" show up at the Barley farm for a show of support and strength.

At stake is a 58 acre tract of land which the Lancaster Area Refuse Authority (LARA) is threatening to take through the power of eminent domain. When news of that landfill plan became widely known late last week, both rural and urban residents of Lancaster County became aroused over the issue. Wednesday's gathering at the farm will bring together this swell of public opinion while most major news services and local media representatives stand by to report. "We've received tremendous support," says John Barley.

According to Abram and John Barley, the case doesn't just involve their farm. They, like many others, are wondering where it may all stop if LARA is allowed to take a portion of their prime farmland. They're fighting, they say, not just to protect their own business, but to set a precedent whereby others may be spared similar agonies in the future.

The Lancaster County Farmers Association, as well as numerous other organizations back the Barleys 100 per cent. That's why they want a good turnout on Wednesday morning to show officials and newspaper reporters where they stand.

State representatives Gibson Armstrong and Noah Wenger, were instrumental in organizing the tour from the Harrisburg Capitol. Both expressed considerable concern over the possibility of losing prime farmland. Secretary Shelhamer has voiced concern as well, telling one newspaper reporter that "Decisions on the use of farmland are too often made by people who don't understand farming."

Shelhamer is a farmer himself who combines experiences as a farmer and legislator in his new post at the Department of Agriculture. While still in the House of Representatives he sponsored a bill which would have laid the groundwork for insulating farmland against indiscriminate use for landfills

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Veterinary column added

Beginning this week, Lancaster Farming will feature a bi-weekly veterinary column, written by Lancaster County veterinarian and dairy farmer, Dr. Carl G. Troop. Focusing his attention on problems and potential problems which may be encountered with large farm animals, Dr. Troop says he will look at situations first as a farmer, and second as a veterinarian. His writings

will be based on knowledge gained from his studies and text books, as well as experiences within his veterinary practice and farming situation. It won't be just a lot of theory; it'll be written with the farmer in mind, says Troop, a 1969 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's School of Veterinary Medicine. Troop established his

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Abram Barley's main responsibilities in the partnership are crops and soils. He may have 58 acres less to farm if a refuse dump takes a portion of the home farm.

Fertilizer adequate, prices are up slightly

By DIETER KRIEG

NEW DANVILLE, Pa. - The fertilizer situation for 1977 isn't much different from what it was a year ago, according to some of those closest to the industry. At a banquet sponsored here last Monday by P.L. Rohrer and Brother, dealers in seeds, chemicals and fertilizers, an Ortho Company representative said supplies are good, prices haven't changed much, but distribution could be a bottleneck.

Most of the worries expressed so far this year have been with regard to the natural gas shortage, said John Burton, who attended the P.L. Rohrer meeting. The shortage has affected nitrogen fertilizer production somewhat, but not to the point where shortages can be expected, Burton said. The government has given fertilizer production a priority which is outranked only by home heating, thus the supplies have not been seriously curtailed.

But getting raw materials from foreign countries or shipping bulk fertilizer for thousands of miles across the

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Elwood Houser named Pork All American

By JOANNE SPAHR
DES MOINES, Iowa - When the American Pork Congress convened at Veterans Auditorium here, last Wednesday, 34 pork producers from across the United States were gathered to receive national recognition as Pork All Americans. Among those 34 was Elwood Houser, Lebanon R5, an active purebred Yorkshire breeder who last Saturday earned the award of Pennsylvania Pork All American at the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council annual banquet. He then represented Pennsylvania at the congress where he received his national honor on March 3

Designed to recognize pork producers from the age of 25 to 39 who have made outstanding contributions to the pork industry and who have been active in community and agricultural functions, the award goes to one person per state per year. Not all states have delegates, so this year only 34 out of a maximum 50 were honored.

Houser, who attributes his receiving the recognition to his work in community and swine industry organizations, is a member of 17 farm groups, and has held leadership roles in seven. He is currently serving as the president of the

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