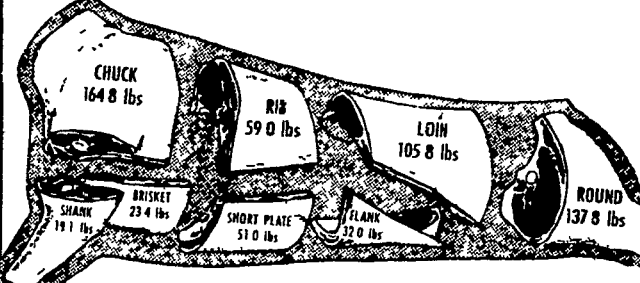


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WASHINGTON, D.C., — The nation's general farm organizations, in a statement issued jointly on Monday, announced that they have united in support of federal legislation to require handlers of agriculture products to bargain in good faith with associations of farmers for prices and other terms of sale of farm commodities.

The statement was issued by the American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, the National Farmers' Union, and the National Grange. Several other agricultural organizations are associated with the general farm groups in support of the proposed legislation.

The legislation, which spokesman for the farm group said will be introduced in the congress soon, defines "unfair practices" in the buying and selling of farm commodities and prohibits both handlers and associations of producers from engaging in such practices.

Spokesmen for the four farm organizations said the proposed legislation will facilitate the formation and the operation of farmers' associations in marketing and bargaining for prices of farm products. They said this should improve prospects for raising farmers' incomes, stabilizing prices and supplies for consumers, and increasing

the efficiency of the marketing system.

The legislation was drafted in the course of a year-long series of meetings and working sessions at-

tended by representatives of general farmers' organizations, existing marketing and bargaining associations, and other farm and ranch groups.

Guernsey breeder cited

PETERBOROUGH, N.H. - Raymond and Louise Witmer, Penn Del Farm, Willow Street, Pa. have received their tenth Gold Star Breeder Award from The American Guernsey Cattle Club. This award is based on high standards of milk and butterfat production, type classification and herd health.

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treatment of both the land and animals, they terminated his contract. Conditions Angelaras allegedly failed to meet were the mowing of pasture lands, fertilizing and liming the soil, proper fence maintenance and acceptable maintenance of buildings. The government charged further that dead animals were not removed promptly and that the farms' manager was hard to find when Park Service officials wanted to talk to him. The defendant purchased his first farm in Adams County in 1967, and now owns 10 farms in the area.

The complaints of neighboring residents and reports by the news media have caused the issue to receive more than local attention. The prestigious Washington Post, for example, has been doing its own bit of investigation and printed a lengthy article complete with pictures of dead animals in its April 2 edition.

"The three cattle farms owned by James G. Angelaras in the lush, softly rolling countryside of Adams County stand out from most of the tidy farms around them," began Washington Post staff writer Barbara J. Katz in her opening paragraph. Then she described the farm as a picture of neglect. Her report detailed what so many had been complaining about: "... the dead cow ... like that one that started the complaints coming this Winter ... lying on the ground on one of the farms ... it lay near the roadway on its back, its legs locked at an angle, its eyes staring open.

Just how many head of cattle died on the Angelaras farms this past Winter is not known. Bill Bell, who runs an animal carcass removal service in Woodsboro, Md., acknowledges that he has removed "more than a dozen dead cattle" from the property this Winter.

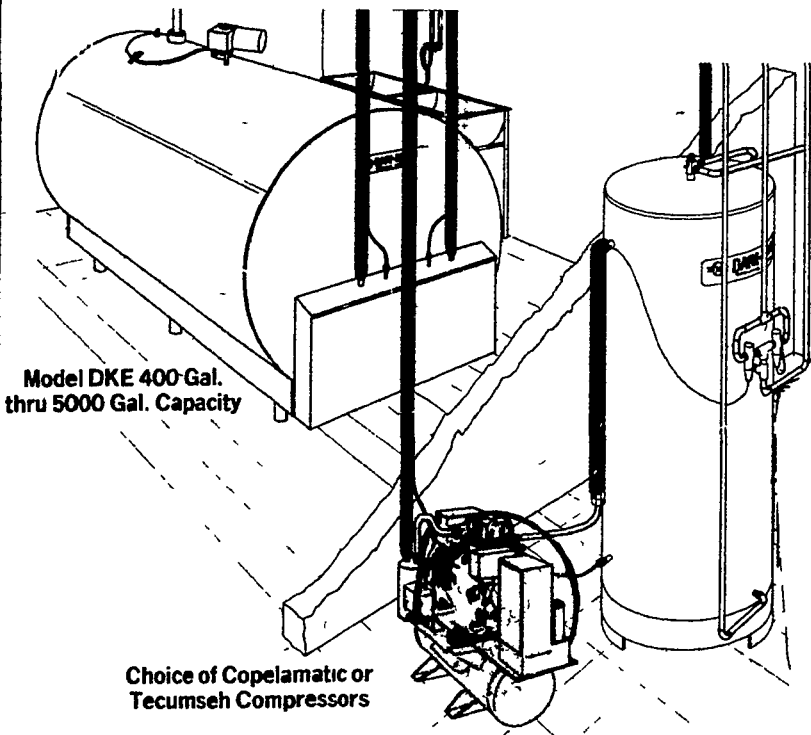


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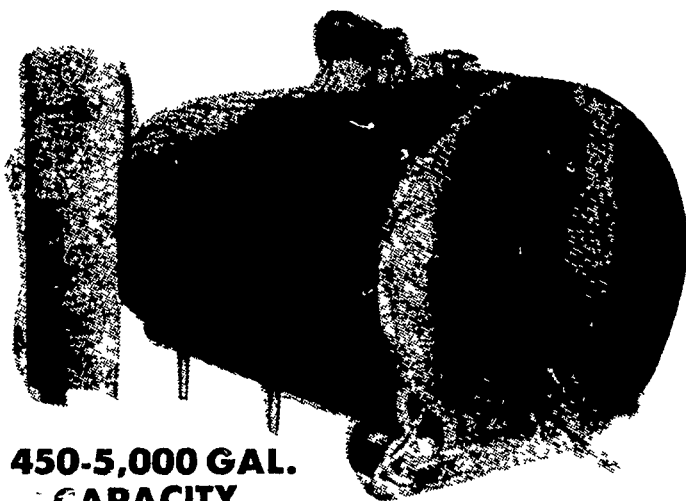


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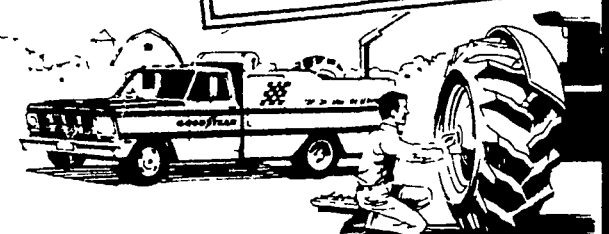
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