

Grange dissatisfied with bonding laws

Harrisburg-Clifford Tinklepaugh, Chairman of the dairy committee for the Pennsylvania State Grange, expressed dissatisfaction with the bonding law

requirements of milk dealers saying the \$200,000 maximum bond posted by milk dealers is well below the volume of business done in a two-month period.

Tinklepaugh pointed out that a \$500,000 maximum bond would be a more realistic figure in his report to the delegates at the State Grange annual session last month.

"There is a need for change in the Milk Marketing Law to more fully guarantee dairy farmers payment for all the milk they have sold to dealers," said Tinklepaugh.

The Milk Producers Security Fund proposes to provide money to dairy farmers should their dealers default on payment or go bankrupt. The money for the Fund will be obtained from producers who will be assessed at the rate of one cent per hundredweight of milk shipped.

The farmer would be paid within 30 days by the Milk Marketing Board from the security fund. The Milk Marketing Board would collect on the dealer's bond to restore the money paid out.

Any dairy farmer who produces milk in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

would be eligible to receive money from this fund except those who are members of and sell milk through a Dairy Cooperative. Tinklepaugh pointed out that since cooperatives are run according to the dictates of their own membership, they should not be included in the same fund.

The Dairy Committee of the Grange suggested that cooperatives set up a security fund of their own. This would protect their members from the "excessive losses a Cooperative might sustain by failure of receiving payment for milk and dairy products they have sold."

"Many cooperatives have gone to a 'pay-as-you-go' assessment procedure each month", said Tinklepaugh, "and we commend those cooperatives that have gone this route to eliminate excessive assessments at any one time."

The Committee further recommended that when the fund reached a two million dollar level, no more deductions would be made as

long as the fund remained at or above this level.

"In the event of an excessive amount of money accumulating in the fund," Tinklepaugh noted, "the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board could pay a dividend to the producer on a pro-rated basis."

A new producer would pay into the fund one cent per hundredweight for the same number of months the other dairymen contributed when the fund was initiated.

Each dairyman's contribution would be returned to him without interest at the time he stops producing milk in Pennsylvania.

Open house set

MOUNT JOY — An open house will be held at the J. Harold Musser place, Penn's Peaceful Meadow Farm, Mount Joy, on November 16 and 17.

Operated by J. Jarold Musser and his two sons, Jeff and Jim, the open house will focus on a new layer house just completed, one of two being built, each to house 60,000 layer hens. The house will feature reverse cages, a new concept for laying hens, according to Jim Musser. He believes this is one of the few houses around the area that has this new type of cages.

The Musser farm consists of 130 acres with an ad-

ditional 100 acres rented. Besides the layers, the Mussers maintain a 55 head dairy herd with an additional 25 head of young stock. They are also involved in operating a grain elevator.

Omelets and refreshments will be served and door prizes will be awarded. The farm will be open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on both days.



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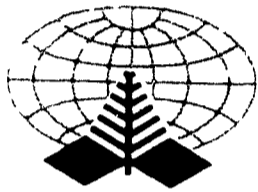
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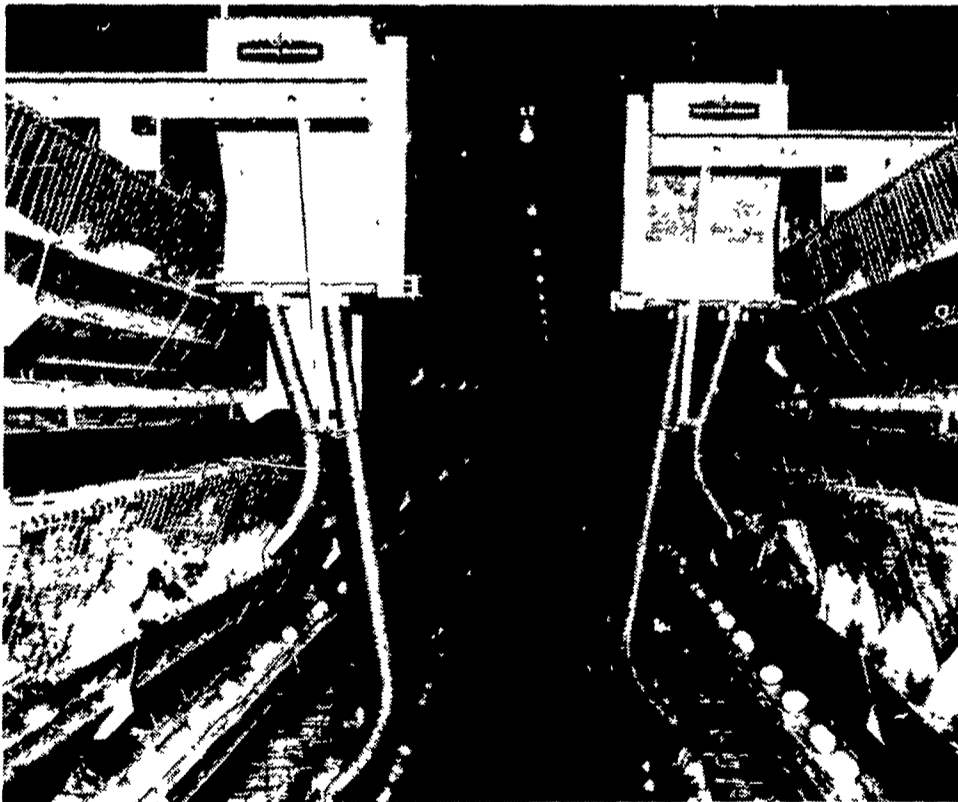
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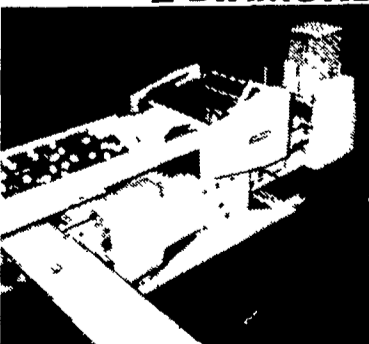


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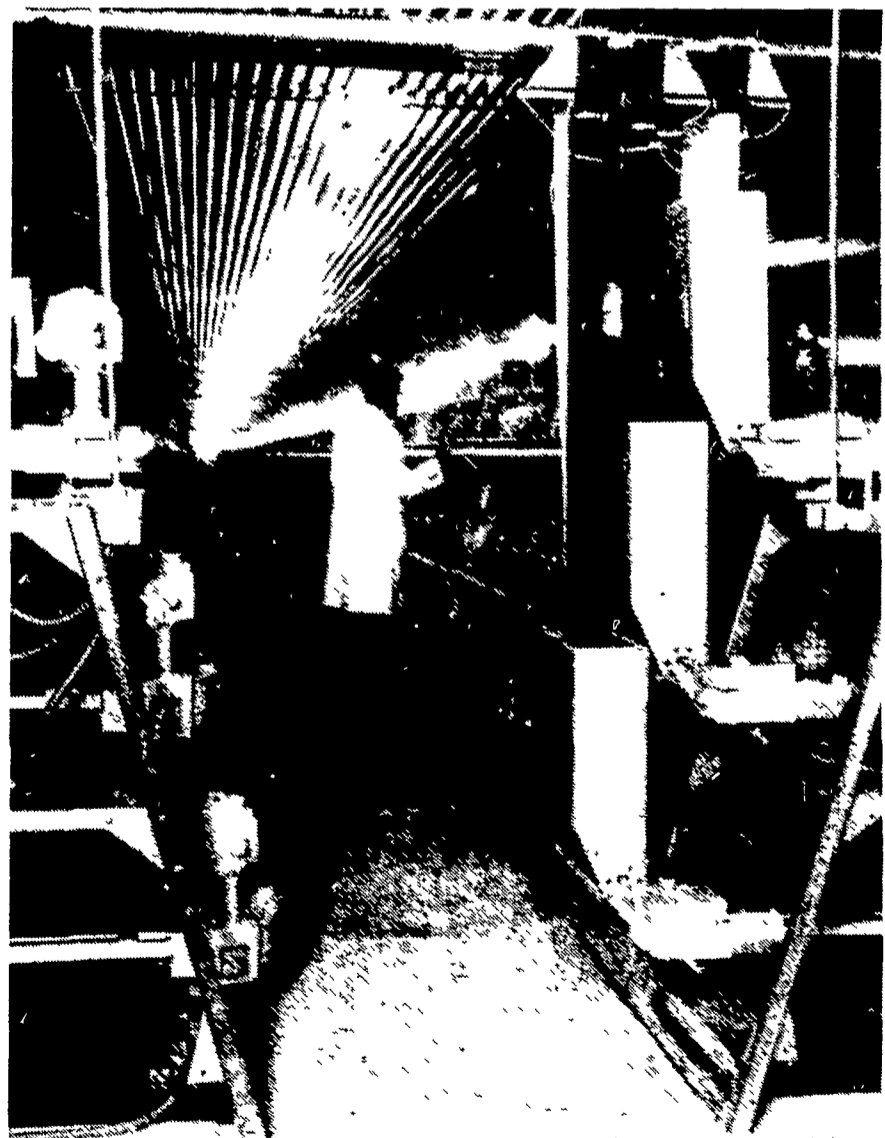
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