

# Herman Stebbins wins Cowan Award

HARRISBURG - Herman E. Stebbins of York R5, manager of the Sinking

Springs Farm, Inc., Tuesday night received the 1978 Charles E. Cowan Memorial Award from the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association during ceremonies at the 63rd Farm Show.

The award, "for leadership contributing to the improvement and promotion of the Pennsylvania dairy industry," was presented to Stebbins at the 108th annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association. His wife accepted the award on his behalf as Stebbins himself was recuperating from an illness.

The award winner has an outstanding Holstein herd that has consistently made records in production testing programs. The 1978 Dairy Herd Improvement Association production

average was 19,593 pounds of milk and 762 pounds of butterfat for 66 cows. For 12 consecutive years his herd has averaged over 700

pounds of butterfat, noted Herb Gilmore, director of DHIA testing programs at Penn State, which supervises the records.

Stebbins has bred and developed 34 cows that have produced more than 100,000 pounds of milk and/or 4,000 pounds of butterfat. Also, 13

proven sires have been bred by the award winner.

An Ohio State University graduate, Stebbins has managed Sinking Springs Farm since 1939. The farm consists of 600 acres, 400 in crops.

He has served 31 years as director and ten years as president of the board of Atlantic Breeders Cooperative, and president

of the York County Cooperative Extension Association, York County Holstein Association, York County Forum, and the Susquehanna Lions Club.

The Charles E. Cowan Memorial Award, established four years ago, recognizes dairy farmers who have made outstanding contributions to the state's dairy industry.



Mrs. Herman Stebbins accepts the Charles Cowan Memorial Award from Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association president David Roth. Stebbins has managed one of the best dairy herds in the nation for 40 years.

## Food Fair ordered to pay for meat

NEW YORK, N.Y. - Food Fair, Inc., a retail food and meat packing corporation based in Philadelphia, has been ordered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to stop violating the payment requirements of the Packers and Stockyards (P&S) Act.

The corporation, which the department charged in October with failing to pay for more than \$2.6 million worth of livestock bought from at least 42 livestock firms, has filed a Chapter XI petition under the Federal Bankruptcy Act.

Charles B. Jennings, administrator of the Department's packers and stockyards program, said P&S officials worked with the firm's attorneys to arrange payment of the \$2.6 million to livestock sellers, as required by the 1976 trust provisions amendments to the P&S Act. All cash sellers have now been paid.

Food Fair operates retail food stores in eastern cities and owns and operates Allen Packing Co., Elizabeth, N.J.; Midtown Veal and Mutton Co., Newark, N.J.; and United Packing Co.,

Denver, Colo. United Packing Company is the only firm currently buying livestock for slaughter.

The firm waived an oral hearing and consented to the order without admitting or denying the charges filed against it.

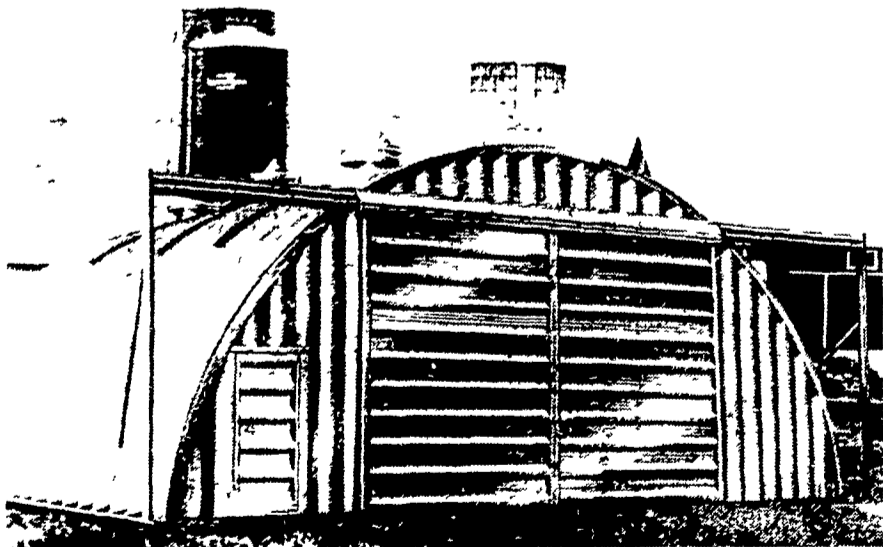
USDA Administrative Law Judge Dorothea A. Baker ordered Food Fair and its officers, directors, and employees to cease and desist from failing to pay, when due, the full price of livestock, meat, meat food products, or livestock products purchased.

The cease and desist order, like a permanent injunction, was issued to insure future compliance with

the P&S Act. Meat packers are required, under the P&S Act, to maintain a solvent financial position and to pay promptly for livestock and meat.

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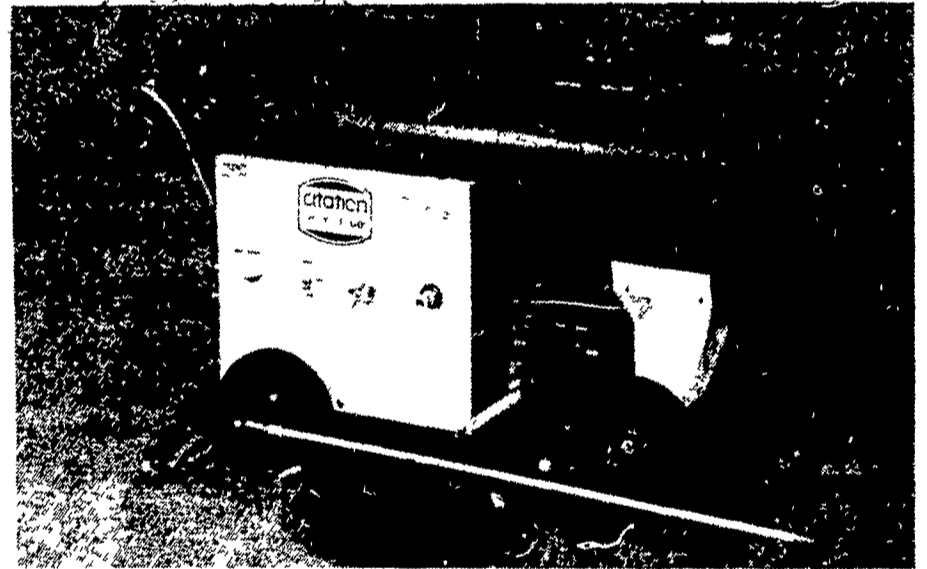
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