

Lanc. Co. man present at tractorcade

LANCASTER — For the first three days of this week, Daniel M. Groff, Lancaster, was in Washington, D.C., as a participant of the farmer's tractorcade which made the

headlines around the country.

Although he did not take his tractor down, rather making the trip in his car, he stated that he made the trip

to give moral support to the farmers. He wanted to get some "outside views on problems of farmers from other areas of the United States."



Daniel M. Groff

On Monday morning, the tractors travelled into Washington, he related, the group he was with, on Interstate 95, and the different groups converged at the Independence Mall, near the Dept. of Agriculture building. There was traffic congestion, he recalled, as the tractors did block the thoroughfares of the lesser streets.

He told of the city police, who tried to organize the situation, stating that there were problems. With 1700 tractors there, he estimated, and at least three persons present for every tractor, the original stragedy was to keep the tractors moving on the streets all day. But by 10 a.m., all were directed into the mall area by the police.

He stated that the farmers grew restless, and that most of the conflict was created by riot police and farmers' battle of wills. He noted that he thought a lot of the in-

cidents were caused by police pushing the farmers into violence.

What the farmers wanted, he said, was the privilege to demonstrate on the streets with their tractors. If they had been given that right, they would have been a lot more orderly, he thought.

There was a rally on the capitol steps, where different representatives spoke, cautioning farmers about violence.

The reason for the rally, Groff stated, was that the farmers want a 90 per cent parity loan guaranteed to

them. This means, he explained, that the farmers want a guarantee that they can borrow up to 90 per cent of what the product they produce costs them. And, he added, Bergland stated, that this would not be done.

But, he added, the problem goes deeper. The farmers are concerned with the disappearance of family farms, and as he saw it, one of the main reasons the farmers converged on Washington, D.C. was that they want to see the farms kept in the family.

Central Jersey Holstein Assn. elections held

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — Howard J. Sutton, Califon, was elected president of the Central Jersey Holstein Association at its reorganization meeting on January 30, at Pfenningers. Sutton operates a herd of 35 registered Holstein cows plus young stock on the family farm, located in Tewksbury Township, N.J. The herd is consistently one of the top producing herds in the state, reports C.G. Wettstein, Hunterdon agricultural agent.

The Central Jersey Holstein Association currently has 70 senior members, 22 junior members from Hunterdon, Somerset and Mercer Counties.

Elected vice-president was George Alles, Raritan Township. Floyd Schwab, Ringoes, was elected secretary-treasurer.

Plans were made for a number of activities to be held during the year: the State Calf Sale was set for April 25, at Warren County Fairgrounds; the Central Jersey Holstein Show on Friday, August 10; and a

series of membership meetings, were also set.

Chairmen were selected for key committees as follows: Show Committee, George and June Alles; Tours and Barn Meetings Committee, Floyd Schwab and William Teets, Cokesbury; Youth Committee, Bernard and Sharon Beatty, Asbury; Membership, Mark Douglass, Pittstown; Advertising Committee, William Teets; and to serve on the annual meeting committee, Floyd and Marie Schwab, James and Norma Norz, Neshanic, and Charles and Joan Rogers, Pennington.

Named to represent Central Jersey on State Holstein Committees were: Youth, Robert Puskas, Somerset, and Bernard Beatty; State Membership, Mark Douglass; State Show Committee, George Alles and Lee Paulmier, Rosemont; Breed Improvement Committee, Lee Paulmier, Floyd Schwab and Charles Rogers; State Sales and Merchandising Committee, Arthur Sutton, North Branch, and William Teets.

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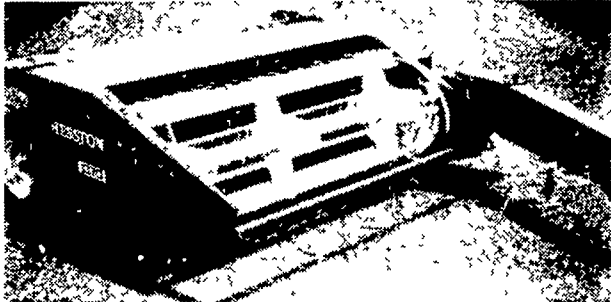
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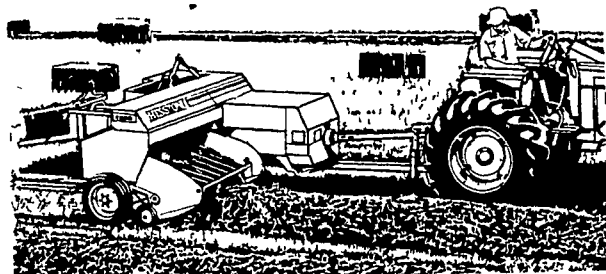
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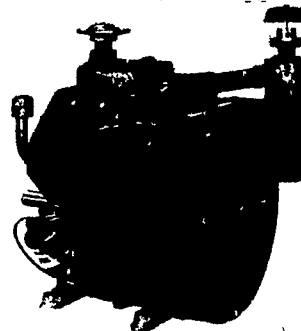
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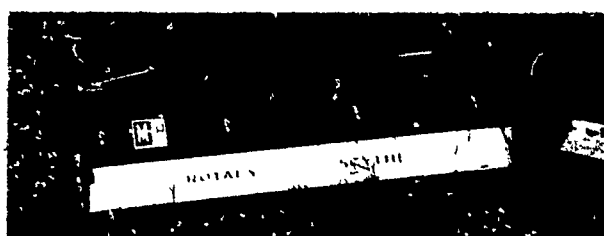
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