

## Congress

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into beef" and depress the market.

Other activities occurring at the Leadership School included the Mid-Atlantic Public Speaking Contest.

Winning the Senior Division Public Speaking was Kay Burkett, of Mans Choice, Bedford County, with a speech entitled, "What I Tell My Friends About the Grange."

Judy Paull, of Lemont Furnace, Fayette County, won the Junior competition, with a speech on the same subject.

Cheryl Stark, of Ellwood City, took first place in a new competition this year, the Sign-a-Song Contest.

Contestants were required to sign a song in the hand sign language of the deaf.

Miss Stark performed the song "Looking Through the Eyes of Love", the theme from the movie, "Ice Castles".

## Australian sheep imports okay

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Sheep imports from Australia, halted in 1977 after a new strain of Bluetongue disease was recognized there, may now be resumed, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reports.

Agreement between the two countries on stricter import requirements made the move possible.

Bluetongue, spread primarily by gnats, is a serious virus disease of sheep that can also affect cattle.

The new import health requirements also take into account other insect-borne viruses recently recognized in Australia. Sheep qualifying for export will be permitted to be flown to the Department's import facility at Honolulu for a 30-day quarantine. Some 200 sheep can be processed at the Honolulu station during each quarantine.

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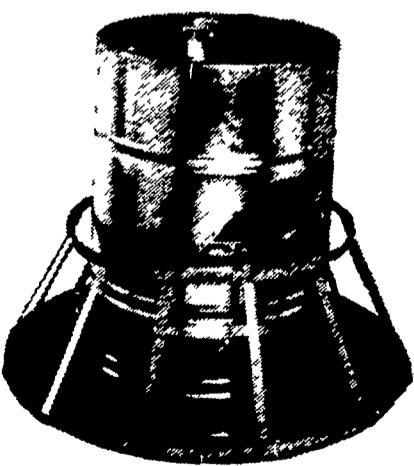
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