



Paul Konhaus started retailing turkeys from a small roadside stand in 1950. Today he owns two supermarkets and a smaller store, and the 40,000 turkeys he retails every year are only a small part of his sales.

**Last laugh on A&P**

**Turkey farmer to grocer**

MECHANICSBURG— It was just a few weeks before Christmas in 1950. Paul Konhaus was 35. His brother, 40, was in the hospital, near death. The Konhaus brothers were turkey growers on a farm just west of Mechanicsburg in Dauphin County. The turkey business had begun on the family farm in 1936. That year, the family produced 100 turkeys for sale at the farmers markets where they handled mostly chickens. The brothers gradually expanded that first flock of 100, first to meet the demands of their individual customers, then to fill the needs of their biggest buyer, a customer that came to dominate their business. "When A&P told us in 1946 they'd buy every turkey we could produce, we thought we had the world by the tail," Konhaus recalled earlier this week. He was in the office of the processing plant just across the lane from his home, an old brick

house his parents moved into while he was still in high school. A&P's first order had been for 1,000 turkeys. The

grocery giant doubled and redoubled its order in ensuing years. The Konhaus brothers doubled and

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**Slaughter steer prices up this week**

By KENDACE BORRY LITITZ— It was a week of higher prices for slaughter steers at the Lancaster County area livestock auctions. Due to the Monday Labor Day holiday, there was no cattle auction at the Lancaster Stockyards, so the sales really started on Tuesday with Vintage. Compared to the previous Tuesday, at Vingage Livestock Sales, slaughter steers were \$3.00 to \$4.00 higher, with high choice and Prime yield grade 3 to 4 at 1075 to 1400 pounds bringing

67.00 to 69.25. Yield grade 4 to 5, at 1200 to 1500 pounds went for 62.00-66.00; and Choice, mainly yield grade 2, at 1100 to 1400 pounds, went for 68.00 to 69.25. A few head of choice and Prime, grade 2 to 3, sold for 69.50 to 70.00; with choice, yield grade 2 to 4, at 1010 to 1400 pounds bringing 65.00-68.25, and a few head selling at 64.00-65.00. Choice 4 to 5, at 1200 to 1450 pounds, went for 61.00 to 64.50, and high good and low choice, 2 to 3, went for 63.00-65.75, and good, yield grade 2 to 3, brought 60.75-63.50.

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**York farmland eyed for sewage treatment**

By JOYCE BUPP Staff Correspondent LOGANVILLE — Several York County farm owners near here are up in arms over local plans for a municipal sewage treatment system.

Approximately two hundred acres of privately owned farmland are needed for the Springfield Township, Loganville and Jacobus boroughs' proposed disposal treatment plan, scheduled for completion in 1981. The South Central Sewer Authority, a body of representatives in charge from the three municipalities, wants to buy those acres of private land. Few of the landowners, however, are prepared to sell and admit they're ready to battle for their right to keep the source of their livelihoods.

Last week, some landowners met with representatives of the York County and Pennsylvania Farmers Associations, to which some of the affected farmers belong. Members of the organization's local affairs committee plan to continue monitoring the proceedings and will attend a public input meeting scheduled for this Tuesday evening, September 11, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Loganville-Springfield Elementary School.

Eight sites were originally recommended by an engineering study and elimination is down to the three most favorable sites. At the Tuesday evening meeting, a final location announcement is expected and Authority members hope to vote on that recommendation at their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 19.

The controversial system utilizes cropland spray

irrigation, a method in study for several years by specialists at Pennsylvania State University. Residential sewage wastes would be pumped to a several-acre lagoon, aerated, then piped to a chemical treatment and disinfecting area. The purified water would then be sprayed over crop-covered soils through pivot irrigation, at the projected rate of one and one-half inches of water per acre per week. A twenty-acre storage pond, with a 140-day holding capacity, is also in the plan to hold effluent when weather conditions do not permit spraying.

An inch of the spray per week, according to Penn State studies, represents approximately one hundred pounds of nitrogen, 45 pounds of phosphorus and 95 pounds of potassium per acre annually, or roughly the equivalent of a half-ton of 10-10-11 fertilizer.

Two crops which researchers say thrive on the high moisture levels are field corn and reed canarygrass. Increased yields with rapid and lush growth are positive results

of the spray, studies add. The treated sewage spray is also valuable when applied to hardwood forest areas, resulting in better than doubled growth seen in some varieties of trees.

Farmers admit they have no real complaint with the merits of the system, although they question some aspects of it. What really has them upset is the threat of condemnation of their private property, some of in

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**92-acre farm moves closer to becoming landfill project**

PENRYN - The Pennsylvania Supreme Court decided two weeks ago not to hear any further appeals in a landfill lawsuit that has been simmering in this rural area of Lancaster County for the past four years.

With that decision, the landfill moves a step closer to reality. As it goes into

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Charles Rauhauser, right, president of the York County Farmers' Association, and Chris Allen, representing the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association, met recently with farmowners whose property is being eyed for a sewage disposal spray irrigation system.

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