

Alarm system

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there is the likelihood of dust being raised by livestock or exhibitors. Even the spray disinfectant used to clean up after shows raises enough mist to set of the alarms.

Coffman said the smoke detectors are not an essential part of the Farm Show's fire alarm system.

"They are an added benefit. The more protection we can get, the better," he said.

His problem at present is finding how and when the smoke detector system can be put to work at Farm Show.

It has been established that the system is too sensitive to work during any livestock show. But the alarms can be switched on any time the building is vacant.

The system is set up to allow certain areas of the Farm Show building to be sectioned off so the alarm system is active only in one particular area.

"It will have to be a show by show decision whether or not to turn the system on. I have not given up on the smoke detectors yet," Coffman said.

If the system is found to be impractical for continued use at the Farm Show, it would be the Department of General Services' responsibility to see about removing the system and obtaining some refund for the contract amount. DGS is the original contractor on the project.

Coffman said he leans toward using the system only when it can be used without the confusion of false alarms.

He said that while the system is not totally suitable, neither is it totally useless.

But he said so far he does not feel the system is completely impractical for use at Farm Show. He said he does not feel the situation has gone so far as to require removal of the smoke alarms.

He said he intends to continue to use the smoke alarm system as an auxiliary to the Farm Show's entire fire safety system.

The smoke alarms, though, are not the only part of the revisions made in the

Complex to comply with the Fire and Panic Code which did not turn out to be all DGS seemed to intend them to be.

"Some of the things they did I just couldn't believe," Wellington Smith said.

A prime example of this was the unhooking of some of the Farm Show water lines. The bottom line on that renovation was a water shortage at the Farm Show this past January. It effected only the toilets and some animal washing at the time.

Smith said he felt he had to oppose the move, not only because he felt it was not a proper thing to do in the light of public safety but also to protect himself as Director of the Farm Show.

Smith said he was tickled to see DGS put in a sprinkler system for the complex. But then the DGS designers decided to remove the hydrants at the Complex. Smith said he objected to that move because he felt the Farm Show employees were the first line of defense against fires.

There were two major fire problems at the Farm Show,

Smith recalled. One was in the duct system, the other in a piece of equipment in the dairy barn. Both were extinguished by Show employees before the Harrisburg fire department arrived on the scene.

Smith said a direct alarm tie to the Harrisburg fire department can provide almost instant warning to fire fighters of a problem.

He maintained that weather conditions, such as those which often prevail at Farm Show time; or traffic jams which are commonplace in the Farm Show vicinity, could delay firefighters.

"But I was just a minority voice," Smith said.

Present Farm Show Director Coffman emphasized the fire detection and suppression system at the Farm Show is adequate and meets state standards.

The fire suppression system has been functioning for about a month, he said.

The smoke detectors are not an essential part of that

Holstein magazine names editor

SANDY CREEK, N.Y. - Robert M. Bishop has been named editor of the Pennsylvania Holstein News effective with the November, 1979 issue. In his new post, he will be responsible for all news and advertising in the magazine, published monthly by Holstein-Friesian World, Inc.

Bob is experienced in both media and the dairy industry. Most recently, he has been farm program director at WDLA radio station in Walton, NY, preparing newscasts for farm audiences on a daily basis, working closely with

Holstein dairymen and other farm and agribusiness groups.

Previously he was associated with Young's, Inc., in Roaring Spring, manufacturers of livestock feed supplements, where he served as both a nutritional consultant to dairymen and as communications coordinator.

A native of Delaware County, NY, Bob grew up

working on several Holstein dairy farms in that area and is a 1976 graduate of the State University of New York at Morrisville with an AS degree in journalism.

As editor, Bob succeeds Donna Cooper who remains with the Holstein World organization as editor of the New York Holstein-Friesian News.

Bob is single and will be living in the Sandy Creek area.

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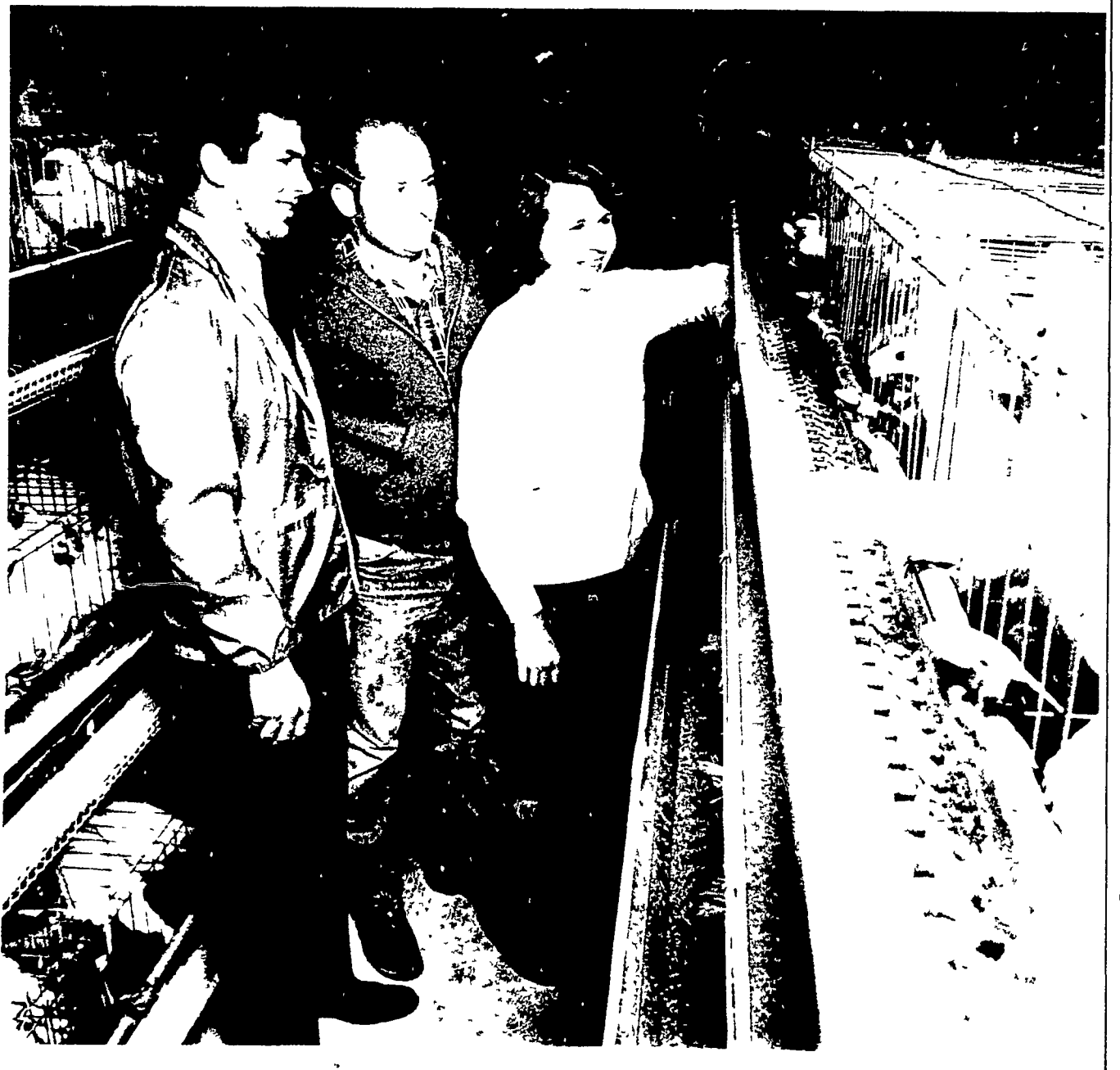
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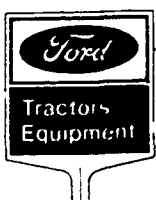
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