

Delaware growers request soybean referendum

DOVER, Del. — The Delaware Department of Agriculture received a petition to initiate a commodity development referendum for soybeans on December 28. This is the first request to hold a

referendum under the newly enacted Agricultural Commodities Development Act.

Presenting the petition to State Agriculture Secretary Alden Hopkins were: Henry Retz, President, Delaware

Crop Improvement Association; Olin Gooden, Director, American Soybean Association and President, Mid-Atlantic Soybean Association; Homer Torbert, Vice President, Mid-Atlantic Soybean

Association; Joe Hughes, Research and Education Committee, Delaware Crop Improvement Association and David Woodward, Kent County Agricultural Agent.

While accepting the petition, Secretary Hopkins explained that this request for a referendum reflects changing attitudes in the agricultural community.

If established, the referendum would allow local soybean producers to collect money from themselves for predetermined

purposes such as soybean research or marketing. This can reduce the local producers' dependency upon tax dollars for research and make the state's producers more competitive, he said.

The next step in the referendum process is for Secretary Hopkins to choose a nominating committee of five persons.

This nominating committee will select the candidates for the first soybean advisory board. After the candidates are selected, the

Secretary will hold an election to allow soybean producers to elect the first advisory board.

The soybean advisory board then drafts the soybean development order. It is the development order that specifies how much money will be collected and how the money will be used.

After public hearings on the order a second election will be held to allow the state's soybean producers to vote on the development order.

Dairy does goat club visits nursing home

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — The Hunterdon Hills Nursing Home on Hill Road in Lebanon Township was the scene of a Christmas Party given for the patients by one of the Hunterdon County 4-H Clubs.

The Dairy Does, a goat 4-H Club, arrived at the Nursing Home about 6 p.m. and club members went around and visited with each patient. Santa, played by Jim Horn-

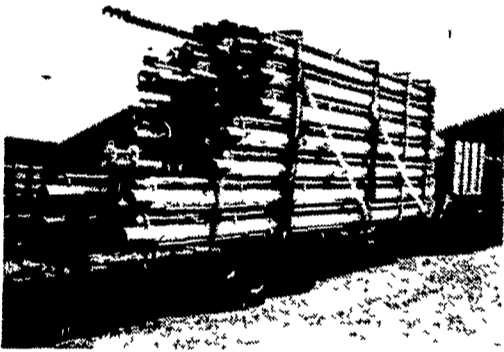
baker, and three elves played by Susie Allen, Lisa Hoffman, and Gary Hults, wished every patient a Merry Christmas and gave each a gift made by the club members themselves.

Beverages were supplied by the Nursing Home while homemade cookies made by club mothers were served.

The children were assisted by Mrs. Beverly Mc-

Cormick, Mrs. Mary Ann Hornbaker, and Mrs. Sheila Baumann. Club members participating were Shaun and Brent McCormick, Eric and Keith Baumann, Diana Cassel and her friend Vicki Ader, Donna and Gary Hults, Debbie Cerratto, Kim Thurber and her friend Christine Salazar from El Salvador, and Jim and Sandra Allen.

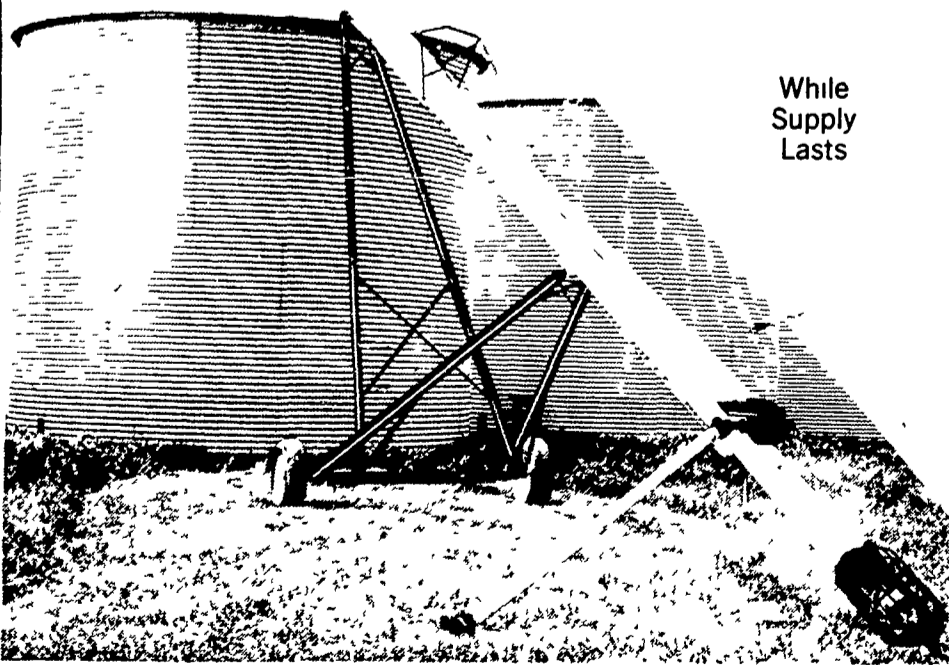
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