

Award winners at the Northern Lebanon Young Farmers Banquet are, from left - Arthur Kunkle, corn silage; Ed Funck, haylage and alfalfa; Galen Bollinger, corn quality; and G. Lamar Bollinger, highest corn yield in bushels per acre. Awards were presented by J. Ray Rickel, chapter advisor.

## Co-op League names legislative director

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Norman M. Clapp, administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, has been named to direct legislative activities of the Cooperative League of the USA by Glenn M. Anderson, CLUSA president. "We are pleased to find a man of Norman Clapp's broad governmental experience for this important legislative role in support of the nation's cooperatives,"

Anderson said. "His first efforts in our behalf will call directly on his rich personal background in transportation, utility regulation and cooperative financing."

It is expected that Clapp's early legislative involvement will be in support of CLUSA-inspired legislation to establish an REA-type federal lending agency to serve transportation cooperatives, principally those formed to

take over and operate abandoned branch rail lines in rural area.

This proposed user ownership and control of an essential transport service is seen as a close parallel to the electrification of much of rural America 40 years ago by user-owned electric cooperatives.

In recent years, Clapp served at various times as head of Wisconsin's Department of Transportation and Public Service Commission, both cabinet-level posts in that state. IN 1977-78, he served as New York Gov. Hugh L. Carey's appointee to head a state investigation of the New York City power failure July 13, 1977.

Earlier, he had served as administrative assistant to the late Wisconsin U.S. Sen. Robert M. LaFollette, Jr., 1935-42 and as minority expert for the Senate Finance Committee, 1942-44.

## Corn, oats intentions up for 1980

HARRISBURG — Based on January 1 intentions, Pennsylvania farmers intend to plant increased acreages of corn and oats, but less barley, sorghum and soybeans according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Acreage planting intentions and percent changes from 1979 for those items surveyed are: corn to be planted, 1,700,000 acres, up four percent; oats to be planted, 390,000 acres, up eight percent; barley to be planted, 120,000 acres, down

four percent; soybeans to be planted, 80,000 acres, down six percent; and sorghum to be planted, 14,000 acres, down 22 percent.

For those 34 states surveyed, acreage planting intentions and changes from 1979 are: corn, 81.6 million acres, up four percent; oats, 13.3 million acres, down five percent; barley, 8.43 million acres, up 11 percent; sorghum, 15.9 million acres, up five percent; soybeans, 70.7 million acres, virtually unchanged.

# Letters To The Editor

Contrary to a front page article in your January 26 issue, the program that a positive vote in the upcoming beef referendum will implement is most emphatically not a government program.

This is a producer self-help effort that was conceived, born, nurtured and developed by some of the best minds in all the many varied phases of the cattle industry, nationwide. At one time or another the program actually faced opposition from USDA, the Congress and even the State Department. The program is to be financed and managed entirely by cattle producers.

Commenting on your editorial, the Beeferendum is backed by every beef and dairy cattle breed association and by every state beef cattlemen's organization including the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, the largest.

The American Farm Bureau Federation endorses it along with just about every state Farm Bureau organization in the country except those of Tennessee and Texas, whose opposition is based on the rather ridiculous fear that they will lose some power.

The biggest opponent of this referendum is producer apathy, but that is not the fault of the program. After all, wide-spread apathy is also very evident in the political elections in this country, unfortunately.

This program gives cattle producers a chance to get ahold of their own industry and affairs and run them for their better benefit.

If we don't speak out for our products and our industry, who will?

Register in your county ASCS office from now thru February 6, and vote "YES" February 19 thru 22.

John W. Stump  
Chairman,  
Md. Beeferendum  
Committee

Editor's note: While not a government program in the usual sense, the program is administered by USDA. Also, AFBF is neutral on the 20 cents per \$100 checkoff program and has requested each individual state to set their own policy.

I would like to thank you for a fine editorial on Jan. 19 concerning the milk security fund. This is a fine editorial that treats the farmer as equally as others.

I urge other farmers to read this editorial again and to contact their organizations and legislators for a proposal like this.

Thanks again for a fine paper that serves the farmer.

Sincerely yours,  
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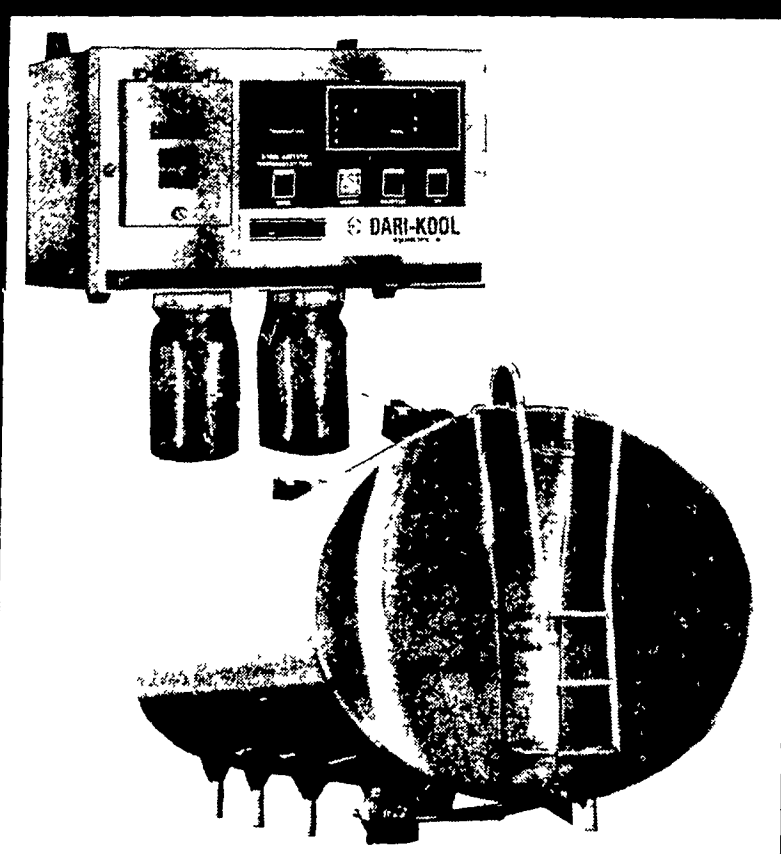
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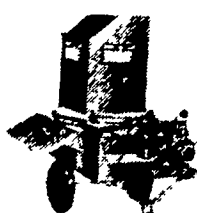
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