

**Expo
still
ran
despite
LBCB
holdup**



Far from its distant relatives in the hills of West Virginia, this still was set up by Martins in the parking lot of the Farm Show Complex, an educational exhibit that nearly went down the tubes.



Merle Martin, son of Ivan Martin, Lebanon, points to the operating permit rushed through by the Liquor Control Board after telephone calls from PDA Secretary Hallowell.



The still in operation was one of the highlights of this year's Farm Equipment Expo.

***Inflation kills farming fun
PFA members tell Congress***

WASHINGTON, D.C. — "Inflation takes the fun out of farming," was the message brought to Washington, D.C., by more than 200 farmer-members of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association, who hosted the Pennsylvania congressional delegation at a banquet here last Wednesday at the Quality Inn Capitol Hill.

"Inflation is deadly to those who try to save, or who must live on fixed incomes," said Eugene Thompson, PFA President and an Indiana County dairyman, in his address to the farmers and congressmen

"Inflation takes most of the fun out of farming. A tractor of between 110 and 129 horsepower, costing only \$14,500 about five years ago, now costs around \$25,000," according to Thompson

The farm leader blamed "excessive deficit spending by the federal government

and the creation of new monies to make up the difference" as the root cause of inflation. He suggested that the Pennsylvania congressmen get behind efforts to adopt a constitutional amendment that would place limitations on federal spending and taxation.

The Pennsylvania Farmers' Association supports the legislation, Senate Joint Resolution 56, introduced by U.S. Senator H. John Heinz III (R-PA) and Richard Stone (D-FL).

Thompson told the group that a limitation on spending was not the total answer but it would be "a start in the right direction"

Earlier, Thompson urged the Pennsylvania congressmen to support efforts to pass the national agricultural bargaining act of 1979, HR-3535, which already has the support of three Pennsylvania congressmen, Austin J

Murphy, John P. Murtha and Donald L. Rutter.

The proposed bargaining legislation contains four major provisions: (1) It requires the establishment of a system in the U.S. Department of Agriculture for defining and crediting voluntary membership producer associations as bargaining units; (2) It makes "good faith" bargaining a mutual obligation of the farmer and the handler-processor, (3) it eliminates such practices as coercion, intimidation, discrimination, bribery or other inducement on the part of either party and (4) It establishes rules and regulations for enforcement purposes

Presently there are no requirements by the federal government for handlers or processors to negotiate in good faith with producer owned and controlled marketing associations

Thompson also said his organization opposes any form of national health insurance, because "more than nine out of ten U.S. citizens are now covered by some form of health care insurance."

In his opinion, the "catastrophic" health benefits now being proposed are "the first step toward the ultimate nationalization of all U.S. Health Services."

"The Department of Health, Education and Welfare predicted that medicare would cost \$900 million for the first full year of benefits," Thompson stated. "The actual cost was \$3.4 billion - almost four times the original estimate."

The farm leader suggested that the best solution to improved health care insurance would be individual income tax credits on premiums paid for enrollment in private health care plan

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