

Md. to hold open house on beef and bull trials

SYKESVILLE, Md. — This year's tenth annual statewide sale of performance-tested bulls has been turned into a bull preview and open house at the University of Maryland's beef cattle research farm near Sykesville.

The Saturday event is scheduled March 22, reports William A. Curry, extension

animal science specialist at the College Park campus. An informal, open-air program of talks and demonstrations will get under way at 9:30 a.m. in the corral area near the center of the research farm.

About 18 bulls with good herd size prospects will be available for inspection by prospective buyers, beginning at 11 o'clock. Purchase arrangements can

be made by private treaty with individual consignors.

Curry notes that 27 young bulls, representing six beef cattle breeds, will have finished their 140-day feedlot trial just two days before the open house.

A 112-day progress report based on February 21 weights shows one Angus bull with an average daily gain of 4.24 pounds and

another with an average daily gain of 3.71 pounds. Both were consigned by Maryland breeders.

The latter bull leads the list in the category of weight per day of age—3.25 pounds—and estimated 365-day weight—1,236 pounds. Second in this category is a Simmental bull consigned by a Pennsylvania breeder. His marks are 3.21 pounds and 1,206 pounds, respectively.

At noon, the action will shift 4.5 miles northwestward to the Eldersburg Community Center. Here, lunch will be served at nominal cost by members of the Maryland Junior Angus Association. And the Maryland Cattlemen's Association will hold its annual meeting in the library.

To find the University of Maryland beef cattle research farm, go north on highway 32 from U.S. highway I-70. After crossing the Patapsco river (south

branch) bridge on the Howard-Carroll county line, proceed four tenths of a mile and turn right on Marriottsville road at the east edge of Sykesville.

Then go 1.2 miles and turn left on Slacks road; proceed one mile to the corral area. Signs will be posed at strategic locations to help guide visitors.

Grangers decry state move to furlough chaplains

HARRISBURG — Charles E. Wismer, Jr., Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange, denounced the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare's move to permanently furlough all its institutional chaplains in Harrisburg Wednesday.

"It is interesting that a Department that concerns itself with handing out dole money to feed the hungry poor and unemployed puts such a dollar value on the work of God," Wismer said.

The furlough of the institutional chaplaincy staff was accomplished as a result of a requirement by Governor Thornburgh for the Department of Welfare to divest itself of 1000 positions.

As a result, the Department of Welfare announced that it would be replacing its

full-time chaplaincy staff with chaplains on a contractual basis.

Wismer, spokesman for the 48,000-member rural organization, noted the move "speaks of a curious detachment from spiritual considerations from such a charitable bureaucracy."

Criticizing the cost-cutting move, Wismer questioned how contractual chaplains could be successfully integrated into therapy programs.

"Clergy not intergrated into the treatment team of an institution would find it difficult to participate in therapy programs—especially if they are not specially trained and experienced," he stated.

The State Grange Master further pointed out that he

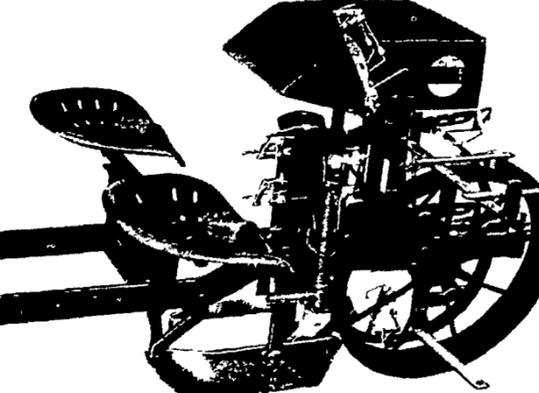
believed that part-time institutional chaplains might actually be dysfunctional to the therapy goals of the hospitals.

"If they are not part of the patients' normal routine, they might be regarded with distrust, and create negative consequences in terms of long range therapy."



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