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At last: agreement on security fund

BY CURT HARLER
CAMP HILL — Legislators, farm organizations, dairy operatives, the Pennsylvania Agriculture

Department and others met Wednesday morning in a show of harmony for SB 1287.

That measure would establish a Milk Security

Fund for Pennsylvania dairymen.

There were some notes of discord despite the careful orchestration of the meeting. But it is doubtful the

protesters will survive the overwhelming support generally offered by those at the meeting.

The second reading of SB 1287, the Security Fund Measure, was completed by week's end. It is sponsored by Senators Patrick J. Stapleton, the Indiana County Democrat; and Frank J. O'Connell, the Luzerne County Republican.

Stapleton, head of the senate agriculture committee, made it clear he would entertain no motions to amend the bill as

presented by his committee, except technical amendments.

O'Connell, who said he has experienced no opposition to the measure, said he hoped to see the measure ready for the governor's signature by the end of summer.

Stapleton said the bill should move as soon as the Senate returns from its recess for the primary elections.

Noah W. Wenger, Lancaster County Representative on the House Agriculture Committee, said later he

foresees no problems with the measure's moving smoothly through the House.

The bill will amend Article V of the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Law to protect dairymen against default, chronic late payment, or underpayment.

Among other provisions, SB 1287 calls for establishment of a milk security fund paid fully by the state's milk dealers at the rate of one cent per hundred pounds milk, to the amount of \$4 million.

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Lehigh Valley farmers eye reorganization

BY VIVIAN PAUL
Staff Correspondent

ALLENTOWN — A major financial reorganization, which would include the sale and dissolution of Lehigh Valley Cooperative Farmers, has been proposed by the management and board of directors of the dairy.

The plan is intended to relieve the Co-op of its \$20 million debt and fulfill its obligation to preferred shareholders.

In a prepared statement to members, the board and management said, "We have worked diligently to find a way to make your Cooperative financially

sound and viable and to meet the needs of its producer-members.

"After years of effort, it is our conclusion that these problems can not be solved within this organization. Therefore we recommend selling all of the assets and business of Lehigh Valley Cooperative Farmers and dissolving it."

The plan centers around the creation of two new business entities. The first, to be known as Lehigh Valley Farmers, would be strictly a bargaining cooperative, owning no plants, property, or equipment.

It would have the same

directors as the Lehigh Valley Cooperative Farmers. Present shippers would be asked to become members by purchasing one share of common stock for \$10.

A second business, Atlantic Processing, Inc., also will be formed.

According to the statement issued by the Dairy, "The new organization will assume all of the debts of Lehigh Valley Cooperative Farmers which amounts to nearly \$20 million and pay cash to Lehigh Valley Cooperative

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Shown with her admirers, owners and sellers is Lime-Hollow Elevation Jessie who sold recently in Lancaster for \$116,000.

Jessie bidding stops at \$116,000

BY PAT KAUFFMAN
LANCASTER — While the auctioneer proclaimed her one of the great cows of her breed and admonished that Washington spends more than his asking price of \$17,000 in a minute, the bidding was over. All bids were in and done at \$116,000 on Lime-Hollow Elevation Jessie. When the gavel hit, its sound underscored the emergence of a new era in the Holstein world. For Jessie's future is now

wrapped up completely in embryo transplant.

See related stories on pages A38, C28 and D8.

What pushed Jessie's price so high? Who can afford to pay that kind of a price? These were the questions heard everywhere people learned of the purchase. M. Robert Young, a general partner in Jessie Partners, the purchasers, explained.

"Jessie is a sixth generation cow to carry the excellent rating in mammary. There are only two or

three other cows in the U.S. with this distinction. More importantly, Jessie is the

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Lancaster holds 'super' Holstein tour

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN
MARTINSBURG — A

reunion and reports on the use of super ovulation to speed up the offspring population of top producers were highlights of the Lancaster County Holstein

Tour to Bedford and Blair Counties on Thursday.

The reunion took place during the first stop on the tour at MarCove Farms, near the small rural village of Martinsburg in Blair County.

Back together briefly again were Dunwood Chief Carmel, who has had a top production exceeding 28,000 pounds and tour member Alvin Stoltzfus, of Oxford, Chester County, whose father sold the excellent-rated Holstein a year ago.

"She brought the top price of \$71,000 last March at the Dunwood dispersal sale," Stoltzfus recalled.

The sale was the largest of its type last year in Penn-

sylvania, bringing an average of \$5,435 for more than 100 head.

"She's a top member of one of the best Holstein families with 19 head averaging over 20,000 pounds," Stoltzfus said as he ran his hand over the familiar black and white flank.

Carmel has received two super ovulations since coming to Blair County,

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Judge says move grain bin

Lebanon Co. farmer seeks Twp. understanding

BY SHEILA MILLER
CAMPBELLTOWN — Farmers should be aware of ordinances and beware of sellers before signing on the dotted line," said South Londonderry Township Supervisor Raymond Mulhally concerning the Harvey and Nora Krall grain bin case. His statement comes after learning about a civil action court decision finalized on March 17 in the court of G. Thomas Gates, Common Pleas Judge in Lebanon County. The case involved

the zoning hearing board of the township and the Kralls.

The history of the court case began in 1976 when Harvey and Nora Krall, owners of a 170 acre corn and soybean farm near Campbelltown contracted with a local builder to construct a grain drying bin on their property.

According to Krall, the contractor and his salesman informed them that a building permit would not be needed to put up the metal structure. "He said he had put up several of these bins

and never got any permits for anyone else."

Trusting in the integrity of the Lebanon County builder, Krall bought the grain bin and construction proceeded in November of that year.

Easily in view from Route 322, the 27 foot high gray metal bin was completed without anyone coming to inform them that they were violating any rules and regulations, said Krall. During the time the bin was being erected, however, Krall was hospitalized for

ten days as the result of a serious fall.

Roughly two months after the bin had been finished, Krall said he received a notice of violation from the zoning board telling him he needed a permit to construct the bin. He went to apply for the permit, but it was denied because the Zoning Enforcement Officer Ed Small said he had not complied with the zoning ordinance.

The grain bin was erected forty feet six inches from the township's Hinkle Road. (Turn to Page A32)

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