

Bright Meadows Elevation Mona, a 10-month old, sold for \$1225 to Oxford Farms, one of the more active bidders at the sale.

New Holland sale

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shows records to 18,610 pounds milk and 765 pounds fat.

A calf, born October 20, 1979, went for \$1550, also to Oxford farms. The calf was a daughter of Glendell Arlinda Chief.

The calf's dam is Lead-Dale Lucky Betty, a cow with records showing a high butterfat percentage, and a Very Good rating as a four year old.

In all, 314 animals were sold at auction. Calves and yearlings brought between \$250 and \$1550.

Bred heifers and springers brought between \$1300 and

Capons need managing

UNIVERSITY PARK — Caponize a 21-day-old cockerel chicken and it becomes fragile to raise, gets sick quicker and takes close managing to get a Grade A capon carcass to market, according to Herbert Jordan, Extension Poultry Specialist.

Capons require close care the first six weeks of life and hospital-like during the time of surgery.

Three critical things to remember in growing and marketing capons are:

—A market must be established for all the birds at least a month before they

are sold. Each bird must bring \$1.40 per pound of dressed carcass to make the maximum net income.

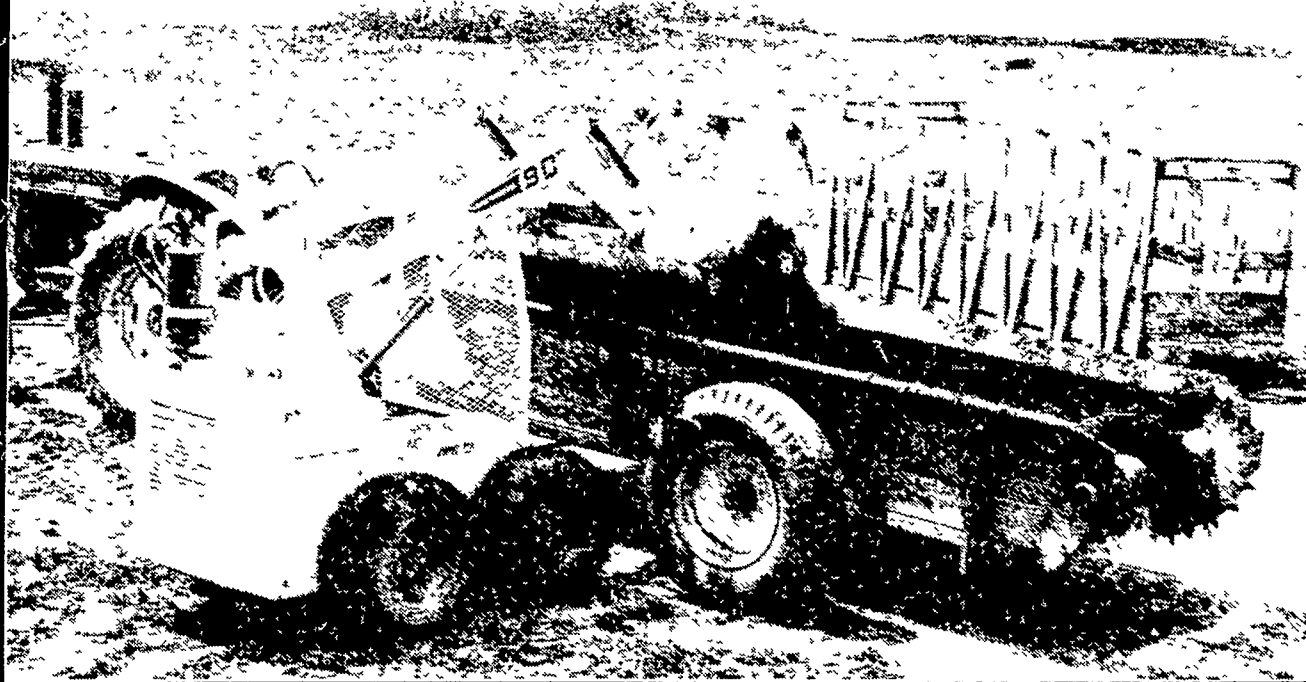
—After surgery, all campons must be watered, fed, and cared for in a manner that they stay healthy and gain steadily. If capons get fat too early they will "go down on their legs", sit on their breast and develop breast blisters and twisted legs. As a result, the carcass will be downgraded to Grade B. Keep capons healthy and trim until 2-3 weeks before slaughter, then fatten them.

\$2550 on the average.

The sale was well attended with buyers listed from New Jersey, New York, Virginia, Minnesota, Indiana, Georgia, Arkansas and Pennsylvania.

—Finally, capons only do well if they are a roaster cross. Broiler crosses do not do well as capons. So select the right genetic potential when buying a bird.

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