

## Dauphin sets dairy meeting

MIDDLETOWN — Ronald Buffington of Select Sires, Inc., Plain City, Ohio, will be guest speaker for the Dauphin County Holstein Twilight meeting on Monday, July 7, 1980, at 7:30 p.m. according to John P. Harris, Dauphin County Ag Agent. The meeting will be held at

the Ray and Dale Kennedy Farm, Middletown. A judging contest will be held with Ron Buffington as the official judge. Buffington will follow with a discussion on corrective mating of dairy cattle. This meeting is open to the public.

## PACA

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efficiency, was set up by the law in 1930.

"Licenses help enforcement since a licensee can lose eligibility to operate in the interstate or foreign produce business for a pattern of violations," he said. "A firm has to clear up its undesirable business activities if it wishes to stay in or re-enter the produce industry."

About 16,000 commission merchants, dealers, and brokers are currently licensed, and the fees pay the cost of administering the PACA program. Smith said

farmers who sell only produce they have raised don't need a license, but they are free to file complaints as others may do when they have been unfairly treated in a contract agreement.

Smith said the PACA representatives encourage written contracts to avoid the risk of later disputes.

"It's also wise for anyone to check the buyer's financial status and reputation before agreeing to ship produce to the person and to keep a record of all transactions," he said. "And it's important to have the produce checked by federal-state inspectors to insure that it meets the quality specified in the contract."

Like farming itself, the business side of produce will

always have its share of risks. But Smith said the PACA Act has served well in reducing the risks and taking the \$50 billion produce industry a long way since legislators a half century ago used words like "unscrupulous, exploitation, and robbery" to describe con-

ditions before PACA was enacted.

The Eastern states PACA hotlines are: New York, N.Y. — (212) 732-3193 (long distance) or 264-1118 (local). Washington, D.C. — (202) 737-4118 (long distance) or 447-3212 (local).

## Seven ag apprentices named in Maryland

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Seven young Marylanders will have the chance to be involved in real university research this summer under the University of Maryland College of Agriculture Research Apprenticeship Program for Minority High School Students.

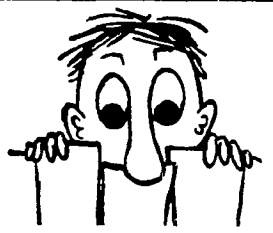
Each of the students has been identified by the school guidance counselor as having an interest in science and being in the upper fourth of the junior class at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt. This school is the science and technology center for qualified students throughout Prince George's County.

Each of the students will be involved in scientific research projects going on at the University of Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station in College Park.

The program is scheduled to cover the ten week period of June 23 to August 28, and the program supervisor will check frequently to make sure that the learning objectives are being met. At an assembly on the first day, the students will have an opportunity to meet Dr. Earl

Brown, dean of the College of Agriculture and other officers on the College Park Campus.

The seven students and their areas of research interest are: Michael Black, agronomy; John Austin, animal science; John Jackson, dairy science; Paul Young, entomology; Patricia Hsiao, food science; Lenora Roberts, horticulture; and Adrienne Twyman, poultry science.



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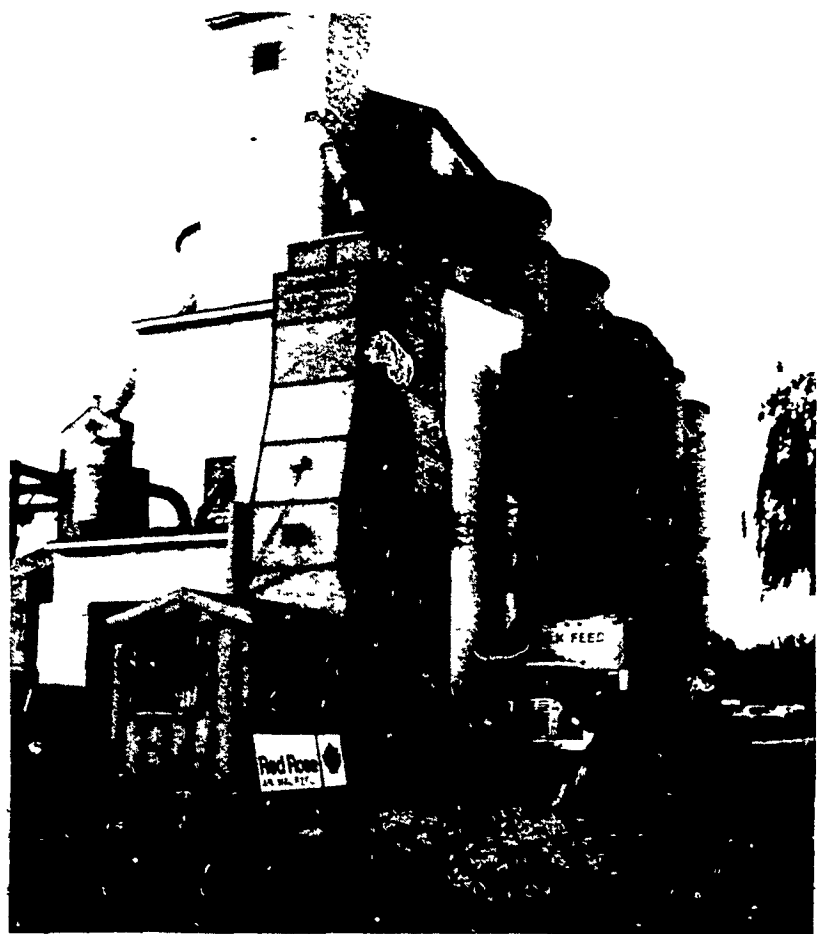
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