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## New milk security fund approved for dairymen

BY CURT HARLER

HARRISBURG — A new milk security fund to be administered by the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board was passed by the state House and Senate this week and needed only the Governor's signature to become law.

Passage of SB 1287 in the Senate came Wednesday at 4:38 p.m. following a series of last minute maneuvers in both houses.

As passed, SB 1287 provides for establishment of a \$4 million milk security fund to be funded entirely by milk dealers at the rate of one cent per hundred pounds milk purchased.

It also establishes a security fund for cooperatives. Most state co-ops will use an escape provision to opt out of the security fund.

The Senate voted 48-0 to

approve the version of SB 1287 which had been modified slightly by the House. Five technical amendments were added by the House last week and those minor changes needed the concurrence of the Senate before the bill could be sent to the Governor.

The Administration vigorously supported the security fund and getting the Governor's signature never was seen as an obstacle.

The state House had voted unanimously Monday night to approve SB 1287, a bill called by some observers the most important piece of farm legislation passed in the state in 25 years.

The 7:15 p.m. vote came only after the bill was amended to provide sub-dealer bonding similar to that required under the old milk security law. Sub-dealers are those buying dairy products from a dealer, not a farm.

A clarifying amendment on the sub-dealer provision was offered by Ag Committee Chairman Reno Thomas and accepted by the House.

The full House also beat back a proposal by Pottsville Republican Ronald P. Goebel to abolish the Milk Marketing Board completely. His proposal gathered only 29 votes. No other amendments were offered.

Noah Wenger, vice chairman of the house agriculture committee,

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## Farmers win battle, twp. denies airport rezoning

BY SHEILA MILLER

CAMPBELLTOWN — The request by Reigle Airport, located along Route 117 between Palmyra and Campbelltown, for a revision of the South Londonderry zoning regulations was soundly turned down on Wednesday evening by both the planning commission and the supervisors.

The issue, which has been on the minds of farmers and local residents in the township since early Spring, concerned the request of

Charles and Ada Reigle, owners of the commercial airport, to rezone their airport AP-1, rather than its present R-1, low residential

What this rezoning would have created was an airport hazard zone, 2000 feet long extending from the end of the runway and fanning out at an angle 15 degrees on both sides. This would have provided added safety for pilots on approaches and take-offs, insuring they would not have to contend

with new obstacles in the hazard area.

What neighboring farmers were concerned with, however, was the fact that no permanent structure could be located higher than 35 feet within the hazard area. And, starting at the end of the runway, struc-

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## Dates set for new ag fair

BY PAT KAUFFMAN

HARRISBURG — In a Tuesday evening meeting between officials in the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and officers from Keystone racetrack's two racing associations, Continental and Eagle

Downs, a tentative date for the new ag fair to be held at the racetrack was set for October 3-5, Friday-Sunday.

According to James Sumner, Bureau of Markets, the fair, termed an agricultural food exposition, will feature commodity

displays, tailgate markets, farm equipment, and possibly some antique farm equipment.

To be held on a grass area Sumner said is the size of the exhibit space at Ag Progress Days, the fair has been

assigned a tentative set up day of Thursday October 2.

The purpose of the fair is to give urban dwellers a better understanding of Pennsylvania agriculture, he said. The PDA logo "We're growing better" will be featured.

Sumner said they are pursuing the funding options now. Currently they are planning to use Farm Show funds and are awaiting a ruling from the Attorney General's office on this option.

Premiums the first year he indicated would have to be whatever it takes to draw the livestock there. The first year would be an initial effort with premiums growing as time goes by.

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## Education Department ruling

# Schools can't charge for vo-ag education

HARLEYSVILLE — Is it right that a farmer who sends his son to public vocational agriculture school should have to pay over \$600 a year tuition?

The Pennsylvania Department of Education, in a Tuesday morning meeting, re-asserted that it is neither fair nor legal.

The question was tossed around by two rural families, the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the Souderton School District, the Western Montgomery School District, and the State Grange.

At the meeting in

Harrisburg, the matter was referred to the Pennsylvania Deputy Attorney General for Education by the state Education Department.

The Department cited Section 1809, Part C of the state code in making its ruling.

The problem centered on two Harleysville families, taxpayers, with sons studying vocational agriculture through the public schools.

Both boys are in the Northern Montgomery County area of Souderton School District. But that

district does not offer vo-ag programs.

In fact, the only district of four in the county which does

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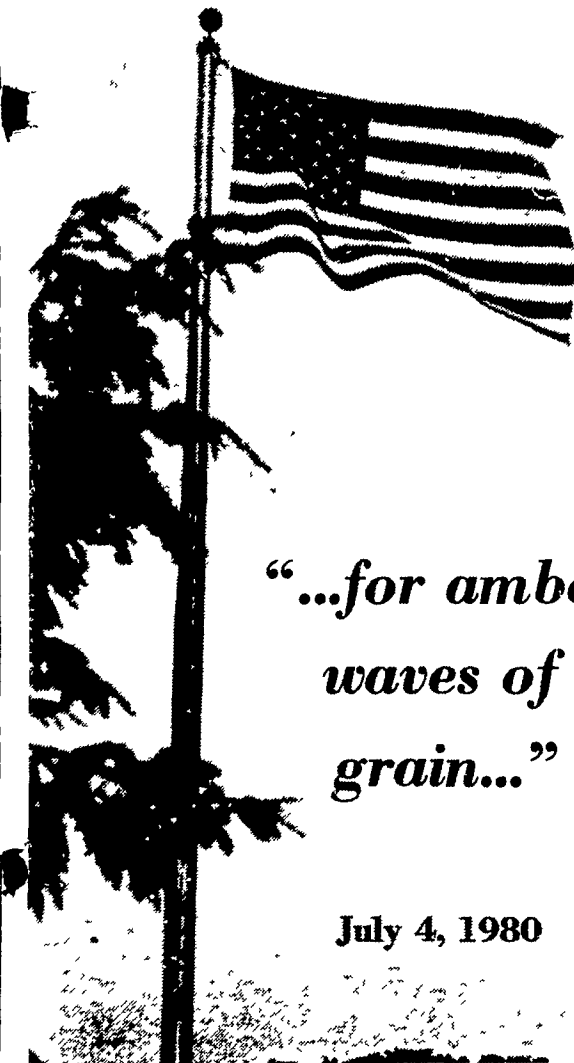
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Countryside contrasts are shown in the aftermath of the storm that hit Clay Township farms, Lancaster County, last Saturday. While Holsteins doze in warm sun in foreground, friends and neighbors are busy replacing roof torn from large stone farmhouse occupied by Gerald Martin family. (See stories and additional photos beginning on Page A15.)



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