

Farmers have until Aug. 18 to comment on dairy supports

LITITZ — The public has until August 18 to comment on the level of price support for milk for the 1980-81 marketing year which begins October 1, said Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Jim Williams.

Williams said USDA also is asking for public comment on the prices and terms of purchase by Commodity Credit Corporation of butter, cheese and nonfat dry milk.

Current law requires the milk price support be established at between 80 and 90 percent of parity on October 1 each year. USDA officials estimate the minimum level of support (80 percent of parity) will be \$12.73 per hundredweight on October 1 for milk of 3.5 percent butterfat content.

This would be an increase of 66 cents over the support price which became effective on April 1. It could result in a 5 to 6 cent-per-gallon increase in milk prices at the retail level.

Other matters pertaining to the milk support program on which USDA may make decisions and on which the public may comment are the manufacturing margins

used in calculating the purchase prices of cheese, butter and nonfat dry milk; the allocation of any change in the support price for milk affecting the purchase prices set for butter and nonfat dry milk; and the level of the sales prices of CCC-owned dairy products.

Comments must be in writing and received no later than August 18 by the Director, Procurement and

Sales Division, Room 5741 South Building, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Box 2415, Washington, D.C., 20013.

The comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours. Copies of the impact statement and the backgrounder also are available upon request.

Two Chester 4-H sewers awarded gold ribbons

WEST CHESTER — Nancy Dovin, Honey Brook and Lynda Thompson, Kennett Square, were awarded gold ribbons at the S.E. PA Regional 4-H Fashion Revue, last week at Plymouth Meeting Mall.

As gold ribbon winners, they represented the region at the State Fashion Revue of 40 4-H'ers from 8 counties in the revue, they also received a medal of honor and a certificate of participation

Nancy is 18 years old and has been a 4-H member 9 years. Lynda is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Thompson. She is 15 years old and has been in 4-H for 8 years.

Other Chester County participants in the regional revue included Beth Jenkins, Toughkenamon, Marjorie and Sue Windle, Coatesville, and Lynn Lafferty, Hockessin, Delaware.

Appoints new vice president

PEARL RIVER, N.Y. — The appointment of David L. Speakman of Wayzata, Minn., as Vice President-Operations, Consumer Products Division has been announced by Edgar T. Mertz, Chief Executive Officer of Dairylea Cooperative Inc.

Speakman will be responsible for the efficient and effective operation of Dairylea manufacturing plants at Vernon, Adams, Oneida, and Utica, N.Y.

Products produced at these locations include cheddar cheese, cottage cheese, butter, non-fat milk powder, ice cream, yogurt, sour cream, and ultra pasteurized cream.

Speakman had previously served as director of manufacturing and director of operations in the U.S. division of the Pillsbury Corporation. Prior to that he was a plant manager, industrial engineer, and project manager for the H. J. Heinz Co.

He started his professional career, following graduation from the University of Florida in 1964, with the Campbell Soup Co. where he served at various times as industrial engineer, production supervisor, and warehouse supervisor.

He and his wife, Patricia, have two children, Victoria, 10, and Elizabeth, 6.



David L. Speakman

Hepatitis reported locally

LANCASTER — The State Health Center has been getting a number of reports of hepatitis (yellow jaundice) among the rural community.

There are some guidelines to follow to prevent the spread of the disease. You are most likely to spread the hepatitis virus before you get sick. You can assume there are a number of carriers or cases in every gathering.

The virus is carried in the intestinal tract, not in the air, therefore it is important to observe the following rules:

Wash all dishes, drinking cups, and utensils in hot, soapy water after each use. Wash hands with soap and water after going to the bathroom and before handling food.

Visit your doctor if the disease is suspected so that he can advise you on treatment. He may want to

give gamma globulin to the rest of the family to prevent them from getting as severe a case of the disease and to help to limit the spread of disease.

Doris Kolb, public health nurse, has been visiting in a number of homes where there has been illness and if you have any questions you may call her or Ethel Hershey at 717/299-7597 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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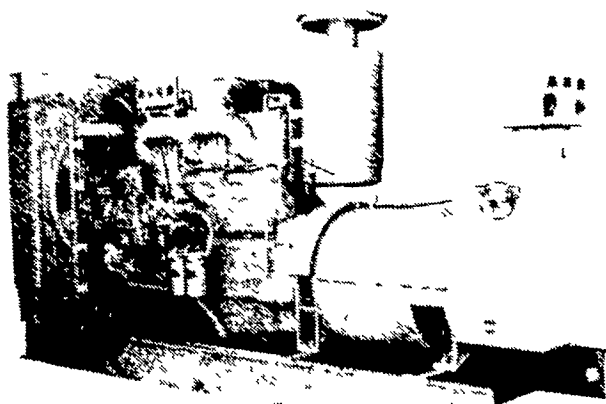
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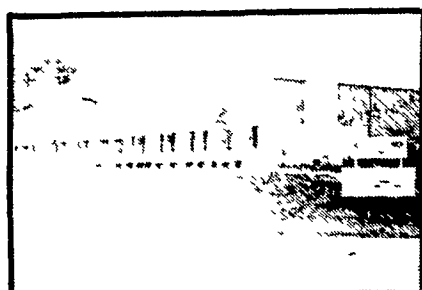
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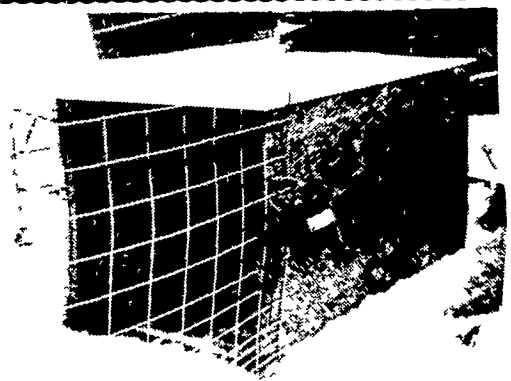
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