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# Grangers meet to prepare legislative policies

**BY CURT HARLER**  
**LINGLESTOWN** — The Pennsylvania State Grange legislative committee met Monday and Tuesday to get input for policy formation at the annual sessions next month.

Among speakers at the meeting were George Brumbaugh, chairman of the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board; Paul Hand, Inter-State Co-op's economist; Fred Fox of Department of Environmental Resources; Luther Cook, president of the Rural Letter Carriers Association; and Lancaster County farm preservation activist Amos Funk.

Brumbaugh outlined five areas of concern in the dairy business. He included discount scheduling, tolling, bracketing of dealer prices, formula pricing, and the new milk security fund.

He said some dealers have offered letters of credit, some have posted bonds and others have asked to be included in the dairy security fund.

So far, only one dairy cooperative has asked to be excused from the milk security fund provisions.

Brumbaugh also said he would like to see a shortening of the period between milk pickup and payment. He said he would like to see payment by the 18th day of the month following pickup.

Inter-State's Paul Hand outlined Co-op policy on the dairy referendum.

He said money collected

should follow the milk to market. In other words, he maintained that money collected in a particular Area and Zone should go toward promotion in that area.

He said he wanted representation on the committee proportional to dairymen represented.

He said Inter-State favors a checkoff of three-fourths of one percent. He said that would generate a \$7 million dollar fund.

Hand also said there should be no ask-out for producers who don't want to support the fund.

Fred Fox, DER's legislative liaison, told Grangers that DER is not trying to condemn land nor control land which would be put in the Scenic Rivers program.

Fox said he expects 2000 to 3000 miles of waterways to go into the system.

The Grangers restated their position that they would work against eminent domain in any potential scenic river area and would push for a pastoral designation, one which includes farming as a legitimate land use along scenic rivers.

Fox also told Grangers that hazardous wastes will continue to be a problem in rural Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania is the fourth largest producer of such waste in the nation.

Fox said the Commonwealth needs at least

three more sites for disposal of hazardous materials. He noted that if the dumping could not be done at private sites it could reluctantly be placed on state owned land.

Luther Cook, president of the Rural Letter Carriers Association, told the Grangers that efforts toward a five day rural delivery system temporarily have been stopped.

He said there is a federal bill, HB 7337 which would change the U.S. code and require there be no less than six day mail service.

Pennsylvania has the largest number of rural mail routes in the nation. Cook noted delivery along those routes could be cut to four days on weeks when there was a holiday.

Amos Funk, a prime mover in Lancaster County farmland preservation, outlined the deed restriction program now being considered in the county.

He gave a chronological outline of what has happened in the land preservation movement over the past seven years.

National Grange Legislative Director Bob Frederick told the Pennsylvania Grangers that the Community Nutrition Institute proposal to revamp the Federal Milk Marketing Order system seems to be dead for the moment.

He said he did not think USDA would make any decision on the matter until after the November elections. But, he added, after that it is anyone's guess as to what will happen.

He said USDA had received over 8000 comments from farmers against the CNI proposal and added that he doubted CNI has that kind of influence with USDA.

Legislative committee members also tossed around a number of resolutions. Among them were measures dealing with the Federal Order base building period, landfills, trapping, Three Mile Island, Grade A milk pricing formulae, and rural mail.

Members proposed



Bob Frederick, National Grange Legislative Director, outlined the situation in Washington, D.C. for members of the local legislative committee. Among other topics, Frederick talked about the CNI proposal to disband federal milk marketing orders.

looking in to the possibility of having butterfat testing done by independent sources.

Some farmers are seeing two to five point differences in butterfat tests between dairy records and DHIA reports. At 15 cents a point, it is a major financial consideration.

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Charles Wismer said he had learned a lot from the meetings and termed the two-day session "very successful."

If the meetings had a theme it probably could be summed up in the remark of one committee member who pointed out that unless farm organizations flexed some

political muscle "sooner or later everybody is going to end up working for the government."

It will be the job of those at the State Grange annual sessions to see that does not happen. The meetings will run October 27 through October 31 at the Holiday Inn, Lewistown.

## Charolais sale slated during American Royal

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** — For the second consecutive year, The Charolais Sale will be one of the main events during the American Royal Livestock Show, November 7 through November 9.

Last year's sale average was the highest of all breeds at the American Royal at \$4063. This was also the highest average for a Charolais sale for the entire year of 1979.

Along with the sale, the American International Charolais Association will be holding its annual meeting on November 7 and 8 at the Radisson Muehlebach Hotel in downtown Kansas City. One of the highlights of the meetings will be the selection of Miss Charolais USA.

The Charolais Sale II will begin on Saturday, November 8 at 5 p.m. There will be 45 head of top cattle crossing the auction block, representing 33 breeders from 21 states.

Wrapping up the three day event will be the Roll of Excellence Show of Charolais breeding cattle, taking place at 9 a.m. in the main arena of the American Royal. Chuck Druin, manager of Canada Coal Charolais, Morehead,

Kentucky will be the official judge.

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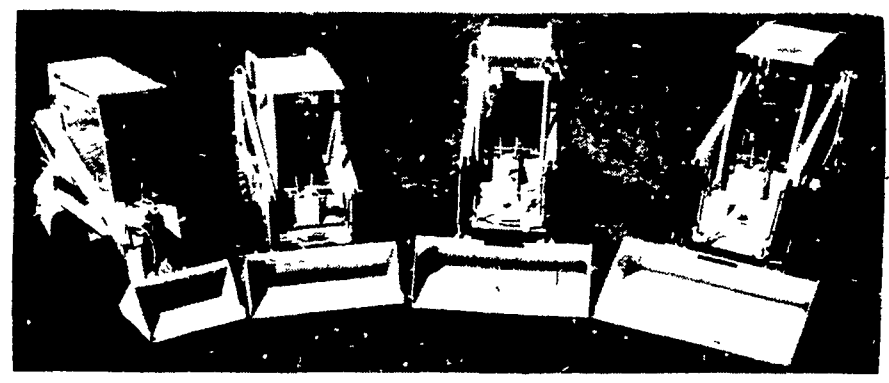
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