laska to offer dairymen \$100 per acre farms

McKenzie isn't expected to be a get-rich proposition.

Farmers taking part in the

ANCHORAGE, Alaska - "about break even" if milk Raising milk cows on Point and cheese is offered at prices competitive with the Pacific Northwest, John Nash, Matanuska-Susitna

state dairy project will Borough deputy mayor, told

Brief answers to short questions

Sheila's **Shorts**

By Sheila Miller

A kid'll eat ivy too? Here's a question from Roland Kamoda Monogahela that tends to bring out the kid in me who doesn't remember the nursery rhyme about mares and does eating oats and little lambs eating ivy.

He writes:

I don't know anything about goats and have some poison ivy to get rid of. Would they eat it? What's the best breed that gives milk?

Getting my information from a most reliable source, I can tell you that goats do indeed eat poison ivy. However, I'll pass along this word of caution - it gives them diarrhea if they eat too much at one time

If you're buying goats to clean up your fence rows and grown up pastures (which they do an excellent job on, by the way), you should introduce the goats to their cleanup task a few hours at a time At the same time, they should be fed hay whenever you bring them back to the

As far as which is the best breed for milking, I learned there is no significant production difference between the breeds. However, the Nubians give more cream and their milk has a slightly different taste.

Mr. Kamoda has asked a special favor of the readers of Lancaster Farming. He writes that he fell in love with a sweet gum tree and is looking for seeds to plant. If anyone has the petential offspring for a similar tree, please let him know by writing Roland G. Kamoda, R1 Box 282, Monongahela,

PA 15063.

In reference to a recent column I wrote about a nut growers association, Mr. Kamoda has since informed me there is another association — the Northern Nut Growers Association, 4518 Holston Hills Road, Knoxville, Tennessee 37914.

He said this Association is world-wide, puts out a newsletter, and has an annual convention and report.

Just thought I'd pass that tidbit of information along.

To market, to market

It seems there is a growing interest in our poultry and small animal market reports, especially Fogelsville Poultry and our latest addition, Heinsey's Poultry

If you, like Edward Geiger, 515 Cypress St., Lehighton, PA 18235, would like to market some rabbits or poultry at these two auctions, it would help to know how to get there

Fogelsville Auction is held near a town that bears its namesake To find Fogelsville, look for Lehigh County on the map - or better yet, find Allentown Then travel west along Interstate 78 until you reach Route 100, and there's Fogelsville.

Heinsey's is located in Lancaster County, between Manheim and East Petersburg. Traveling north or south on Route 72 from either town, you head west on Auction Road Then in one short mile, you'll find your at Root's Market, home of Heinsey's Poultry

But remember, both markets are held on one day only during the week Tuesday.

Development Resource Council of Alaska members.

According to the Anchorage Times, some 15,000 acres of Point McKenzie land is set aside for disposal by lottery in March to qualified dairy farmers.

It will be sold for \$100 an acre, Nash said. Apart from state loans costing the farmers six percent interest, there are no plans to subsidize or protect farmers with tariffs.

The borough expects the dairy project, begun two years ago, to increase the number of mulk cows by 3000. Milk production is expected to reach \$8 million a year by 1985. The valley economy would be enhanced by \$40 million a year, Nash said.

Although dairy production competitive with the Pacific Northwest is the immediate goal, ideas for long-range industrial growth are taking shape in the minds of borough officials.

Borough attorney Allan Tesche called the borough "a developing nation within the state.'

The borough is working with Dow Chemical to examine the feasibility of locating a gas liquids conditioning plant within its boundary, he said Plentiful coal could produce mexpensive power

Limestone there could be the basis for a cement plant at Point McKenzie The borough has 1.2 million acres of commercial timber land and numerous minerals apart from gold, platinum and silver.

Kaiser Aluminum has expressed an interest in building a plant in the valley if sufficient power is available, he said

The dairy project is expected to turn around the valley's milk production, which has declined during the past several years.

The means to process and market the dairy products already exists, Nash said.

Nash said 10 qualified farmers already have expressed interest in the project, but one valley farmer is concerned that those with power and money would get the land

George Barton said he had applied for farm land made available near Talkeetna in 1977 but despite 20 years'

dairy farming experience in Wisconsin, was refused. Almost ail of those who got the land, he said, do not

know how to farm and are holding the land for development. The state will keep

development rights to the land being offered at P McKenzie, which must be used for agriculture, Nash

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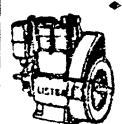
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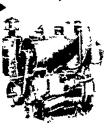
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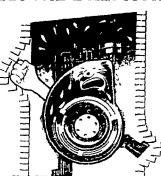
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