

Education, Agriculture urge proper milk handling

HARRISBURG — Milk is often called nature's most nearly perfect food, but improper handling can diminish its nutritional value and flavor.

The state departments of Education and Agriculture used Pennsylvania Farm Show Week, to launch an educational campaign urging schools and the public to observe several basic rules when handling milk and milk products.

In cooperation with the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association and the Keystone Milk Marketing, Inc., the two state agencies will supply schools throughout the Commonwealth with pressure sensitive vinyl posters which spell out proper handling of milk. These rules include:

1. Milk should be kept cool. One degree in temperature affects its keeping quality. For best protection milk should be stored at 32-40 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Milk should be kept covered. Even milk in cardboard containers will develop an off-flavor if over exposed to light.
3. Milk should be kept current. Heed the sell-by date stamped on cartons and always serve the earliest dated milk first.

State Education Secretary Robert Scanlon Tuesday said 783 public and private schools, boarding schools and residential care institutions in Pennsylvania



Keep it cool, covered and current, urges the poster to be posted near milk lockers at 5000 state schools. Making a milk toast to the new program are, from left, Perry County dairyman David Roth, Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell, Education Secretary Robert Scanlon, and Keystone Milk Marketing Council's Don Duncan.

take part in special milk programs. Milk is also an important part of school breakfast and lunch programs.

"To insure our children receive the benefits of milk's nutrients and for economic reasons, it is imperative that milk be handled properly," he said.

Scanlon said, "Over 300 million one half-pint cartons

of milk are consumed in our Special Milk Program. In fiscal year 1980, the Education Department distributed approximately \$5.4 million in special milk funds, paid for in part by funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture."

According to State Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell, the dairy industry is a \$1 billion-a-year

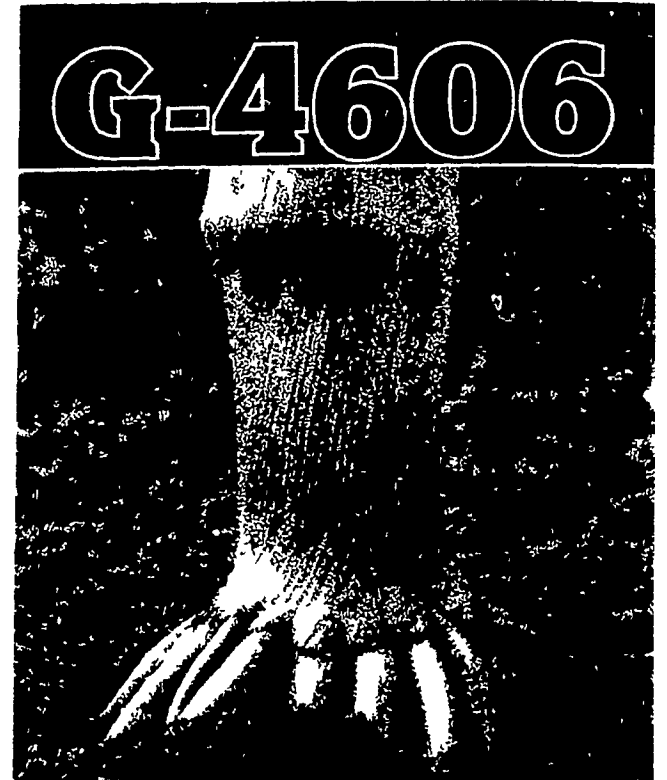
industry which is essential both for human nutrition and the Commonwealth's economic health. "Milk is a primary source of protein, calcium, and vitamins A, B2 and D — all essential to the daily diet," he said.

"Too often milk is taken for granted, especially by those who see it as a necessity rather than as a good-tasting nutritional

mainstay.

This poster education program can go a long way toward teaching good milk handling and drinking habits," Hallowell said.

Hallowell and Scanlon asked food service directors to display prominently the posters in areas where the message may be seen by students and staff alike.



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Fulton Grange holds regular meeting

OAKRYN — Fulton Grange No 66 met in regular session Monday at the Grange Hall in Oakryn, Lancaster County with the Master, Thomas C Galbreath, presiding.

Mrs Thomas Galbreath, chairman of the Women's Activities committee, reported that they served a Christmas dinner in December to a Fa. m Women group.

on route 272.

It was announced that Lancaster County Pomona Grange No 71 will hold their winter meeting Saturday, January 17th (at Fulton Grange Hall) commencing with a covered dish dinner at 7 p.m. John Hoffman, Quarryville, will show slides

of a recent trip for the program Mrs Jesse Wood will serve as chairman of a hospitality committee which will provide rolls, butter and beverage for the dinner.

Mrs. Jesse Wood, Lecturer, introduced Mrs. Doris Brown who conducted a spelling bee with all of the

members participating. Miss Peggy Galbreath was the winner.

Hobby Night will be observed at the next meeting January 26. All members are asked to bring their hobbies and they should contact Mrs Jesse Wood before that date if possible.

J. Everett Kreider reported that farmers beside the Octorara Creek may get permits to move their machinery across the bridge

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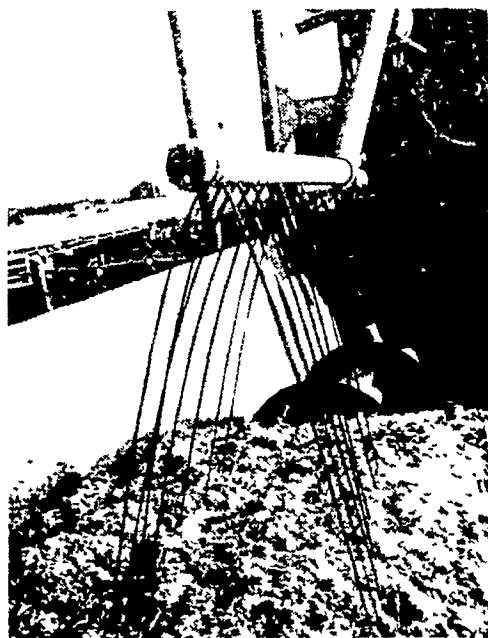
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