

Soring penalties for two Pa. horsemen increased

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Under administrative appeal proceedings of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, two Pennsylvania horsemen have been assessed fines totaling \$3000 for showing a sore horse in violation of the Horse Protection Act

Horse owner Peter Livolsi and trainer Robert D. Morris of Johnstown, were found guilty of exhibiting a sore horse at the 1978 National Celebration in Shelbyville, Tenn. An administrative law judge fined the two men a

total of \$1350 but federal officials appealed the judge's decision on grounds that evidence proved the horse was made sore intentionally. Therefore, they said, stiffer penalties should have been assessed, according to Dr. R. E.

Yoxheimer, acting veterinarian-in-charge for USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service in Pennsylvania

Dr. Yoxheimer explained the horse, named "Eb's Amos Moses," was sore because the chains it was

made to wear around its pasterns during the performance repeatedly struck the coronary bands of its hooves. Chains applied in this fashion are cruel devices prohibited by the Horse Protection Act.

USDA judicial officer Donald Campbell reviewed the case in response to the appeal from APHIS officials. He ruled that the penalties should be increased and levied a fine of \$2000 on

Livolsi and \$1000 on Morris. Both men have 30 days from receipt of notice to pay their fines or further appeal their case to federal court.

The Horse Protection Act forbids soring—the use of cruel methods, devices or chemicals on a horse's legs. This is done to accentuate a horse's gait in the show ring.

Owners, trainers, riders, and horse show management can be charged with violations of the Act.

Ord accepts Harness Racing position

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell recently announced the appointment of Harrisburg businessman Charles R. Ord as Executive Secretary of the Pennsylvania State Harness Racing Commission.

Ord, 51, is responsible for the daily administration of the Pennsylvania State Harness Racing Commission. The Commission regulates harness racing with pari-mutuel betting in the state, administers the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes Fund, licenses harness racing corporations and supervises harness racing at 22 county fairs. The commission also supervises the Pre-race Testing Program which protects the public and the horses against the effects of illegal medication.

Jesse L. Crabb, chairman of the Harness Racing Commission said, "We are very pleased to have Chuck

Ord accept this position as Executive Secretary. His strong background in business, management and public affairs provide him with solid credentials for the job."

During 1980, Ord worked as a business consultant in the Harrisburg area, and served as executive director of "Keep Pennsylvania Working," a business organization which supported unemployment compensation reform.

From 1967-1979, Ord was chief administrative officer and secretary-treasurer of the Pennsylvania Farmers Organization, which complete charge and responsibility for association and member service programs ranging from legal and insurance services to marketing strategies.

Ord was graduated with a bachelor's degree in chemistry from McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois in 1951. He has worked for

McDonnell Aircraft Corporation and state and county farm organizations. He is currently a member of the Board of Overseers for the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.

Ord and his wife, Anita, reside in Camp Hill, Cumberland County. He began his duties with the Commission on December 31, 1980, at an annual salary of \$34,621.

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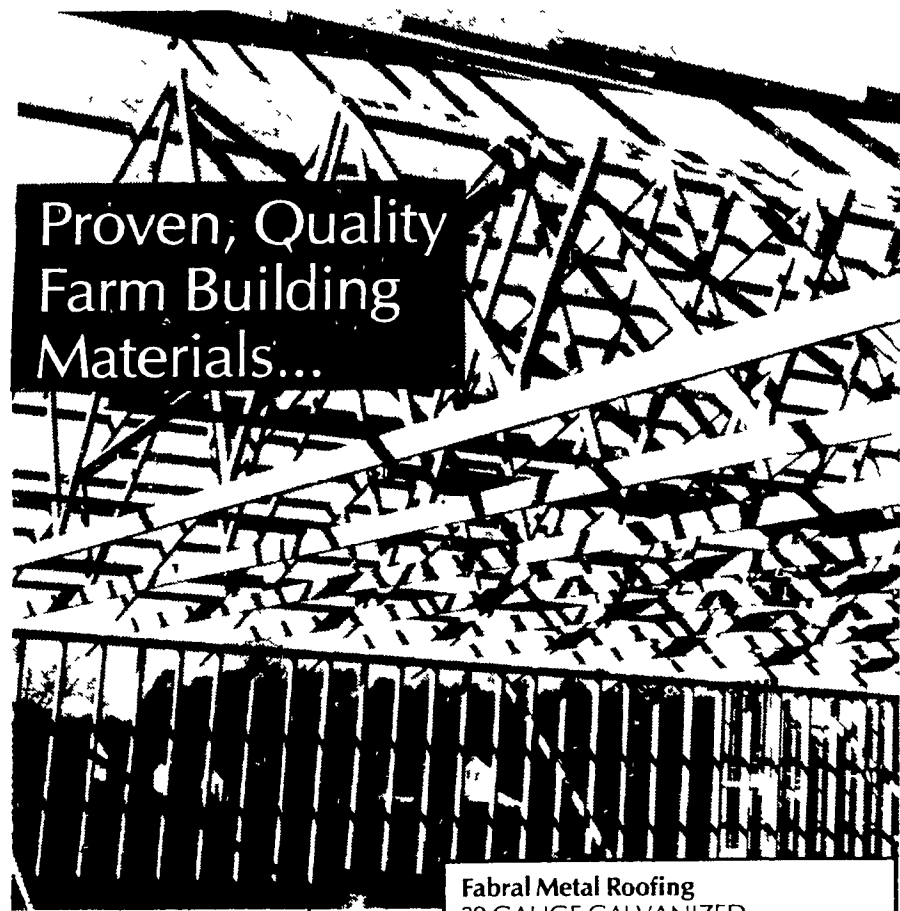
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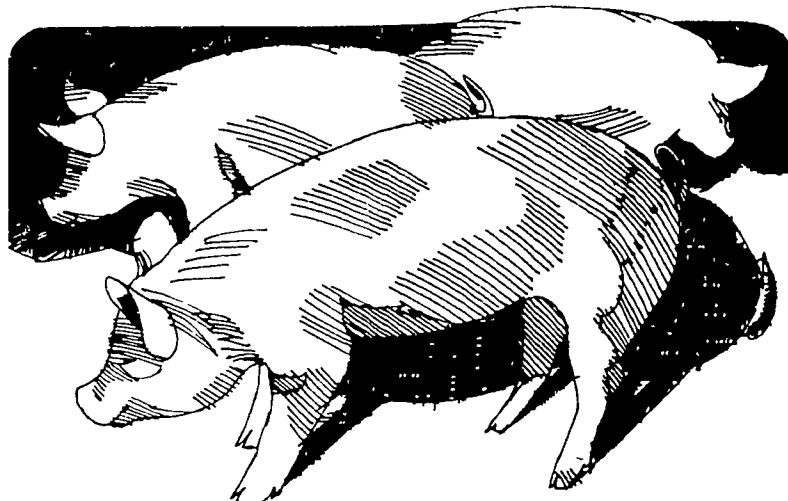
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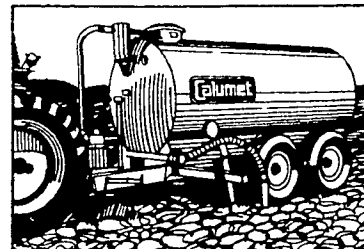
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