

## Governor proclaims livestock month

HARRISBURG — Governor Dick Thornburgh issued the following statement proclaiming October as Pennsylvania Livestock Month.

"Pennsylvania's livestock industry is a positive example of how Pennsylvania agriculture is growing better. Each year, Pennsylvania farmers produce top quality cattle, hogs and sheep valued at more than \$1.6 billion. More than 36,000 family farms in

the Keystone State are dedicated to producing a wide variety of meats and meat products and, through their expertise, help improve the standard and quality of living for our 11.7 million citizens.

"Our livestock items provide nutritious protein, as well as essential vitamins and minerals. The industry faces a real challenge in attempting to meet the red meats needs of the Commonwealth

— a total of 1.7 billion pounds — and presently provides 25% of the red meat consumed by our citizens. By-products of livestock are also essential in our daily lives, and range from lanolin, medicine, wool clothing and cosmetics to the life saving porcine valve for heart patients.

"The livestock industry is constantly seeking to produce genetically superior animals to serve the consumer in better ways.

Through performance testing programs and exhibitions, along with marketing and promotional efforts, livestock is always being compared and evaluated to meet those needs.

"In keeping with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's motto of "Penn-

sylvania Agriculture — We're Growing Better," I, Dick Thornburgh, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim October 1981 as PENNSYLVANIA LIVESTOCK MONTH and call upon all citizens to become better acquainted with the livestock industry of this Commonwealth."

## More leader dogs arrive

LANCASTER — The Leader Dog 4-H program in Lancaster County welcomed three black Labrador puppies, Wednesday, now making the total of leader puppies, seven.

Four puppies had arrived in the county in the early summer. These puppies are now six months old.

The new puppies went to: Julianne Horchler, 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Horchler of 349 W. Orange St.; Steven Yacono, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Yacono of 511 Crestview Ave., New Holland; and Lashunda Clark, 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark of 837 Centerville Road.

In all, eight puppies arrived from Michigan with eight going to Mifflin County.

The Leader Dog 4-H program is a county project administered through the Mountville 4-H Club. According to those in charge of the puppies, the project has a three-fold dimension. The program serves as an educational experience for each child and as a family project. The overall goal of the program is to provide a blind person with a leader dog.

The puppies stay with the 4-H'ers for one year. In the past few months, they have received many requests to take the puppies to service clubs for presentations.

The big supporter of the program in Lancaster County is the PA Lions Club - 2nd leaders in the nation in helping the blind.



Present at the signing of Livestock Month proclamation are, standing from the left, Clyde Strock, Pa. Pork Producers; Penrose Hallowell, State Ag Secretary; Robert

Coleman, Pa. Cattleman's Assn.; seated from the left, Frank Supanic, Pa. Sheep & Wool Growers; Gov. Dick Thornburgh and D. Everett Denlinger, Pa. Livestock Association.

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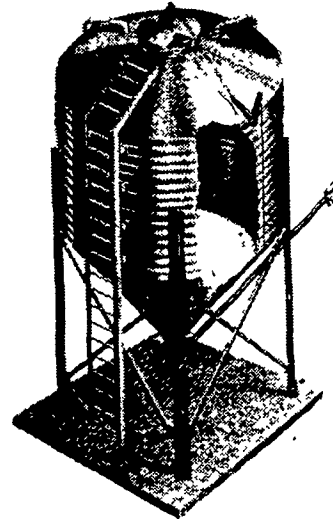
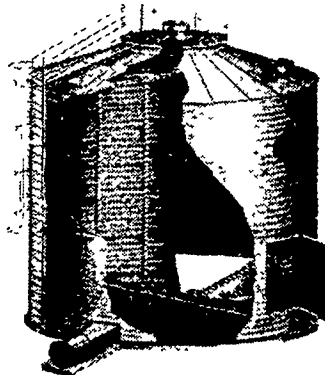
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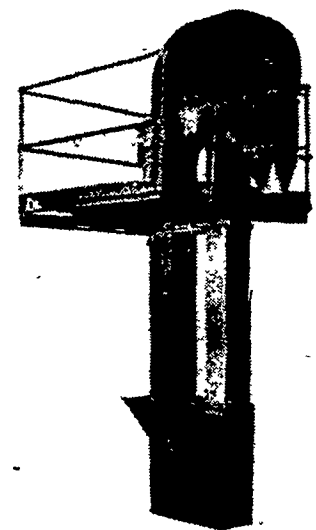
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