

Adams Farmers Assn. opposes bank mergers

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GETTYSBURG — Merging banks and statewide banking were the topics of discussion at the Adams County Farmers' Association directors' meeting. The directors met last Thursday evening at the North Branch of the Adams County National Bank. By a unanimous decision, the board voted to support bi-contiguous banking in Pennsylvania and expressed strong opposition to statewide banking.

"The board feels that a statewide banking system would not be advantageous to the farmer," reports spokesperson Mabel Bream. "It would reduce the personal attention of bankers to all local financial problems." Another topic of discussion was consumer education and the fact that the public is not sharing the farmers' concerns. "A television newscaster recently reported that it was great that the price of food

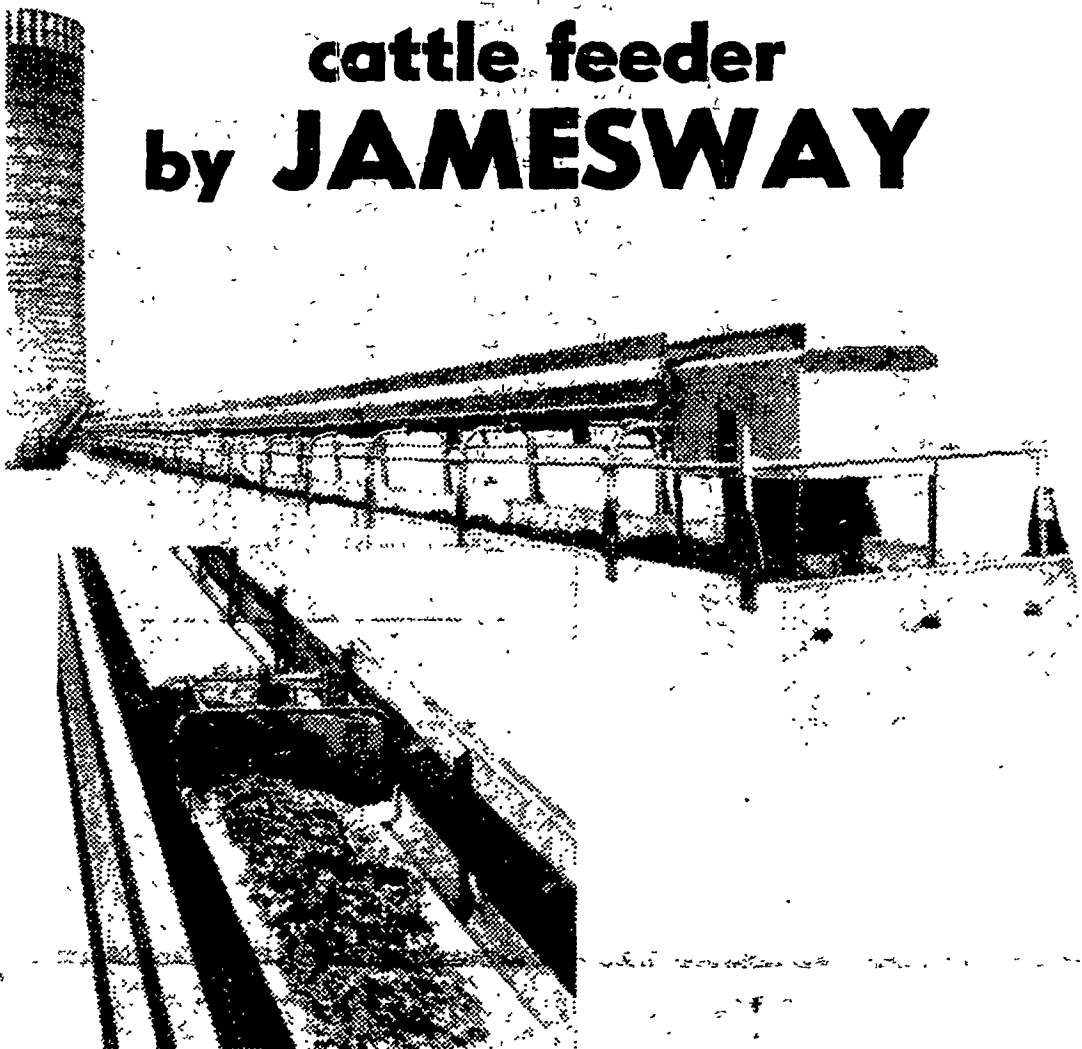
was coming down. We farmers feel that all consumers must recognize the source of their food and the problems facing that source." Bream states. "Since the population increases every day and the amount of farmers decreases, each farmer becomes more important each day. Never have so many people been so dependent on so few farmers." The board expressed its concern

over farm news being segregated on a special page in local newspapers. One director stated that just as he passes over the sports sections, so the non-farmer consumer will bypass the farm page. Consequently the consumer education purpose is lost. The County's directors an-

nounced the annual spring meeting will be held on March 16. Robert Wilson, a member of the American Farm Bureau staff, will be the speaker. Adams County Farmers' Association has 569 member families.

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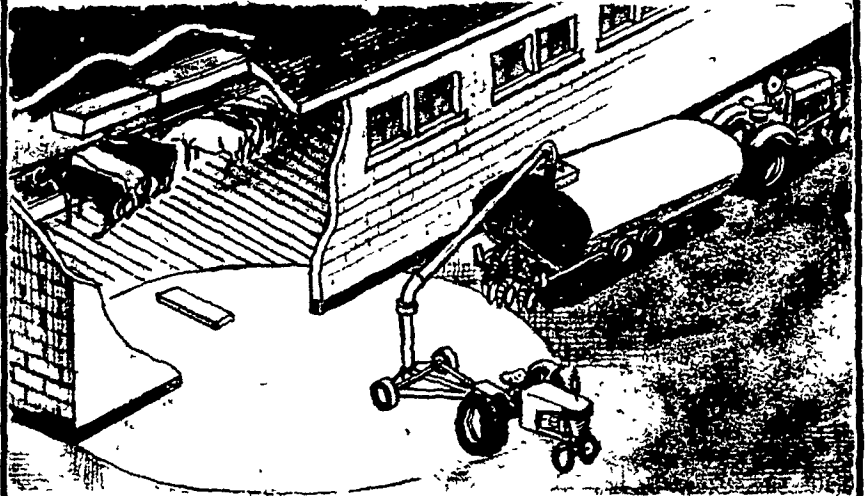
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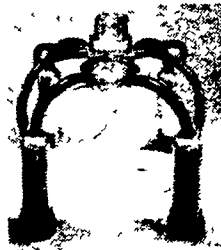
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