

## NEMA expresses foreign interest concerns

BOSTON, Mass. — Meeting here on Dec. 10, officers and directors of Northeast Egg Marketing Association reflected a rising level of concern among NEMA producers that the Northeast Region could well be targeted for further layer expansion by foreign interests.

In discussions attempting to assess the scope of the problem, it was charged that foreign interests continue to search out areas and operations that represent safe havens for their money. Coupled with that is an alleged willingness on their part to plan for the long pull, says NEMA. This includes expressions that they are content to lose money for as long as six years provided there is expectancy of profit at the end of 12 years.

Searching for means to counter this influx, NEMA directors stated that "a mobilization of sentiment both within and without the industry against this intrusion is the way to go."

A decision was made to again impress upon United Egg Producers the gravity of the problem and to move without delay to shape and have approved, in each state capital, legislation that will block further threat of monetary invasion.

John Ricca, president of NEMA, pledged continued effort by NEMA to render any help that it can to eastern egg producers trying to cope with excessive penalties assessed for alleged weight violation by the New York City Division of Consumer Affairs. NEMA is urging New York's Commissioner Gourdine of the City Bureau to grant an appointment that will allow a thorough discussion of issues between producers and his inspection service.

Christine Bushway is again on staff at NEMA as director of promotion. In her opening report she indicated an excellent initial success, an invitation to anchor a two-hour Television segment on eggs on a major Boston station in January. Chris stated that she will

be giving a lot of attention to boosting eggs and egg products on cable Television.

Reporting to the group, Mike Arcidy, manager of FACTS, stated that new interest in processing leghorn fowl has surfaced in New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio. Arcidy said a lot of fowl moved to market after the pre-December egg price drop, and the industry is in a quieter period now with bookings light into the new year.

Continued chicken pattie purchases by USDA have proven to be a good underpinning for the fowl market. Their procurement is restricted to meat from fowl running up to four pounds maximum weight.

It was announced that NEMA, at the invitation of Pennsylvania Farmers' Association, will be reporting at a meeting of egg producers on Jan. 18 at Hershey,

Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania Poultry Federation and P.E.I.A. will share in the session as well.

Directors from Pennsylvania again expressed stern opposition to any attempt to achieve mandatory change from cash to accrual for the egg industry. It is their position that 90 percent of Pennsylvania producers do not want the change and that a nationwide producer poll should have preceded any decision to seek the change. It was

reported that pressure by UEP to have USDA re-examine and scale down inspection feeds to the egg industry will have a high priority in 1983. One director expressed the view that active resistance by producers to cut manufacturer's price increases have brought about a retreat by the carton people. He offered this as evidence that unity and good communication can keep money in producer's pockets.

## Get more heat for your fuel dollar

LANCASTER — Many homeowners are distressed at the size of their heating bills even after adding insulation, storm windows, caulking and weatherstripping. Since a furnace accounts for over half the energy used in a house, this is a logical place to look for energy waste.

Some of the most obvious ways to increase furnace efficiency are the simplest and least costly. If you have a forced air system, check the ductwork for leaks. Do this by feeling the ducts and listening for air leaks when the furnace fan is on. If you find a leak, seal it with duct tape.

As you check for air leaks, you'll probably notice how hot the ducts are. If they're located in an unheated area, you could be losing up to 25 percent of your furnace heat through them. Insulating the ducts will prevent much of this heat loss.

Listen to the furnace to make sure the fan runs long enough after the flame goes out to remove all the heat from the ductwork and furnace. If not, adjusting the bonnet thermostat could save 10 to 15 percent on your heating bill.

Keep the furnace filter clean. Don't block air inlets or outlets. Draperies that hang over floor vents can trap warm air and this heat will be lost through the windows.

With a hot water system, bleed air from radiators every year for

optimum circulation. For best performance, paint radiators with special radiator paint. Some metallic paints and casings built around radiators can reduce heat transfer by as much as 25 percent. Install a sheet of metal or aluminum foil behind radiators near cold walls to reflect heat back into the room.

Thermostat setback can save

substantially on heating bills, too. Permanently lowering the setting from 72 to 68 degrees F will save approximately 12 percent in fuel. An eight-hour nighttime setback of 10 degrees will save about 10 percent in fuel costs. An electric blanket costs about \$12 a year to operate. This may be cheaper than heating the entire house at night.

Another simple task that should

be done regularly is removing lint and house dust from the furnace. A gas furnace will often operate efficiently for many years, though periodic checks are desirable for safety reasons. Oil burners should be cleaned and serviced professionally once a year. The cost of an annual tuning and cleaning usually is soon repaid in fuel savings.

## U.S. ag official to speak at Farm Show dinner

HARRISBURG — Wilmer D. Mizell, Sr., USDA Assistant Secretary for Governmental and Public Affairs, will be the keynote speaker Saturday, Jan. 8, at the Pennsylvania State Farm Show Banquet.

The All-Pennsylvania Banquet will be held at the Penn Harris Motor Inn, Camp Hill, beginning at 6 p.m. to help kick off Farm Show Week Jan. 9-14. State commodity queens will be honored guests while entertainment will be provided by the Pennsylvania State University Glee Club.

Mizell, better known as "Vinegar Bend" after his hometown in Alabama, is a former U.S. Congressman, representing the Fifth District of North Carolina

from 1969 to 1974. He was a member of the House Committee on Agriculture dealing in such areas as family farms and rural development, dairy and poultry, oil seeds and rice, and tobacco.

Mizell also was a member of the House Republican Task Forces on Energy, Rural Development and Land Use, and Revenue Sharing. After leaving the House, he was named Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development. He was sworn in as Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Governmental and Public Affairs on Aug. 23, 1982.

Secretary Mizell's career includes 13 years as a professional baseball player. His baseball years were highlighted when he pitched

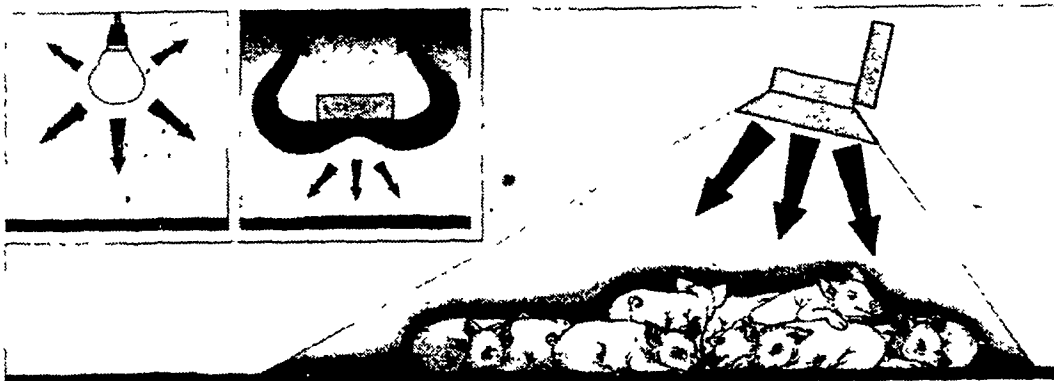
for the Pittsburgh Pirates during their 1960 world championship season.

The secretary is married to the former Nancy Ruth McAlphine. They have two sons, Wilmer, D. Jr., and James Daniel.

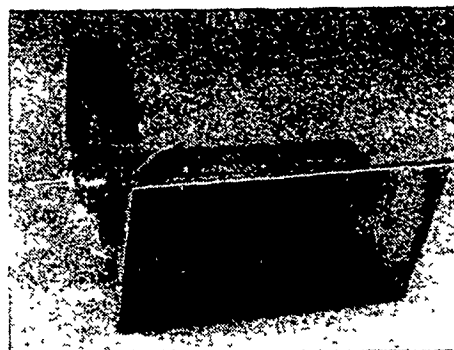
The Farm Show Banquet heralds the largest indoor agricultural exposition in the country. Over 200 commercial exhibitors and 4,000 head of livestock, sheep and poultry will compete for more than \$143,300 in premiums during the show.

The six-day, four night show also features many exciting evening events including a concert Sunday, Jan. 9 featuring country and western stars Jerry Reed and Bill Anderson, to benefit 4-H and FFA programs at the Farm Show.

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