

Grumbine heads Farm-City Council

CAMP HILL — Dennis Grumbine, Myerstown, president of the Pennsylvania Cooperative Swine Breeders Association, has moved up to the chairmanship of the Pennsylvania Farm-City Council.

Lebanon County hog farmer and equipment dealer, Grumbine succeeds Emory Brown, of the Penn State Extension staff, who becomes a member of the Executive Committee.

Elected vice-chairman this week was Dalton Paul, of the Vo-Tech staff and Farm-City Committee in Franklin County.

Honored at this week's session were Grumbine and Tom Em-swiler, of the PDA, for their individual efforts on behalf of Farm-City Week activities.

During the coming year, the Council will concentrate activities in two specific areas.

First, to expand Farm-City awareness in the two big population centers of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, possibly through the food expos held in those cities.

Second, to expand local representation on the statewide council.



Dennis Grumbine

Schuylkill holds winter potato meetings

SCHUYLKILL HAVEN — The Schuylkill County Winter Potato meetings will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1983.

The Processing Potato Meeting will be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Community Room at the Schuylkill Mall, Frackville. The table stock potato meeting will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Federal Land Bank - Production Credit Building at Hegins.

Speakers for the meeting will be Richard Cole, Extension potato production specialist; Robert Leiby, Lehigh County potato

specialist; George Holton, Mobay Chemical representative. The topics discussed will include weed control, integrated pest management scouting program, and the outlook for Pennsylvania potatoes in 1983.

All potato growers are invited to attend the meetings sponsored by the Schuylkill County Cooperative Extension Service. For additional information, contact George P. Perry, Jr., county agent - horticulture, P.O. Box 250, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972 or telephone 717/385-3431.

Fox to speak at DVC

DOYLESTOWN — Dr. Michael W. Fox, director of the Institute for the Study of Animal Problems of the Humane Society of the United States, will be the featured speaker at Delaware Valley College on Thursday, April 7, 1983. The program is sponsored by the Laboratory Animal Science Club and is scheduled for 8 p.m.

The Institute has produced numerous publications and developed several technical research programs which applied scientific methods to the investigation of the many uses of animals, including laboratory, companion, farm, and captive wild animals, and using animals in education.

Fox is a recognized advocate of animal rights. His latest project is an expose of the inhumane intensive livestock raising practices on factory farms, aiming to

achieve humane standards in seeking a balance between the animals' environmental requirements and efficient production and slaughter.

Fox also is a contributing editor to McCall's magazine, and has a nationwide syndicated newspaper column, "Ask Your Animal Doctor."

Fox has a veterinary degree from London's Royal Veterinary College, a Ph. D in medicine, and a D.Sc. in ethology and animal behavior from London University, England. He is listed in Who's Who in America and in Who's Who in the World.

This program is open to all interested people and a \$1 donation is asked.

Delaware Valley College is located on Route 202, one mile west of Doylestown.

Flat-scale subdivision ruling unconstitutional

HARRISBURG — A recent state Supreme Court decision declared a York County township subdivision regulation unconstitutional, and has township officials back at the drawing board in designing farmland preservation techniques.

Attorney and farmowner Edward Golla, R3, Stewartstown, had challenged Hopewell Township's flat-scale subdivision ruling that prevented him from deeding off ten-acre tracts to his sons.

Under the township's ordinance, a total of five subdivisions were allowed to any tract, regardless of its size. Four of those subdivisions were limited to one and one-half acre size.

"What this decision says is that if a man wants to make what some might consider inefficient use of

his land, the government could not prohibit in this way his doing so," says Atty. Golla. "It was deemed unfair to allow a large landowner the same number of lots as was allowed the owner of a smaller acreage."

Several other York County townships have varied forms of a sliding scale, allowing an increasing number of subdivisions based on the overall number of acres in a tract.

Attorney Gilbert Malone, who has drawn up various municipal subdivision regulations, believes the court will uphold the sliding-scale philosophy.

Malone, a panelist at the York Agri-Business seminar, spoke briefly on the court's decision on

the set scale ruling and compared farmland loss statistics from zoned and un-zoned townships.

Hopewell, Codorus and North Hopewell, all townships with subdivision regulations, showed an average seven percent increase in farm parcels, at a period when farm parcels across the county were decreasing. Three townships with no zoning, Dover, Conewago and Hallan, saw a farm parcel loss averaging about 12 percent.

PMMB hearing

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cording to Mike Thomas, another Main Hurdman representative, are raw milk cost, processing cost and container cost.

Raw milk, in the unit cost accounting, is treated as two separate raw products, skim and butterfat, each with its own value. Shrinkage costs and bulk milk costs are reflected in the cost of raw milk to the dealer. It was determined by the firm that separation costs, while an integral part of the production operation, would be too costly to identify.

Sheldon Weiss, attorney for Cumberland Farms, New Jersey, questioned the source of the data used for structuring the proposed accounting practices. He noted that efficiencies of operation were not taken into account.

George Brumbaugh, chairman of the Milk Marketing Board, said, "The system makes no attempt to address itself to the margin—only to the cost information. Their (the accounting firm's) end product is cost."

There were other questions from the audience specifically related to the proposed forms. While there was not outward disagreement with the implementation of the unit cost accounting system, privately some dealers said the cost of gathering some of the required data would be a burden for smaller dealers.

Questioned following the hearing, Fink said, "Much of the information that's required is already available. We figure that it will require two man-days to work through the forms."

During the hearing Brumbaugh also noted, "This is closer to federal order accounting than we've ever gone. We hope to have a mechanism that will make annual reports as submitted more meaningful a tool."

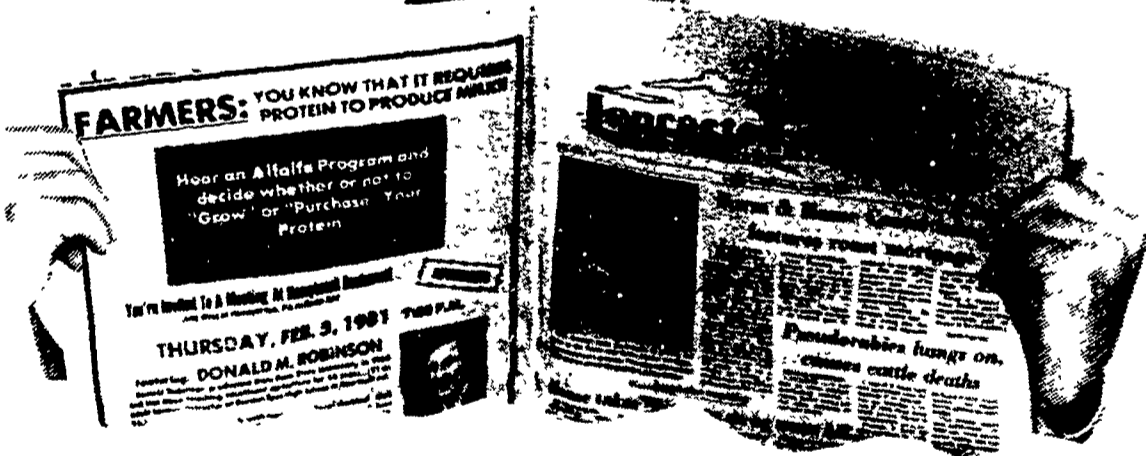
The ultimate use of the unit cost information, of course, is in establishing minimum retail price on milk products. While no hearings are scheduled in the immediate future, the gathering of this information will allow the Board to use it in the future.

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