

# The N.E. cannot be the N.E. without ag

## Message from forgotten country kids on the block See 'Rodney Dangerfield' editorial on A10.

### BY DICK ANGLESTEIN

REHOBOTH BEACH, Del. The Northeast cannot be the Northeast without agriculture."

In this statement by George Dunsmore, Ag Commissioner of the State of Vermont, lies the essence of a meeting of ag secretaries from 10 Northeastern states in Rehoboth Beach this week.

Dunsmore uttered the simple but highly meaningful statement in a review of the major problem that the Northeast faces in the federal ag arena.

This problem centers on a need for realization by Washington that agriculture is THE MOST IM-PORTANT BASIC industry of the Northeast and agriculture from Maine south through Delaware must be better recognized and served by Washington.

"We must have regional recognition of agriculture,' Dunsmore said. "Here in the Northeast, we must

form an ag coalition that we can be heard as one.

"Or else, we're never going to be

## Part III -In twilight

(Editor's Note: There comes a time in every profession - dairying included - when it's time to pass on the reins to a younger generation. Today, Laura England, dairy editor of Lancaster Farming, visits a Dauphin County farm where such a transition is taking place. But while operational roles may change, one thing stays the same - as Calvin Mauser of Elizabethville demonstrates - you never lose interest in the future of dairying).

heard and achieve what we need in the 1965 Farm Bill."

Dunsmore, whose round. cherubic face belied the hardhitting message he had for the USDA and others in Washington, also said:

"Anyone who thinks that the energy problem has gone away is asleep. We're just in a short lull of good times on energy problems.



(They, all you fellow dairy farmers, if you'd like an Original Otis, check the free offer on the Editorial Page -- A10.'

"\$2.50 gas is coming; it's not that far away.

'We must maintain an ag base anywhere we can. That makes ag in the Northeast all the more important for the future.' Environment

"We must be more sensitive to

the substances we're using in farming and must make more prudent use of them. "Or else, we're going to be

without them one day if we don't smarten up.

"We fall down in education; we must tell consumers more about the benefits of the proper use of chemicals.'

#### Marketing

"Commodity programs must become just an under-girding for farming and a lot more attention must be paid to marketing and promotion by Washington to improve the price of ag products.

"We need cross-compliance of better management with commodity programs, including milk.

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Participants in Northeast Ag Secretaries Conference at Rehoboth Beach, Del., include, from the left, Arthur R. Brown Jr., ag secretary, New Jersey; Penrose Hallowell, Pennand host Donald J. Lynch, Delaware.

DAIRY'S FUTURE

Whatever it holds,

it's in your hands



**BY LAURA ENGLAND** ELIZABETHVILLE - With 37 years of farming under his belt,

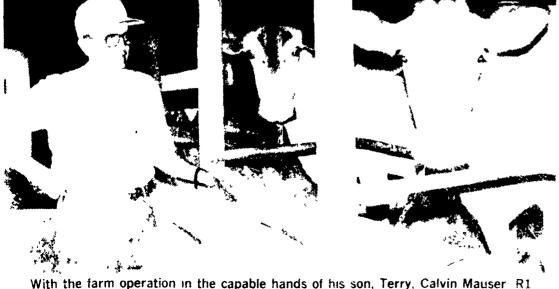
Calvin Mauser is no stranger to all the pleasures and glories, as well as the trials and tributlations, that

combine to make a dairyman's life.

As a farmer, Calvin has seen and experienced it all. He has reaped in the pleasures of owning a "show place" farm that houses a topnotch herd of cattle. At the same time, he has struggled with his health and readily admits that he wasn't blessed with an abundance of money There were times, too, when the weather and other outside farm elements refused to cooperate and made daily life just a little difficult But now, looking back over those 37 years, Calvin knows he wouldn t have changed a thing He has reached his goal 'All I even wanted was a beautiful farm and a beautiful herd of Guernseys and a good herd of Guernsevs

Calvin Mauser, who this January turned over the dairy operation to son, Terry, began his farming venture in 1947 after serving in the Army It was then he realized his future was in farming

"I did not feel



Elizabethville, says he can't keep away from the Guernseys

professional soldier," he said, "despite the fact that I came out as a captain. My heart was in the farm.

During his service duty, Calvin knew where his heart\_belonged, and it was then that he started planning to take over the family farm His first step was to save money

I was as tight as I could be, ' Calvin said, "and I saved every cent I could ' This meant staying

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"We all know that milk is not the

#1 drink. "It's our own fault."