

'Semen jockey' guilty of receiving stolen semen

BALTIMORE — A Lancaster man was convicted in a Baltimore federal court Tuesday of receiving and transporting \$23,000 worth of bull semen stolen from two Maryland dairy farms.

Harry B. Zimmerman, who operates Zimmerman Semen Exchange, Lancaster, was accused of conspiring with a Delaware man and his three sons from New Jersey to obtain stolen semen used for breeding dairy cows.

The thefts from which Zimmerman received stolen property were part of one of the worst semen stealing incidents ever uncovered. A series of robberies in Maryland and New Jersey during 1983 netted \$300,000 worth of semen from some of the top Holstein bulls in the dairy industry.

At the trial that ended Tuesday, Zimmerman was convicted of one count of conspiracy, two counts of interstate transport of stolen property and two counts of receiving stolen property that had been transported across a state line.

Patrick E. Deady, assistant U.S. attorney, said the convictions covered the Aug. 22, 1983 theft of semen from the Ross-Wood Farm in New Windsor, Md., and the Sept. 8, 1983 theft from the Cold Springs Farm, also of New Windsor. Zimmerman was acquitted of identical charges related to a June 24, 1983 theft from Ross-Wood.

The other four defendants, accused of the actual thefts, pleaded guilty in the case and cooperated in the prosecution of Zimmerman, said Deady.

Zimmerman was not charged in Maryland with events surrounding the theft of semen from Crescent View Farms in Columbus, N.J., on

Oct. 14, 1983 and Nov. 1, 1983, and from Big Way Farms in Upper Freehold, N.J., on Nov. 1, 1983.

During Zimmerman's trial, his alleged accomplice, Jack Kelly Jr. of Highlands, N.J., testified that Zimmerman instructed him to

steal Holstein bull semen from Ross-Wood and from the New Jersey farms.

Kelly, according to U.S. attorney Deady, worked as a herdsman at the Ross-Wood Farm.

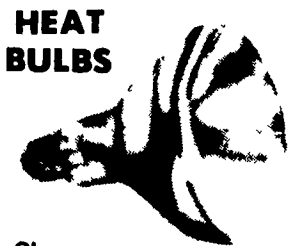
Some of the frozen semen that

did not pass to Zimmerman was found by FBI agents in seven tanks at the home of Kelly's father, Jack Joseph Kelly Sr., Newark, Del.

Also charged with theft were Charles Kelly, Keansburg, N.J., and Paul Kelly, Leonardo, N.J.

Soon after he completed the Zimmerman trial, U.S. District Judge Herbert F. Murray sentenced Jack Kelly Jr. to four years in prison, said FBI agent Barry O'Neill. The other Kellys will be sentenced later, O'Neill said.

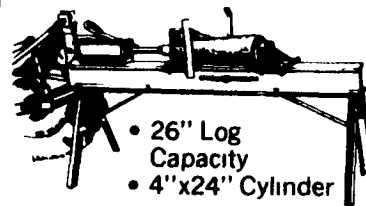
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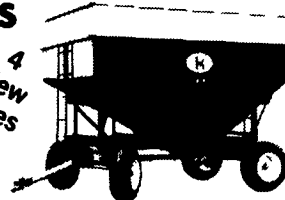


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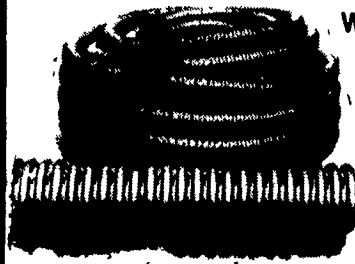
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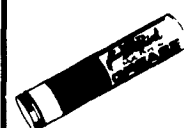
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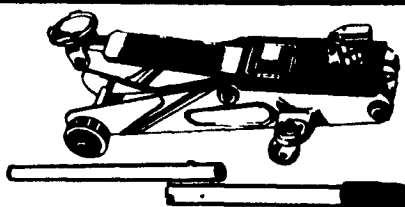
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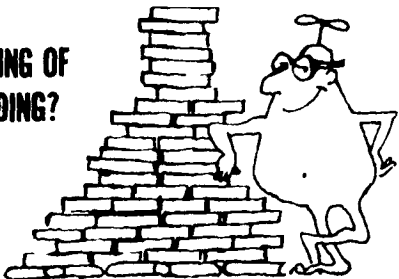
BATH — David Seiple, of Seiple Farms, announces the 1984 Farm City Banquet, sponsored by the Northampton and Monroe County Farmers Association, will be held on Friday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m., at the Plainfield Township Fire Company Hall, Route 115, Wind Gap.

The purpose of this special annual event is to bring together the farm and city people of the two-county area so that each group can better understand the particular needs of their respective counterparts and to discuss community matters of mutual interest.

This year's distinguished guest speaker is the honorable Howard "Bud" W. Kerr, Jr., small farms administrator of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. Kerr will speak on the "importance of the Farm-City relationship."

Anyone interested in more information and tickets, please contact Charles Forney, of the County Extension Office (215) 759-6212.

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