

Farmers, union workers are 'America at its best'

MOLINE, ILL. — Labor unions and the Farmers Union are America at its best, providing needed services to people whether they labor in industry or on the land, National Farmers Union President Cy Carpenter told a rally of labor and farm folks today in Moline, Ill.

"It is service to people and a value for the quality of a worker's life that has made America the greatest nation on earth," he said. "It wasn't our great blessing in natural resources, it wasn't our creativity in coming up with better and new products, and it wasn't industrial might. It was people."

Carpenter said no one has better served the needs of people with so little recognition as labor unions and farmers. Instead, he said, the

current corporate attitude seems to say any expenditure is legitimate for business profit, but not for people. Carpenter strongly objected to that theory.

"One current example is the fact that United Airlines recently refused union requests for higher wages and other conditions on the grounds it was not economically feasible. Then they purchased Hertz Rent-A-Car with no resulting new jobs, no involvement in the airline industry or capability to improve the company in relation to the union contract," Carpenter said. "Instead, unions have led the way by contributing positively to the economy by shouldering pay cuts and other reductions."

In the past three years, he pointed out, corporations have

spent \$15 to \$20 billion for mergers in the food industries alone, that did not create new jobs, new products or services.

"That's \$16 billion in additional funds that someone must pay interest on," he said. "If labor

assessed that cost and in return provided no new jobs or services, it would have created a national scandal.

"We need a return to honesty, human values, and the kind of equity that has made this country

great. Unions and the Farmers Union provide that kind of service. We negotiate for the rights and needs of workers and farmers right out in the open, where everyone can examine our actions," he said.

Delaware places moth traps

DOVER, DE. — The Delaware Department of Agriculture, Forestry Section, has begun setting 1000 male gypsy moth traps in Sussex County.

The traps will be placed on both private and public woodlots to determine the infestation of the defoliating insect in lower Delaware.

Suzanne Carmean, forest technician, says the Department will sample 946 square miles of woodland by placing 3 of the green or orange triangular cardboard traps every 4 square miles.

"The traps contain a female-scented bait that will attract male moths," said Carmean. "We'll collect the traps in August and count the number of trapped moths to determine the extent of infestation."

Carmean said the Department is trying to determine whether

Sussex County will join Kent and New Castle Counties in a spray program next year to combat the gypsy moth. Over 67,000 acres in Delaware's two northernmost counties were sprayed this spring with a biological insecticide to slow down the spread of the insect.

Carmean says the success of the trapping program will depend on cooperation of Sussex landowners. Department personnel will be distributing the traps during the month of June and landowners will not be individually notified.

Carmean is requesting that the public cooperate by allowing Forest Service employees to hang the traps on their property and by not disturbing the traps.

Persons desiring more information about the project should contact the Department of Agriculture, Forestry Section, at 736-4811 or 800-282-8685.

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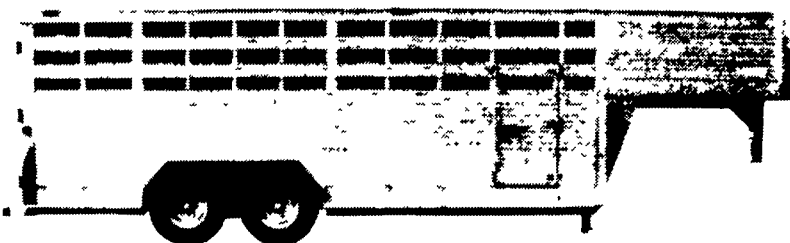
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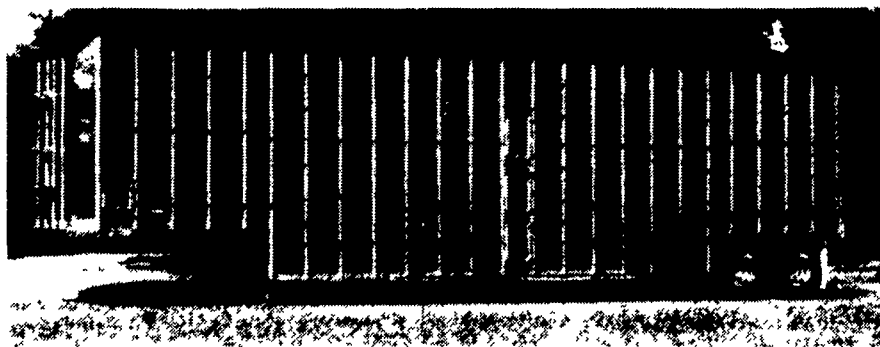
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