

### Landmark Barn

There are two views of an elaborate barn just east of Benton, Columbia County. This landmark has a background story associated with the "belfry" appurtenance. Built more than a century ago, the builder did not feel comfortable in a church, so he had what he called a "belfry" constructed on his barn roof giving him the feeling that he was in a sacred place under his barn roof. As the story goes, his religious fervor was somewhat in question by his generous supply of booze made available to the laborers erecting the barn.

The second owner also had his eccentric personality remembered long after he died. It seems the barn had fallen into disrepair and was badly in need of paint. Barrels of paint were purchased and stored in the barn until a machine shed was erected. Upon completion of the shed, the tax assessor appeared at the farm and announced that the property tax would be increased because of the new shed--to which the owner replied, "I suppose if I paint, that, too, will raise my taxes." The assessor agreed and the farmer said, "Then I won't paint".

The barrels of paint remained in the building until the property was again sold.

Present owners are L and K Mills of Benton. It has been restored to its original good looks and continues to draw attention to most who pass by.

## Maryland To Hold Vegetable Field Day

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — The University of Maryland's Agricultural Experiment Station will host its annual field day for vegetable research at the university's Vegetable Research Farm Wednesday, July 16.

Tours of research plots will begin at 9 a.m. The last wagon tour leaves at 10:30 a.m. Tours will last 1½ to 2 hours. Tour stops include:

- Insect control on vegetables — this includes information on how to deal with the Colorado potato beetle on tomatoes.
- Disease control for vegetables

— drought conditions have actually helped control fungal diseases, but soil-borne diseases such as fusarium wilt are still a problem.

- Plastic mulches — for weed control and to preserve soil moisture.

- Breeding program for canteloupes — new varieties developed for their resistance to disease and for sugar content will be highlighted.

For more information contact: Dr. Frank Schales, Vegetable Research Farm (301) 742-8788.

## August Milk Set at \$14.03

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ALEXANDRIA, Va. July 3, 1986

— Middle Atlantic Order Market Administrator Joseph D. Shine today announced a Class I milk price of \$14.03 per hundredweight for August 1986. This price is up 2 cents from July and is 5 cents above last August's Class I price.

Mr. Shine announced a Class II milk price of \$10.91 per hundredweight for June 1986 and a

butterfat differential of 16.0 cents for the month. The Class II price was up 3 cents from the previous month, while the butterfat differential remained unchanged.

The August 1986 Class I price and the June 1986 Class II price are based on the June 1986 Minnesota-Wisconsin manufacturing milk price of \$11.00 per hundredweight at a 3.5 percent butterfat content.

The USDA reported that the wholesale price of Grade A butter at Chicago for June was \$1.3909 per pound and the nonfat dry milk price was \$.8058 per pound, f.o.b. plants in the Chicago area.

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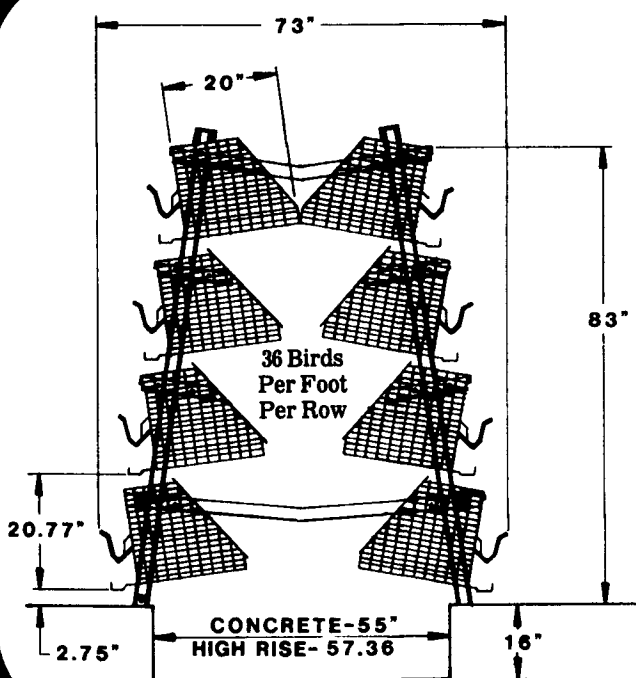
A cooler with a charming Southern accent is refreshing Mint Julep Ice Cream Soda.

Simple to stir up, too — in a large soda glass combine one scoop vanilla ice cream, a few drops of peppermint extract, and a few drops of green food color. Mix until well blended. Fill glass two-thirds of way to top with chilled lemon soda. Add two more scoops of vanilla ice cream and fill glass to top with lemon soda. Garnish with a fresh mint sprig or frosted mint leaves. Makes one serving.

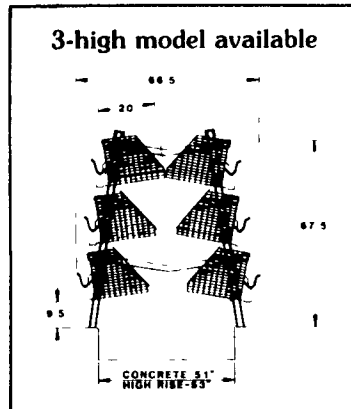
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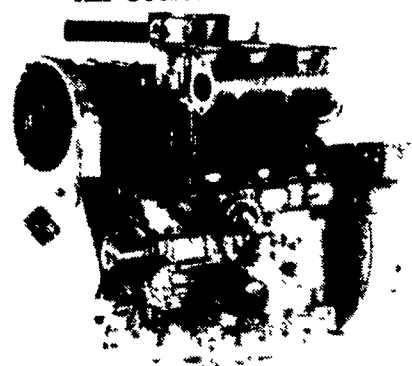
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