

30 YEARS AGO

THIS WEEK

- Twenty-three cases of animal rabies were reported in Lancaster County during the period Jan. 1 to Sept. 30 according to Ernest J. Witte, V.M.D. Chief, Veterinary Public Health Section, State

Department of Health. Dr. Oscar Davis, District Medical Director for Lancaster County, points out that this is almost 26 per cent of all the reported cases of animal rabies in the state and represents a serious menace to all the residents in the area.

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- Showers this week caused some concern among Lancaster County farmers anxious to get fall crops seeded, but at the same time one of the best corn crops in years is going into the cribs.

- Temperatures during the past week averaged slightly above normal, with a high last week of 68 degrees on Wednesday. The next day, however, temperatures

tumbled, with 40 degrees in Lancaster, 32 degrees in the County Oct. 25.

- Mrs. Charles Shriver, state president of the Societies of Farm Women, will install new officers of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women which opens its 39th annual convention Saturday morning in Manheim Township High School.

- Harrisburg-Pennsylvania has three counties-Lancaster, Chester and York- that rank among the first 100 counties in the United States in the value of all farm products sold, the State Department of Agriculture said today.

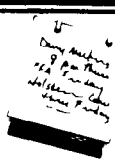
- In spite of a reduced crop, Pennsylvania commercial apple growers will see that consumer

suppliers of the "King of Fruits" will be available for observance of National Apple Week, Oct. 25 through November 3, the State Department of Agriculture said today.

- The Golden Boy of the Golden Age" now presides as a gentleman farmer over 50 head of commercial Hereford cattle on his 250-acre estate in the rolling hills of Connecticut.

- As the master of Star Meadow Farm north of Stamford, James Joseph (Gene) Tunney has added new lustre with age to the "Golden Boy" Crown bestowed on him three decades ago when he won and defended the title of heavyweight boxing champion of the world in two 10-round decisions over Jack Dempsey.

Farm Calendar



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Blair County DHIA meeting, 7:15 p.m., Central High School Cafeteria.

Pa. State Brown Swiss Association Annual Meeting, Best Western Inn, Carlisle.

Peninsula Horticultural Society Meeting, greenhouse and nursery session, Wicomico Youth and Civic Center, Salisbury, Md.

Lehigh Valley Farmers annual dinner meeting, VFW in Troy, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 12

National FFA Convention, Kansas City, Mo.; continues through Nov. 15.

Wayne County 4-H Capon Roundup, Honesdale Courthouse, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 13

DHIA Banquet, Guthriesville, East Brandywine Fire Hall, Route 322, 7 p.m.

Berks County Farm City Banquet, Reading Motor Inn, 6:15 p.m. Contact: Clyde Myers, 215-378-1327.

Wayne County DHIA annual meeting, Belmont Corners

Firehall, 7:45 p.m.

Friends of Ag Land Preservation annual dinner meeting, Miller's Smorgasboard, 7 p.m.

Friday, November 14

Berks County 4-H Recognition Night, Berks County 4-H Community Center.

Saturday, November 15

Md. Food and Wine Celebration, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Baltimore Museum of Industry, Baltimore, Md. Continues Nov. 16, noon to 6 p.m.

Flemington, N.J. County Board of Ag annual dinner. Social hour, 6 p.m.; dinner, 7 p.m. Quakertown Fire House. For reservations call 201-788-1338.

Farm Toy Show and Sale, Americana Host Farm Resort Hotel, Rt. 30 East, Lancaster. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Auction, 5 p.m.

Sunday, November 16

North American International Livestock Show, Louisville, Ky.; continues through Nov. 18. Annual meeting, Pa. Farm and Power Equipment Dealers Association, American Host Resort, Lancaster.

Capitol Milk Producers Cooperative To Sell

COCKEYSVILLE, Md. — "To satisfy the rumors," Capitol Milk Producers Manager Bill Kiser spoke briefly to members and guests at the annual meeting of the Middle Atlantic Division of Dairymen, Inc., held Saturday at the Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn.

The "rumors" concern the proposed sale of the 144-member dairy cooperative's assets, which includes the chain of High's dairy-convenience stores scattered across the Mid-Atlantic region.

Kiser reviewed the background of the cooperative, tracing from 1964 when the milk marketing organization was "virtually bankrupt" to Capitol's "best year ever" in 1985.

According to Kiser, Capitol was approached two years ago by a potential purchaser of the assets, but at that time there was no interest from the cooperative's board. Nevertheless, "a time to consider the value of the organization" came about more



Bill Kiser

recently.

"Membership burden of ownership is growing; to continue would take great amounts of capital. Presently the only way for members to redeem equity is through retirement or death. Thus, this seemed the appropriate way to go," Kiser elaborated.

"Ultimately, the final decision

will be left to the membership," he stressed, adding that there is virtually no precedent of a cooperative selling its assets at a period when it is financially strong and healthy. Capitol has the highest per member equity level of any cooperative in the nation.

In mid-July, a sell proposal was offered to 64 potential investors, and letters sent out informing the membership. Proposals were reviewed two months later, with 18 presented to the co-op's board, and six selected for further study and negotiations.

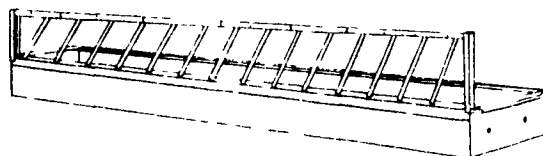
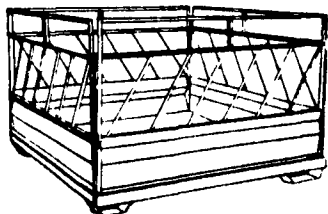
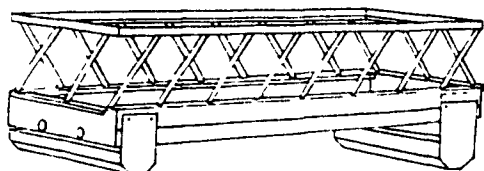
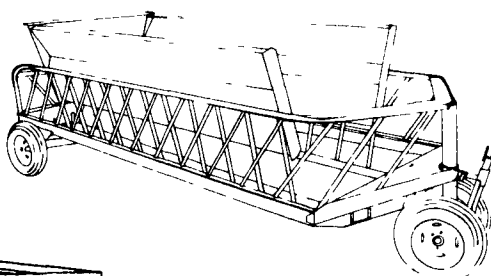
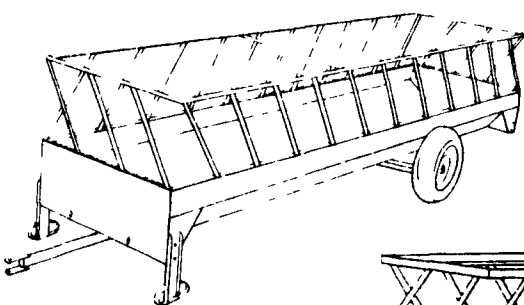
A third round of bidding got underway Oct. 13, eliminating potential investors down to two. Negotiations are in final stage of that third and last round of bids, and member meetings were held Oct. 15.

Two conditions have applied to all bids, Kiser said. No bid under \$50 million would be considered and final package would have to include an ongoing 10-year supply contract for the membership.

If the sale is ratified, Capitol leadership hopes to finalize arrangements by Nov. 30, but definitely by Dec. 31 to allow members to take the tax advantages still available before tax reform measures become effective.

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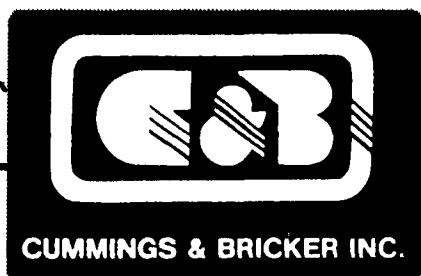
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