

# 30 YEARS AGO

## THIS WEEK

— Intercourse's airport — a strip through pasture and corn contours — has closed, having served but one plane, an Air Force C-46 cargo plane, which made a forced landing on an Amish farm Oct. 26.

In landing, a wing-tip was damaged. Meanwhile, Amish friends around the neighborhood convinced the airmen of the meaning of the Garden Spot with huge tray dinners, shoo-fly pie, and hospitality the Garden Spot alone can show.

— Frozen turkey purchases amounting to 4,818,000 lbs. were made in the week of Oct. 29-Nov. 5 by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture under the special buying program to help producer prices during the heavy marketing season for this

year's record turkey crop.

— Miss Verna Landis, whose light heavyweight Angus stood high in the Tuesday Lancaster County Baby Beef Roundup, moved on to championship over all breeds in the Southeast District 4-H Club Baby Beef Round-up at Lancaster Union Stock Yards the next day.

— The Rev. Frederick W. Lanan, pastor of the Strasburg Presbyterian Church, will be speaker during the annual meeting of the Lancaster County Holstein-Freisian Association Tuesday, Nov. 20 at 6:45 p.m. in the Leola Memorial Building.

— Can Lancaster County top this? A St. Louis reader of LANCASTER FARMING asks, enclosing a newspaper clipping of a

cauliflower that sent a ripple of interest along North Market Street Commission Row in St. Louis — an 8 lb. 2 ounce specimen.

Yes.

The Garden Spot has just marketed huge heads weighing up to 12 pounds, and many are being broken up for sale in basket lots.

— President Eisenhower Tuesday swept to an overwhelming victory in the national elections, but wound up with a Congress that has Democrats in the majority.

— The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture reminds dealers and the public that because of the gypsy moth, Christmas trees and evergreen boughs from Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, most of New Hampshire and Vermont, and

numerous counties in Maine and eastern New York require Federal inspection and certification before they are moved to areas not infested by this forest insect.

## Grange Praises USDA

### Endorsement of Poultry Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The recent endorsement by Secretary of Agriculture Richard E. Lyng regarding proposed legislation amending the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921 to include financial protection for poultry and egg producers has received praise from the National Grange.

Edward Andersen, Master of the National Grange, said, "The Secretary's endorsement comes at a critical time. Legislation will be reintroduced in the 100th Congress and needs to be considered immediately to protect poultry growers and egg producers from unreasonable delays in payment for their products and services." Andersen said the new legislation will also provide the Packers and Stockyards Administration with authority to pursue violators of the

Act through an administrative hearing process rather than through the federal court system, which will result in saving hundreds of thousands of dollars in litigation costs.

"The poultry industry does not receive the same treatment as the red meat industry," said Andersen. He said the Secretary feels both industries should be subject to the same "rules of the game". Secretary Lyng said the Administration is aware of the financial problems being faced by poultry and egg producers as a result of delayed payments and financial failures of poultry and egg processors. Lyng said the unilateral relationship between producers and processors places producers in a weak negotiating position which the new legislation would change.

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## PFU Convention Concludes With Awards Luncheon

WILLIAMSPORT — National Farmers Union President Cy Carpenter began the final day of the 15th Annual Pennsylvania Farmers Union Convention with a breakfast address in which the national farm leader encouraged delegates to fight back against farm policies and programs that put family farmers out of business.

Carpenter told the group that each person should contact his or her representative so the new Congress sees the importance of improving farm income.

Following the breakfast, convention delegates completed voting on the general farm organization's 1987 by-laws and policy statement and made final selections of delegates to the National Farmers Union Convention, which will be held in March, 1987 in Fort Worth, TX.

The group's Golden Triangle Awards were handed out at a special luncheon. The awards are given each year to outstanding members in the areas of legislation, education, and cooperation, which form the foundation of the Farmers Union. This year's winners were Arden Tewksbury of Meshoppen, Irk McConnell of Cecil, and Louise Rinker of Forksville, respectively.

Several special awards were also given. Congressman William H. Gray, III was acknowledged as legislator of the year. Shireley Mitcheltree of New Castle was given an award for hosting Congressman Bob Edgar and Senator Tom Harkin on her farm, and Harold & Harriet Wolfe of Centre Hall were given an award for holding a dairy policy forum with Congressman Tony Coelho.

The speaker for the luncheon was Orville Carver, Executive Director of PA Green Thumb, who was also recognized for his contributions to PA's older rural workforce.