

Editor:

After reading about the new vegetable referendum and how the growers will benefit from it, I feel a few words should be said for the small grower.

This new referendum as now proposed would be unfair to the small grower. Since the small growers outnumber the large growers at least ten to one it is easy to see where the money will come from. With a flat rate of \$25 per grower plus \$1.50 per acre the grower with one acre will pay \$25 per acre while the grower with 100

acres will pay only \$1.75 per acre.

Of course with such an unfair assessment the committee has foreseen a problem in getting this voted in. So they came up with a smart plan to overcome this problem. The proposal must be approved by a majority of the growers who raise vegetables on more than 50% of the acreage. How can they determine the vote by acreage, while they tax the small grower ten times as much per acre as the large grower. Is this constitutional?

Much could be said about the

folly of these referendums. They have almost completed their circle of farm products. If everything we produce has a tax taken off for advertising its just one advertisement against the other and we are back on the same level we started out on. The only people who really benefit are the administrators and the advertising industry. They are like parasites on the farmers income which is already much too low.

Can we afford another \$25 taken out of our profits? Will the assessment stay at this rate or will it increase in size? Can we get rid of this program if we find it is of no value? Are we willing to sign away another segment of our freedom? These are some of the things we should think about when we get a chance to vote in April.

Let's face it, the only referendum we need is a referendum on referendums. This program would collect 2% of all monies collected by these programs. This money would be used to do research on the effects of referendums and whether they are of any value to the farmers. Also a large portion would be used to do studies on how

to get rid of these programs if we find they are of no value. Of course delinquent payers would pay interest and all collection costs. This is no joke! Such a program would be entirely legal and feasible. I believe the majority of the farmers would support it.

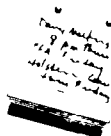
As an ex-dairy farmer, I remember all too well the smooth words and promises we were given when we had a referendum on milk about ten years ago. Has their lot improved any since? How have the egg producers fared? Can we get the consumers to eat more of everything while the doctors are

telling them to lose weight? What we farmers have to do to survive is to cut out the waste, lower the cost of production. We need to forget about fantasies and wake up to reality.

I would like to urge all growers to vote on this program. If you don't vote and it goes in effect it is your own fault. You may think they don't know you are out there and they won't be able to collect. Remember they can charge you interest and all collection costs if you don't pay voluntarily.

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Farm Calendar



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Grange Scholarship Dinner, Capital Grange Hall, Dover, DE. 6:30 p.m. Call 302-734-4653.

Feeder Lamb Sale, 10 a.m., Hickory Hill Farms, Delaware Research Center, West of Cheswold on route 42.

Atlantic District 9 To Meet

SOUTHAMPTON — Atlantic Dairy Cooperative District 9 will hold its annual dinner meeting April 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Felton Fire Hall, Felton, Del.

James S. Fraher, Atlantic's economist, will be the guest speaker.

Fraher will report on cooperative business and dairy issues.

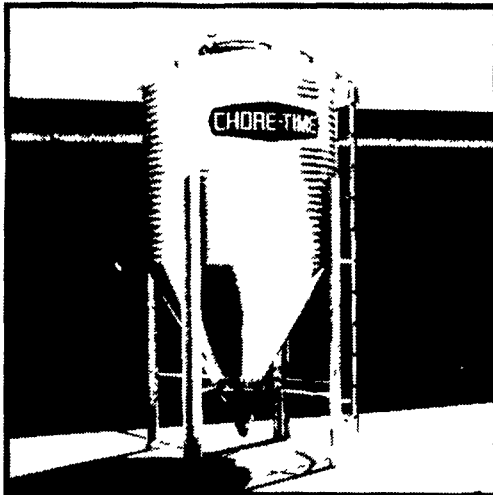
Election of officers and delegates will be held. In addition, a 50-year membership plaque will be awarded to Harry and George Moore, Bear, Del.

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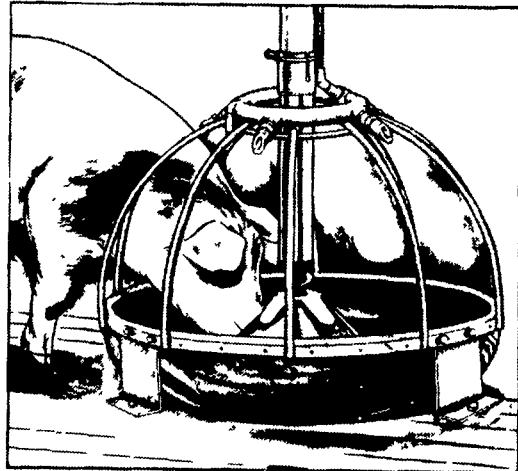


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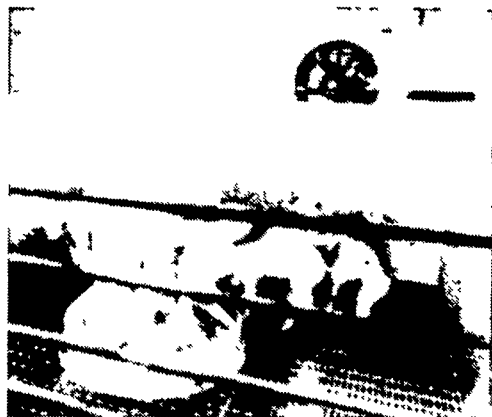


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