

## Lapp's Barn Equipment Has Open House

WHITE HORSE (Lancaster Co.)—"The cow is the most remarkable thing that walks on this earth," said Dr. Ronald Dubbe. "This cow was designed to produce milk sufficient for a calf--about 1800 lbs. of milk per year. But we have this cow that is now genetically capable of giving 18,000 lbs. of milk and more. So, our cows work at more than 10 times their natural capacity. This puts stress on us as dairymen--stewards of the cow--to properly care for that production capacity without getting into trouble."

Dubbe made his remarks at Lapp's Barn Equipment open

house in support of the Total Mixed Ration (TMR) method of feeding cows.

"TMR feeds the cow the way she was meant to be fed," Dubbe said. "It avoids problems with individual ingredients and helps the cow to consume all the nutrients she needs to produce milk."

On the subject of BST, Dubbe thinks it will be approved and used. But he believes in some herds it may produce a negative effect.

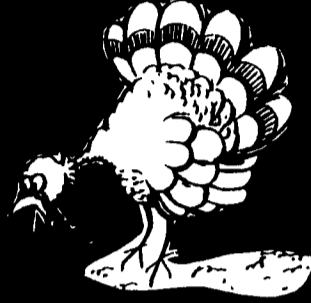
"Many herds have a cap placed on their production by some aspect of management," Dubbe said.

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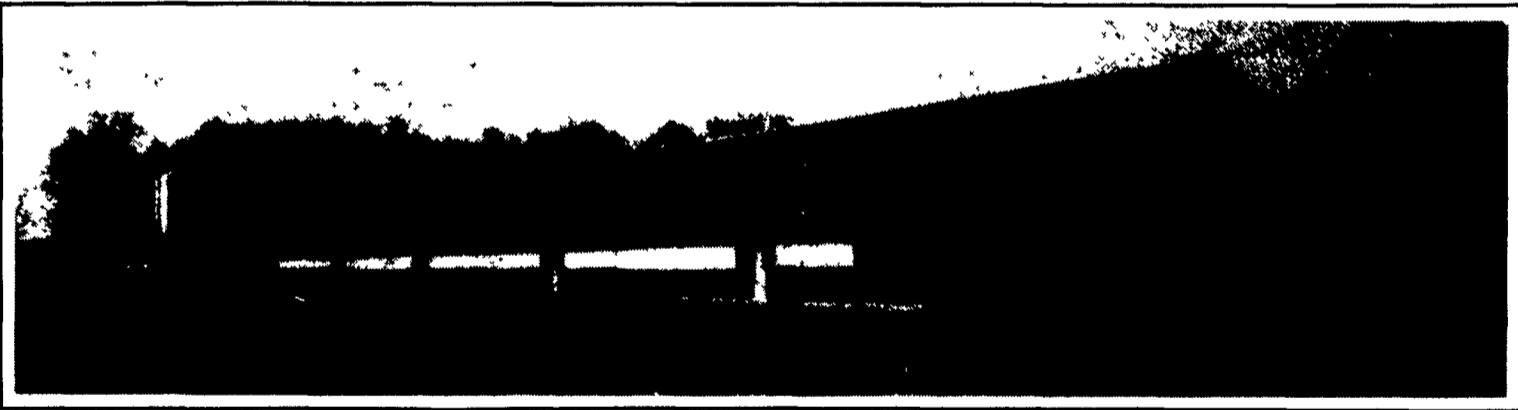
At Lapp's Barn Equipment open house are: (l to r) Leon Lapp, Jake Lapp, Donald Gentzler and Dr. Ron Dubbe.

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