

Ground Broke For New Farm Show Building

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)—Officials broke ground for a \$3.3 million addition to the state Farm Show complex Wednesday morning. Construction of the livestock exhibition hall was

announced by Gov. Robert Casey in his weekly radio address last Saturday.

Dennis Grumbine, farm show commission, said those who have followed the proposals for this building have waited a long time. "Most of the agriculture community anticipated that this would never

happen," Grumbine said. "Finally, today, we are here to prove to the public that it is going to happen.

"The new addition will give us a lot of space that can be utilized in many different ways. It will certainly enhance the Farm Show, Livestock Expo and the All-American dairy show. A few

shows that have had trouble with space will now be able to come to the complex."

Boyd Wolff, state ag secretary, said the additional exhibit space will help to further improve the farm show that has already been greatly improved in recent years. "We've managed to promote more excitement and higher sale prices for the Farm Show's Junior Livestock Show and Sale," Wolff said. "In addition, we have added a new food court and other improvements to the show that is Pennsylvania's version of a State Fair.

"This new building plus the new roof, lighting and sound system in the Farm Show Complex will help keep the farm show viable and able to pay proper tribute to the farm industry."

The new wing, which was authorized but not funded in 1957,

will add another 82,000 feet to the 14-acre farm show complex. The \$3.3 million funding for the new building comes on top of \$5 million already invested in a variety of improvements to the entire Farm Show Complex. These improvements include a new roof, lighting and a state-of-the-art sound system.

Gov. Casey said funding the project is an investment in the future of farming in Pennsylvania, stressing that the State Farm Show provides a national showcase for the Commonwealth's leading industry.

The 75-year-old annual state Farm Show is the largest indoor agriculture event in the nation. It pumps more than \$7.5 million into the central Pennsylvania economy each January.



Boyd Wolff, state secretary of agriculture, turns the first spadeful of dirt to start the new building project at the farm show complex. Helping in the photograph is Dennis Grumbine, left, farm show commission, and Fred King and Neal Buss, deputy secretaries of agriculture.

Maple Dell Doing Well

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The Ayrshires of Maple-Dell Farm have honors of two Championships at the National Show at Madison and three Eastern National Champions. The Patrick Ayrshires have attended Blasts, indoor soccer; Bays, outdoor soccer; Skipjacks, hockey; and Orioles, baseball games for cow milking contests.

David volunteers his time on many boards, serving as Vice-President of PDCA; President of the Maryland Dairy Shrine, Board member of the National Ayrshire Asso., and Dairymen, Inc. to name a few. He is also a technician for Sire Power and serves on their Ayrshire Sire Selection Committee.

David was given a surprise birthday party last year with his friends bringing all sorts of ties, broad, narrow, old and new and pinning them to the washline. He prides himself in a professional appearance, even wearing a tie when he goes to a farm to breed cattle.

Ann takes pride in raising the calves that are housed in hutches in the backyard just beyond the house. Their sons Mike and Denny work full time with the dairy operation and harvesting of crops. Mike is married and has three girls, Missy, Nicky and Becky. Missy and Becky just won Grand Champion and Junior Champion Ayrshire respectively at the recent Wills Show. Denny and wife built a home at the end of the farm lane. They have twins, Catlin and Derek.

John travels much of the time hauling cattle and fitting cattle for other exhibitors at various shows across the country. He also helps out on the farm when not traveling.

Teresa and husband who live in Rockville, just bought their first calf. Kathy works for a Pharmaceutical in the distribution of veterinary products. Carol just finished college and is working for an insurance company. Rhonda is attending college and works part time off the farm for a bank.

Come show time, the family unite in their effort to show champion cattle and to promote farm and city coming together.

Cambria Farmers Union To Organize

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)—Farmers Union members of Cambria County are holding an organizational meeting 8 p.m., June 21, at the Pleasant Hill Grange Hall.

Bill Harrison and Jim Harties are organizing the county level group to inform local farmers about current issues facing the family farmer today.

The key speaker will be Allen Deiter, state president of Farmers Union. Another guest for that evening will be Sandy Reagle, the state executive director.

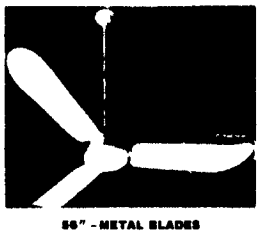
This meeting is open to all interested parties concerned about the current state of the farming community and rural America.

When this county is organized and has elected officers they will have representation on the board of directors and delegates to the state convention where policy is decided.

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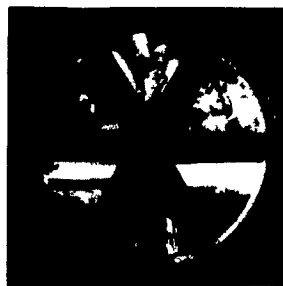
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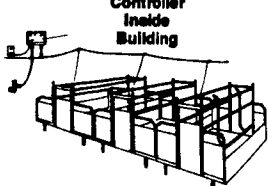
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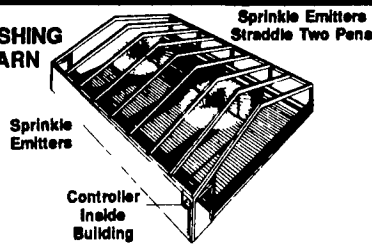
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