

# \$1.8 Million Lebanon Fairgrounds Exposition, Convention Center Planned

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ety of events like the Lebanon Area Fair, the Lebanon County Builders Show, the Lebanon Bologna Fest, the Brethren Relief Auction and other events."

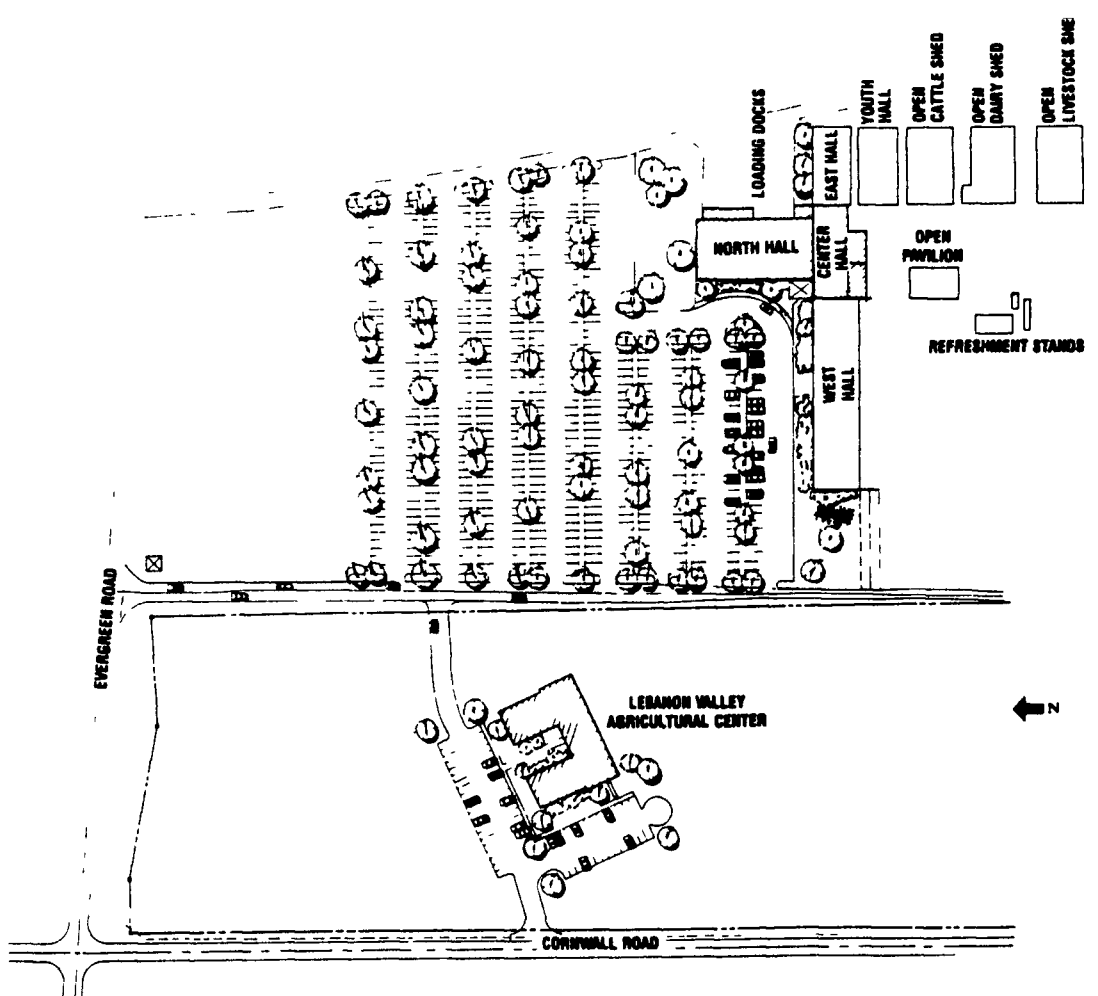
According to the exposition news release, "After a comprehensive survey of the current uses and future potential of the fairgrounds, it became evident to the exposition board, that the community's need for a multipurpose center could be met by renovating the existing structures and building new facilities.

The existing main hall, called the north hall, can hold more than 600 people. A to be built center hall is to connect the existing building with a main convention area. The main convention area is to include various smaller meeting rooms, lavatories, showers, and complete kitchen facilities.

Parking is to provide space for 500 cars on paved surface and 1,500 additional cars on grass. Traffic control is to be maintained with two, four-lane accesses.

The center is to be the county's first all-purpose civic center and is a project planned by both agricultural and non-agricultural leaders who are on the volunteer board of directors.

Members of the board are Richard Kreider, president; Harry Bachman, vice president; Lloyd Early, secretary; John Gerdes, assistant secretary; Kenneth Sellers, treasurer; Leon Arnold, Henry Berger, Benjamin Bow, Luke Hostetter, G. Harold Bucher, Dennis Grumbine, and Elwood Houser. Members of the development committee are: John Gerdes, chairman; Charles Henry 3rd, Charles Brooks Jr., Robert Beers, Richard Kreider and Dennis Grumbine.



## Wayne County Dairy Farmer

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allow almost any efficient farmer to make a profit. Most farmers are currently producing milk for less than what it costs them to produce it, a situation that cannot continue for too long without a massive loss of farms.

E.W. Lepro stated that the dairy farmer generates seven dollars in spending for every dollar he makes, therefore being a tremendous force for good in helping a sagging national economy. Many in the crowd could not understand why it seems to be government policy to force farmers out of business when healthy farms are so good for the economy as a whole.

Every dairy farm helps to keep huge numbers of people employed in hundreds of different ag support businesses. Every time one farm goes out of business it means the loss of many jobs to non-farmers.

This view was strongly supported by representatives of several agricultural businesses that were present at the meeting. Frank Cowen of Bainbridge, New York runs a private milk testing business. He strongly supports the idea of farmers fighting to help themselves and is willing to send letters to all of his customers encouraging them to put up signs supporting the Oct. 1 milk withholding. Doug Phillips, the area breeder for

Eastern A.I.C. said that he works mainly with family farms and if they are pushed out of business that he too will be looking for another job.

Dr. D. Caucci of the Orson Corners Vet Clinic is also very concerned. He comes from Bucks County, an area which used to have many farms and is now almost totally suburban. He moved to this area because he likes the lifestyle that goes with a healthy agricultural area and finds it painful to see the tremendous pres-

ures that area farmers are under trying to get along with less than cost of production milk prices. One of the things he admires most about farmers is their independent spirit, but sometimes that works against them when they have to come together and back a plan to improve their situation. His experience in living for a while in Europe showed him that European farmers are much more vocal and

organized in letting their governments know when they are unhappy with prices.

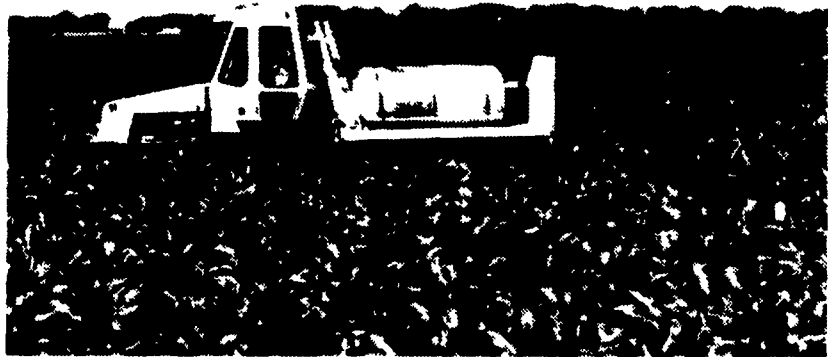
Hess is interested in quickly spreading this idea nationwide as it is not a local problem. If you are interested in helping, put up your sign and feel free to call Roger Hess 717-798-2149 or George Schmidt 798-2444 barn, 798-2497 house.

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