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From the beginning, Paul Newcomer, Sr., age 93, visited the Pennsylvania Farm Show. He shows a 1917 license plate from the car he owned when he was 17 years old. With Paul are his family from left, Rachelle, Chad, Paul Jr.,

Eileen, and Laura. Paul plans to visit his 77th Farm Show this week in Harrisburg. Photo by Everett Newswanger, managing editor.

93-Year-Old Attends Farm Show Since 1917

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MOUNT JOY (Lancaster Co.)

— Paul Revere Newcomer hasn't missed a Pennsylvania Farm Show since 1917. That was the first year of the largest free indoor agricultural exposition in the country.

While many 93-year-olds may not feel up to mingling with the crowds that pack the Farm Show Complex, age doesn't deter Paul, who usually attends every day the

Farm Show is open, not just one day.

Of his ability to still attend the Farm Show at 93 years of age, Newcomer claims that he has no secret. "I just keep on," he said.

Since its inception 77 years ago, the Pennsylvania Farm Show has changed. In those first years, the Farm Show Complex did not exist. Meetings and exhibitions were scattered around the city in hotel rooms, garages, and the Capitol.

Later, the main exhibition building became the first permanent building and since then the complex has expanded.

"There's a lot more people and improved farm implements," Newcomer said.

His memory is hazy concerning his involvement in Farm Show competition. "I took some cows up some years and some other things," he said.

He clearly recalls that he drove his new 1917 Overland Roadster

two-seater to the first show.

"My father had bought a car the year before and I wanted to drive it too much so he told me to get my own car," Newcomer said.

He still has the 1917 license
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Farm Show Offers More Changes, Improvements

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)

— It may have seemed like a long time coming, but the new layout and facilities at the state Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg

promise to offer one of the best yet environments for the 77th showing and promotion of Pennsylvania's agriculture and rural living skills.

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NORTHAMPTON (Bucks Co.)

— A strike by workers at Beatrice Cheese Inc. in Lehigh caused a temporary milk shipping problem for Atlantic Dairy Cooperative late last week.

The problem was with getting additional long-range tanker trucks to divert the milk which normally would have gone to the southeastern Pennsylvania cheese processing plant, according to Dr.

Paul Hand, general manager and secretary of the cooperative.

Though the milk hauling logistical problems are now satisfied, the strike continued as of presstime and the cooperative had plans to continue shipping an estimated 11 million pounds of milk per week to other marketing areas, at a higher cost to the cooperative.

Hand said the strike will not affect the milk checks of its 3,500 member dairy farm families in Pennsylvania, New York, New

Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia.

Furthermore, producers should not experience any milk hauling difficulties, Hand said.

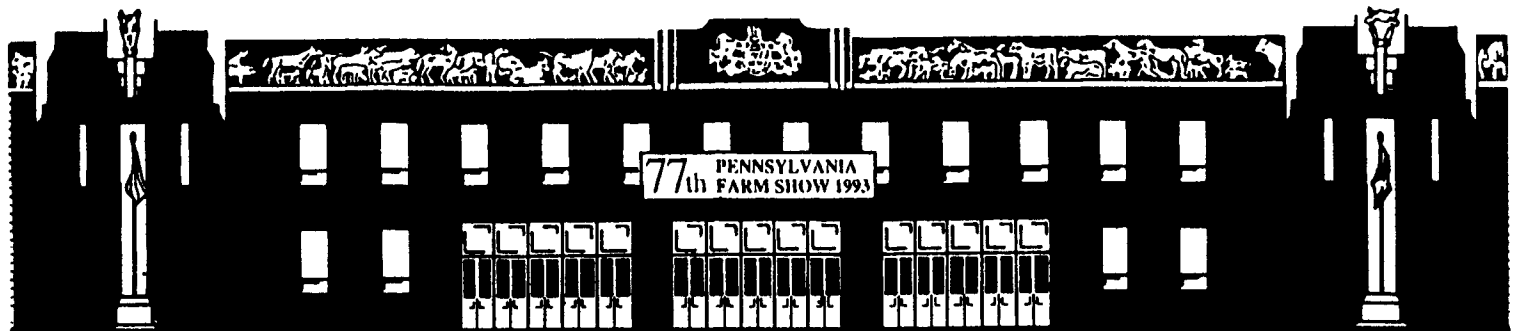
According to published reports in an Allentown daily newspaper, members of Teamsters Local 463 went on strike at the cheese plant after its 2½-year contract expired last Thursday.

What caused the strike was an offer by Beatrice officials of a new
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USDA-DHIA Cow Evaluations To Be Delayed

BELTSVILLE, Md.—The Animal Improvement Programs Laboratory (AIPL) is considerably behind schedule in calculation of the January 1993 USDA-DHIA genetic evaluations and will not be able to provide all the information originally scheduled for distribution on Jan. 12.

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Special Farm Show Issue

The Pennsylvania Farm Show opens from Saturday, January 9, to Thursday, January 14. In this special issue,

you will find Farm Show stories, advertising messages, meeting and judging schedules, and exhibitor locations.