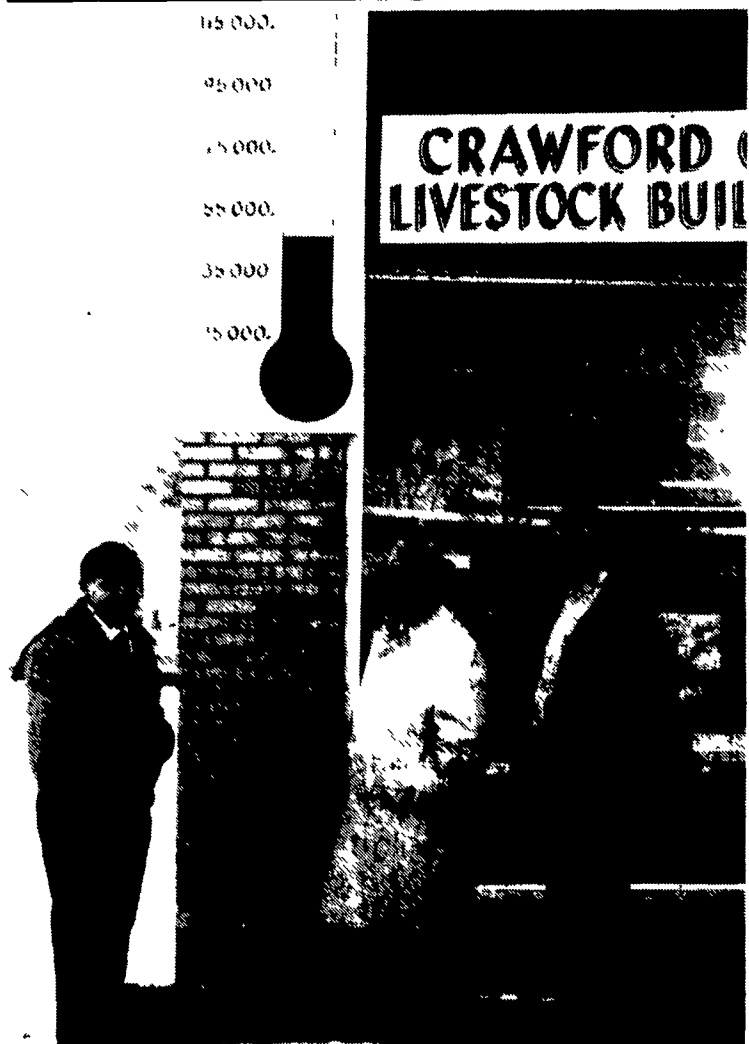


# Multi-Use Livestock Complex Gains Support



Bruce Stainbrook, finance committee chairman, left, reports to cochairmen Ron Kerr, center, and Bob Rose, that the mark on the thermometer needs to be raised to \$70,000 as the steering committee continues working toward their goal of \$175,000.

MEADVILLE (Crawford Co.) — The Crawford County agricultural community is pooling its energy and resources to bring to reality a multi-use livestock complex at the Crawford County Fairgrounds.

With the approval of the county commissioners, the building steering committee is raising funds so construction can begin as soon as spring weather breaks.

According to Ron Kerr, Titusville, and Bob Rose, Cochranon, cochairmen for the steering committee, the fundraising goal of \$175,000 will come from the support of individuals, farms, agribusinesses, and organizations who care about the youth of Crawford County.

The complex will include three existing buildings and two new buildings with clear-span construction to provide for maximum versatility and use. One new building will house the beef cattle during the fair and the other will be a show arena with easy access

from the cattle barn as well as the sheep and swine housing areas.

Changes needed to be made to reduce the chance of accidents with livestock and the general public, said Kerr. During the 4-H and FFA livestock show, cattle are lead some distance from the barns to the existing Youth Show Arena.

The current facilities for sheep and swine are limited which restricted the number of youth able to participate in the programs. With the new facility, adequate space will be available for all the market livestock shows and ample room for participants and buyers during the livestock sale.

Some other use of the new clear-span arena include indoor horse and pony shows, sports shows, tourism shows, machinery and industrial trade shows, and many educational programs. The committee plans the complex to be as versatile as possible within their budget restrictions.

Bruce Stainbrook, Meadville, fundraising chairman, reports that

to date money and pledges total \$70,000 with additional in-kind contributions including grading, trucking, gravel, and cement already promised.

Many businesses are making their contributions through the advertising signs that will be used around the arena, said Rose. Each sign will be at least one 4-foot by 8-foot piece of plywood that has been painted by specified artists. Businesses must contract for at least a five-year period at \$100 per year plus fees for the materials and labor to paint the signs. Rose hopes that most of the agricultural businesses and organizations support the project in this way.

Any individual or business that wishes to contribute to the project should send contributions to Crawford County Livestock Building Fund, Fred Wagner, treasurer, Courthouse, Meadville, PA 16335.

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