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**DAIRY AND ANIMAL SCIENCE — FOCUSING ON THE FUTURE**

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The Department of Dairy and Animal Science of the College of Agricultural Sciences at The Pennsylvania State University is undergoing extensive change.

Over the past few years, the department has experienced serious financial problems. Those problems resulted largely from a reduction in funds without changes in the size of the department's programs in resident education, extension education, and research.

Over the past six months, the faculty have developed a solution to the immediate problem and are developing a long-term plan for the department. The immediate financial solution calls for reducing the number of animals at each animal unit — dairy, swine, horse,



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sheep, and beef — to the number required to meet our programmatic needs. Those reductions will lead to a reduced labor force, but will not close any farm or eliminate any species.

As these changes began to unfold, Dr. Stanley Curtis stepped

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**LEESPORT (Berks Co.)** — Now that the big department store is moving in, the fair is moving out.

Sometime in the next few months, construction will begin on a Montgomery Ward store in back

down as head of the department to assume responsibilities in research and teaching. Dr. Paul Wangsness, an associate dean in the College of Agricultural Sciences and former head of the department, served as acting head during February. Effective March 1, I was appointed to serve as interim head until a permanent department head is recruited.

The faculty are currently developing a strategic plan for the future to focus our resources on specific priority programs. Clearly, we will not be able to do everything we have done in the past. However, our faculty will be more able to carry out the department's mission with vigor and a firm sense of direction.

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of the Reading Fairgrounds Mall, former site of the Reading Fair. Also tentatively planned is a car repair center on the ground where a barn housed dairy and beef animals for exhibit at the fair.

As a result, the Reading Fair has plans to move, in 1996, to a 70-acre site in back of the Berks County 4-H Center, off of Rt. 183 near the Berks County Extension Center. At the site will be a series of exhibit barns and parking for thousands of fair visitors.

If everything goes right, said Wayne Readinger, agriculture chairman and publicity director of the fair, the first fair at the new site will be held in September 1996. The land, owned by the county, is being leased until March 1996.

The Reading Fair this year will be held at the Kutztown Fairgrounds from Sept. 25-Oct. 1, a

week later than the previously announced date. A contract was established for a one-year term, according to Readinger.

According to Dave Souders, first vice president of the fair, plans are to tie the proposed facilities to the 4-H center and to hold various fundraising and other activities at the site. Initially, according to Souders, under phase one of construction, a pole barn measuring 60-feet by 310 feet will be built, he said. Later on, in phase two, the barn will be expanded another 100 feet. In phase three, the pole building will measure 60 feet by 610 feet, he said.

Now, the land for the site in Bern Township is under review by the state DER (they are looking at the effects on the streambed that flows at the eastern end of the land) and a study is being undertaken by PennDOT on traffic flow into the area. Traffic will enter from the Hilltop Road side of the proposed site.

In the next several months, a site plan will be drawn up. Plans are for a modular layout that will have modules that connect to the main complex. Modules will be set aside for aspects of the fair such as the rides, the exhibition area, The Grange Cookery, and other aspects, according to Souders.



By 1996, the fair committee hopes to have at least the main phase of the pole-building up, according to Souders. When it is finished, the new site will house enough facilities and parking area for approximately 2,700 cars.

Plans are still "in the rough yet," said Readinger. The fair agricultural chairman said that 30 years ago, if fair grounds were needed, there was no problem getting them. These days, permits are necessary to build any types of facilities in the county.

Already, the Reading Fair committee has secured water and sewer permits for the site.

Souders indicated that contributions are welcome to help defray costs for the new buildings. The plan keeps admission and entertainment free for the Reading Fair.

For more information, contact Dave Souders, (610) 370-3473.

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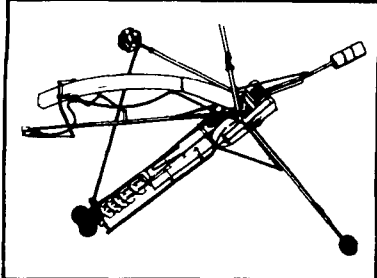
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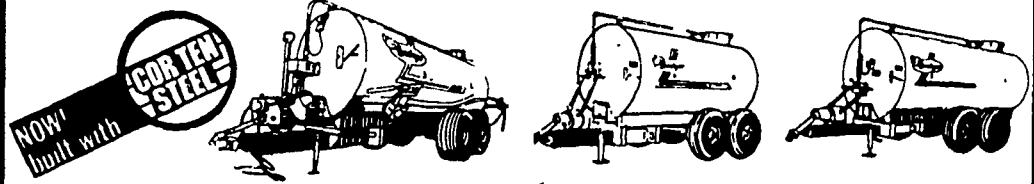
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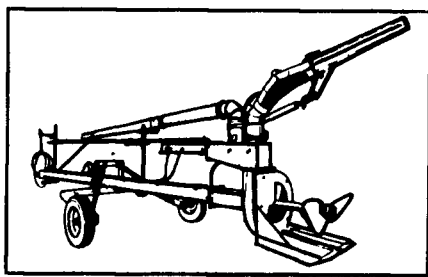
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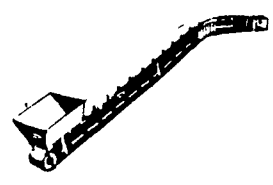


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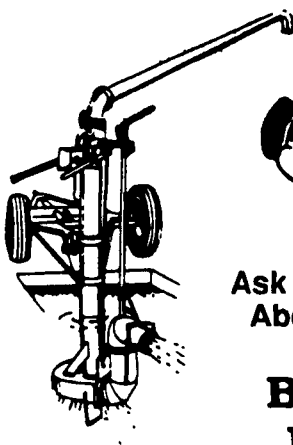
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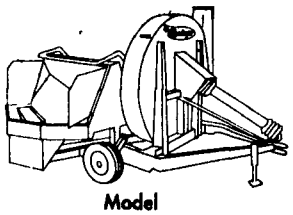
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