

PAADS Exhibitors First To Use New Tie-Stalls

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since the first system of piping and wood were adopted during the Depression Era, when the complex was built.

"It was alright during the Depression," Secretary Hayes said, "but not alright at this time."

"All-American Dairy Show exhibitors will have All-American tie-stalls, as it should be."

The new livestock stall system cost \$175,000 and is designed to accommodate a range of animal sizes. (As an improvement to the facility, that compares to \$12 million for a new roof for the complex.)

Funding was done through some Farm Show budget changes, according to Grumbine, who received approval for the new stall project from Secretary Hayes, chairman of the Farm Show Commission, which owns and operates the facility.

At this past January's state Farm Show event, Grumbine was able to borrow stalls from the Maryland State Fair for use in the Harrisburg complex's beef area, where large horse stalls had been used for years.

The improvements were noticeable, and Grumbine made the recommendation that it was time for the state Farm Show Commission to purchase a set of its own. Hayes agreed and gave the go-

ahead. Grumbine had completed a bid process within 30 days.

Both men have been involved with the Farm Show Complex and the state Farm Show for years — Grumbine as an exhibitor and member of the commission; Hayes first as an exhibitor and then as a supporter, especially when he served as a leader in the state House of Representatives.

They said that the improvements to the facility are very important, for safety, for exhibitor comfort, improved visual appeal, and that they have been needed for years.

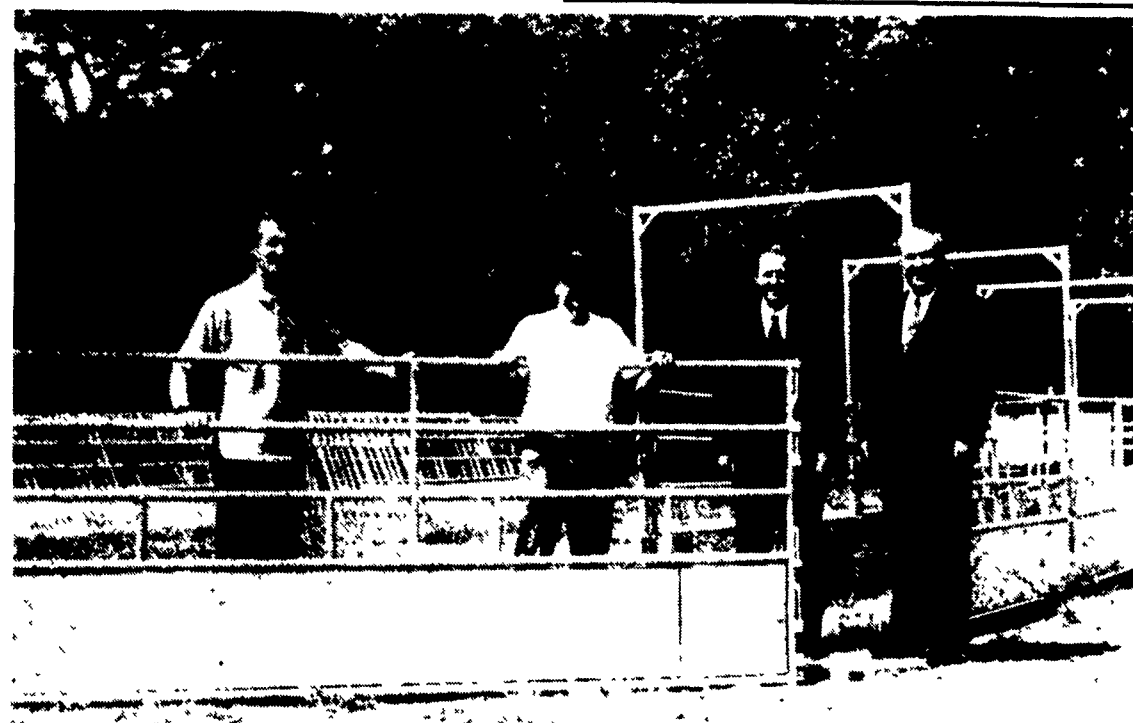
The key parts of the new system are 2-inch diameter, hot-dipped galvanized panels, and linking and mounting systems.

The 10-foot long, 48-inch high stall panels have three mid-rails, the bottom rail at about 2 feet high. Between the bottom rail and the bottom of the frame, plywood is bolted to serve for the retention of bedding materials.

There are three verticle support rails to each panel, one at each end, and one in the middle.

Between the bottom and middle rails of each panel are two sets of short connecting bars that serve as structural supports, and also are spaced so that forklifts can be used to quickly load and deliver a number of the sections.

To serve as the frame supports for the panels are .7-foot-high,



From the left, Farm Show workers Ashley Rhodes and Dan Schlegel show one of many new Farm Show Complex stall panels being assembled at the rate of 80-per-day in anticipation of the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show debut (Sept. 21-24) of the complex's new livestock stall system, and are joined by state Secretary of Agriculture Samuel Hayes Jr. and Farm Show Director Dennis Grumbine who worked together and with others on this project, as well as many others in the past, to improve the complex as a proper showcase for the state's agricultural industry.

48-inch-wide, verticle frames that serve to anchor the system, as well as provide as connectors for the panels.

In some areas of the building, the frames are to be bolted to the floor. In other areas, where floor drilling is not desired, painted 50-gallon drums filled with water

are to be attached to the support frames for stability.

Those who have exhibited livestock at the Farm Show Complex know of the old system and some of the problems — in addition to being rusty and unsightly, and broken down, many of the pipes and frames had to be wired together as needed.

This system retains the space between stall walls where exhibitors traditionally keep cots, equipment, feed, etc. (That space is where the water-filled support drums are to be placed, though they shouldn't prevent exhibitors from using those areas.)

Secretary Hayes and Grumbine said the condition of the stalls has been somewhat of a state embarrassment for years.

Grumbine said that the new system will save thousands of hours in setup time, eliminate the need for all the wire that was used to fashion a usable system, and allow Farm Show staff efforts to be redirected toward better work.

The letters were being sent out to allow exhibitors the opportunity to know ahead of time about the changes, especially those who have special displays or intend to have them.

Youth exhibitors at the state Junior Dairy Show, set for Sept. 21, can expect to use the new system also, although letters are not being mailed out to them, since it is not known much ahead of time, in any year, who has qualified or intends to exhibit at the state youth show.

But PAADS exhibitors are to be the first to experience the new system.

In the meantime, Farm Show staff laborers along with a three-man crew from the State Correctional Institution at Camp Hill, have been working to assemble 80 of the stall panels per day, in order to be ready for PAADS.

While the galvanized stall frame work was purchased, the plywood

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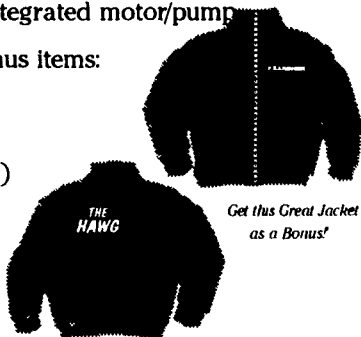
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