

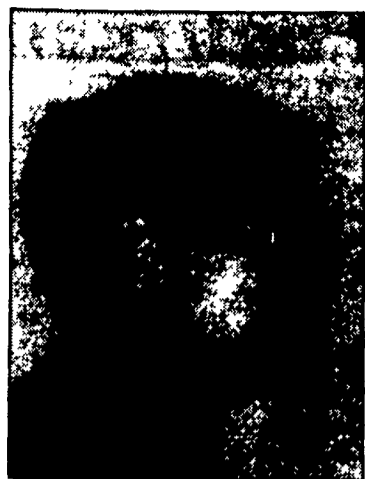
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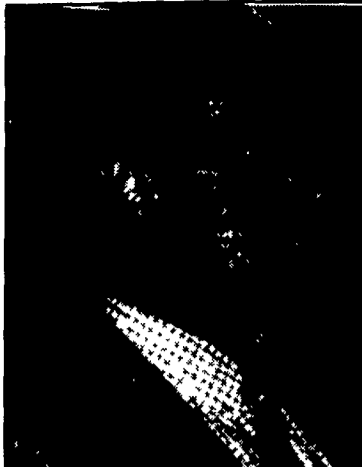
mentally friendly work they do on farms.

The convention was under way Monday through Wednesday. Several tours, including a deep sea environmental assessment and fishing tour, in addition to a production and processing tour, were conducted.

More information from the symposium will be included in the next issue of *Lancaster Farming*.



Ken Staver, faculty research associate with the University of Maryland, spoke about the challenges of applying scientific knowledge about phosphorous behavior in soil to regulations.



Rick Koelsch, ag engineer with the University of Nebraska, spoke about a national poultry waste curriculum program established which is under review for universities to adopt. It will be another year before the curriculum material will be available to universities.

Cheese Prices Collapse

MESHOPPEN (Wyoming Co.) - According to Arden Tewksbury, manager of the Progressive Agriculture Organization (Pro Ag), the value of cheese traded on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange on Tuesday, Oct. 10, dropped to the 1978 level.

The cash price for cheese in barrels was 99 cents per pound and the price for cheese in 40-pound blocks was \$1.0550 per pound.

According to sources at Dairy Market News Service, these wholesale cheese prices are the lowest since 1978. Tewksbury said, "Pro Ag and other organizations are mounting a blitz on the United States Congress to take immediate action to shore up the falling milk prices to dairy farmers."

He said, "While the USDA uses the NASS survey to determine the value of manufactured

dairy products (this survey starts all milk prices), the NASS survey usually follows the Chicago prices." With these dramatic declines in cheese and butter prices (butter traded at \$1.1375 per pound), dairy farmers should be warned that dairy prices could by December dip below the lowest level of the year 2000.

Pro Ag is working with Congressman in several states to ward off the lower anticipated prices. Tewksbury said, "This is not a Republican or a Democrat issue. The issue is for Congress to protect the sovereignty of dairy farmers all across the United States."

Tewksbury said, "We are stressing the need for all dairy farmers and business people to contact members of Congress and urge them to support our efforts."

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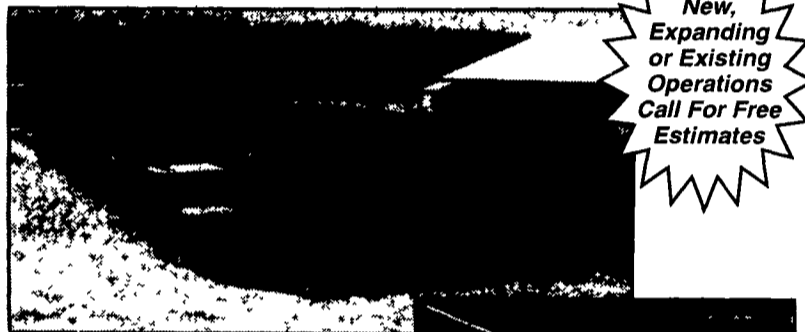
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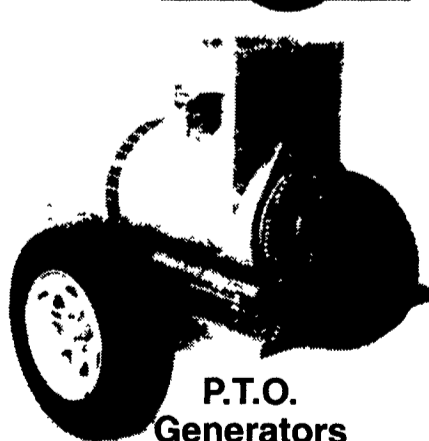
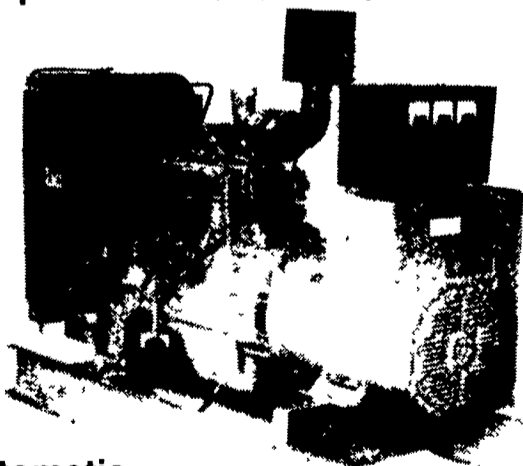
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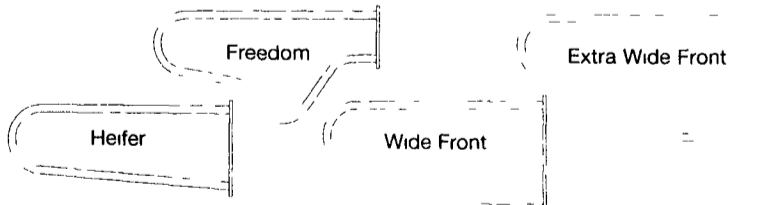
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