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Barely taller than the wheel, an Amish boy prepares to climb into his family's wagon



A family trio finds relief from sweltering heat



Two sisters enjoy ice cream at the outdoor auction



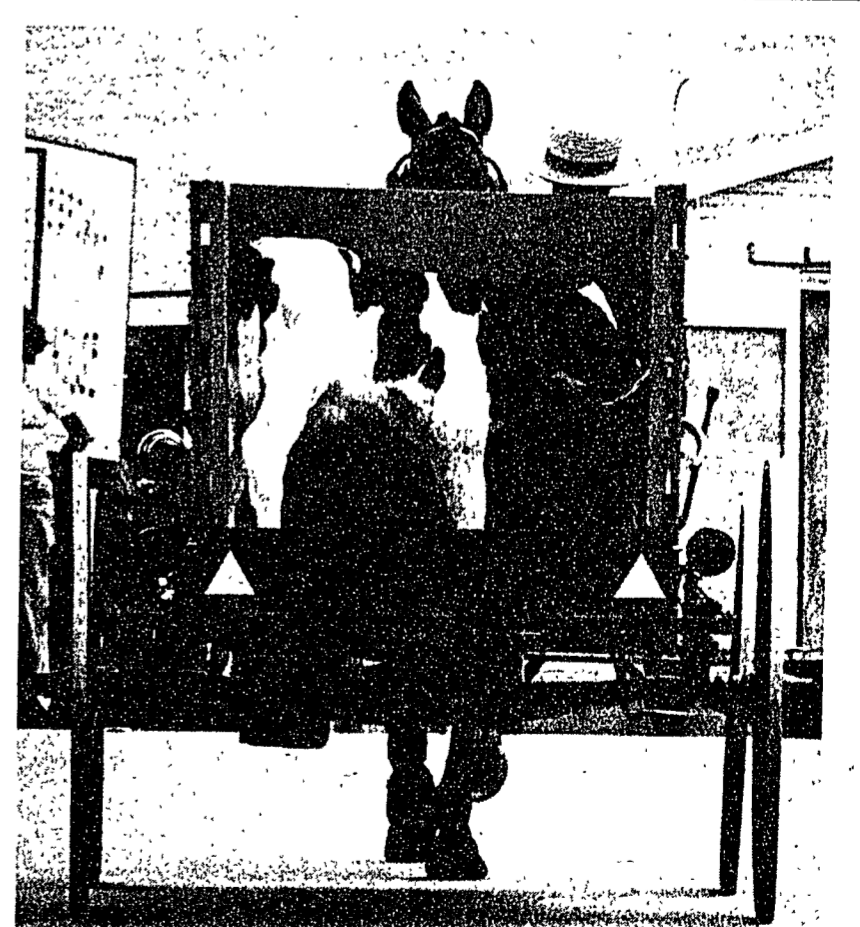
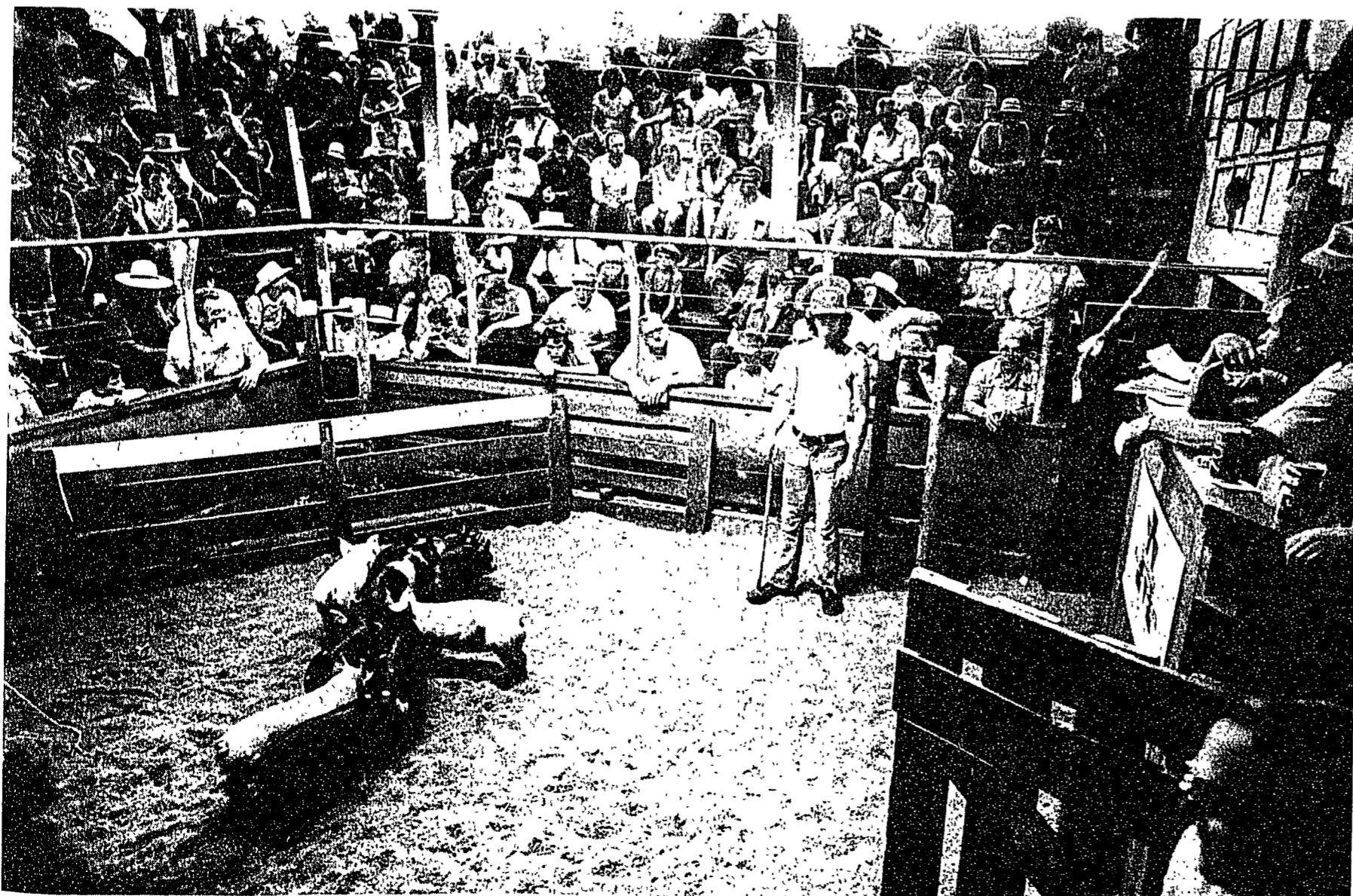
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"No Parking, Horses Only" says a sign at the Belleville Livestock and Farm Market, and it means business.

Horse-drawn carriages are still the means of transportation used by the folks for whom Belleville, Pa. is probably known best — the Amish.

And compared to the hordes of automobiles that fill most of the parking space, the horses are by far the more noticeable and distinguished pack. They seem to signify the Amish people's strong sense of tradition and purpose.

A small farming community roughly 30 minutes beyond Stone Valley, Belleville is a place where virtually every Wednesday, buyers and sellers gather to exchange their wares, animals and homegrown foods. Because such are the essentials for a simple life.



Plain and fancy shoppers, left, listen as the auctioneer tries to find a buyer for piglets at the weekly Belleville livestock auction, 30 minutes from State College. An Amish farmer, above, carts home a newly acquired calf at the close of a day of buying and selling.