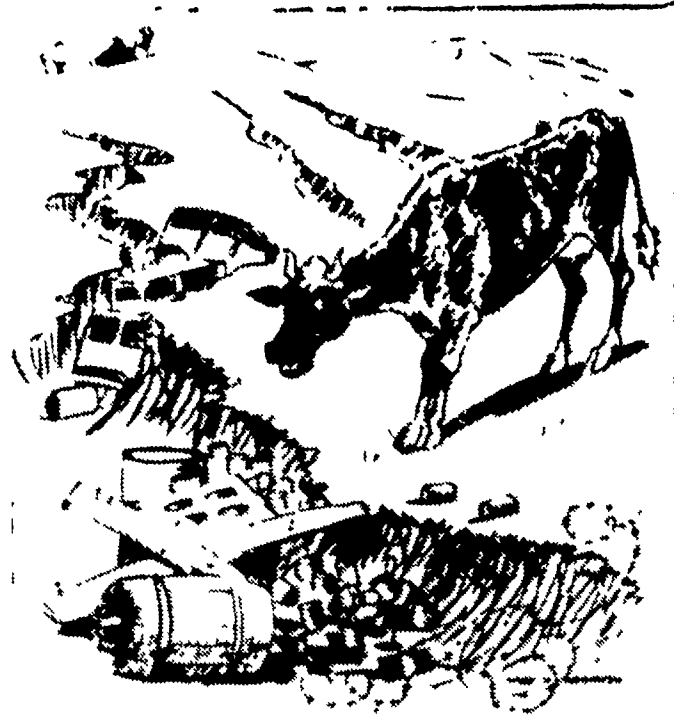


Conservation Corner



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Farm Show To Feature Family Competition

If history has anything to do with the future the 1970 Farm Show should feature some friendly 'family feudim' for blue ribbons and premiums.

The annual showcase of agricultural culture, slated for Jan. 12-16, has usually been enlivened by stiff competition between brothers, cousins and last year's twins.

The owner of the 1969 baby beef champion has strong competition from her twin sister while the exhibitor of the reserve champion was a cousin of the 1968 winning exhibitor. To further confuse the issue, the 1968 winner's brother showed the champion Holstein cow in last year's show.

Farm Show is the big event of the year for many families across Pennsylvania. It often brings the names of quaint and unknown villages to attention as the home of champion exhibits.

The quality of Farm Show exhibits, displays of modern equipment and just plain old 'atmosphere' are a strong attraction for residents of other states, too.

On one day last year, more than 450 bus loads of visitors from nine other states and the District of Columbia made the trip to Harrisburg to attend Farm Show.

Distance didn't seem to hinder out-of-state guests — some traveled all the way from Kansas.

Times change, people change.

Winter Sport

Snowmobiling seems to be the current winter sport getting considerable attention. Skiing has been the major winter sport in the snow country until this year, but now it must make room for the thrilling recreation of snowmobiling. However, this sport is not without some hazards and I'd like to point out a few cautions. Dress as though you had to walk back home because you may have to, carry a First Aid Kit and an emergency repair kit be on the alert for barbed wire fences or single wire electric fences for they are difficult to see. Be careful about driving over creeks or ponds that are frozen — the ice may not be heavy enough to hold your weight. Don't go into places where you can't walk out — deep snow might hold the snowmobile but a person on foot will sink in too deeply to get out.

Cushwa Appointed Wildlife Unit Leader

Dr. Charles T. Cushwa of St. Paul, Minn., has been appointed assistant unit leader of the Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit at The Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Cushwa comes to Penn State from a position as leader of a U.S. Forest Service wilderness research project in Minnesota.

A graduate of Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Va., and Virginia Polytechnic Institute Blacksburg, he will work closely with Dr. James S. Lindzey, leader of the Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit at Penn State.

Since 1962, Dr. Cushwa has been employed by the U.S. Forest Service. He worked first out of the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station at Asheville, North Carolina, and later as a project leader at Blacksburg, Virginia. In April of 1968 he was transferred to the North Central Forest Experiment Station at St. Paul, Minn. From there he came to Penn State.

He is the author of ten research papers dealing with prescribed burning of forest areas and its effects. Nine additional papers have been published dealing with recreational use of forest lands and wildlife values and their measurement. He has also studied food habits of the white-tailed deer.

He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Sigma honorary societies. He is affiliated with the Wildlife Society, the Wilderness Society, the American Society of Range Management, the American Institute of Biological Sciences, and the Ecological Society. Born in Leesville, Virginia, he served in the U.S. Navy from 1953 to 1957. The Cushwas have three children — Roger, William, and Terri.

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