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**Entomologist Cautions on Care
In Pesticide Use Around Bees**

Careless use of pesticides is one of the most serious threats to the honey bee, warns Frank Boys, extension entomologist at the University of Delaware.

The American Beekeeping Federation announced that in 1967, agricultural pesticides were responsible for the loss of over 500,000 colonies of honey bees in the U.S. (there are approximately 30,000 bees to a colony).

Boys says farmers can help reduce these losses by using a few precautionary measures in their insect control programs.

Don't use a pesticide unless its use is more important than the harm it may cause bees. This means taking into consideration the effect the chemical may have on pollinators of other crops in your area. A pesticide that is used to protect one crop could seriously reduce the production of other crops in adjacent fields.

If you have to use a pesticide where bees are working, select a material that will be the least dangerous to the insects, adds Boys. Some pesticides are extremely toxic to bees and even limited use can kill an entire colony, others will only weaken a colony while still other materials are relatively safe.

Apply pesticides in granular or spray form rather than as a dust. Although the granular applications are the least harmful to bees, sprays will not drift as much as dusts.

The safest time to apply a pesticide is before and after the plants flower or during the night. If the pesticide is applied in the day, make sure bees are not working the plants, says Boys.

On warm nights, bees tend to

cluster outside the entrance of the hive. If this happens, do not use a pesticide until the bees move inside and until there is little chance the hive will be endangered by drift. Even the fumes of some pesticides will kill bees.

It is always wise to notify beekeepers in your area several days before you are going to apply a pesticide, suggests Boys. This will give them time to move the hives before you start spraying or take other measures to protect their bees.

**IFYE Group to Review
1970 Fund Campaign**

The IFYE Committee will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 2 at the Fair and Home Center to review the progress of the fund campaign to sponsor Judy Longenecker to the United Kingdom this summer.

'I would also like you to think of families who would be interested in hosting an incoming IFYE boy. He would be coming to Lancaster County from September 22 to October 22, 1970.' Richard B. Lefever, committee president, recently informed members.



LINCOLN COMMUNITY
4-H CLUB

By Barry Wissler

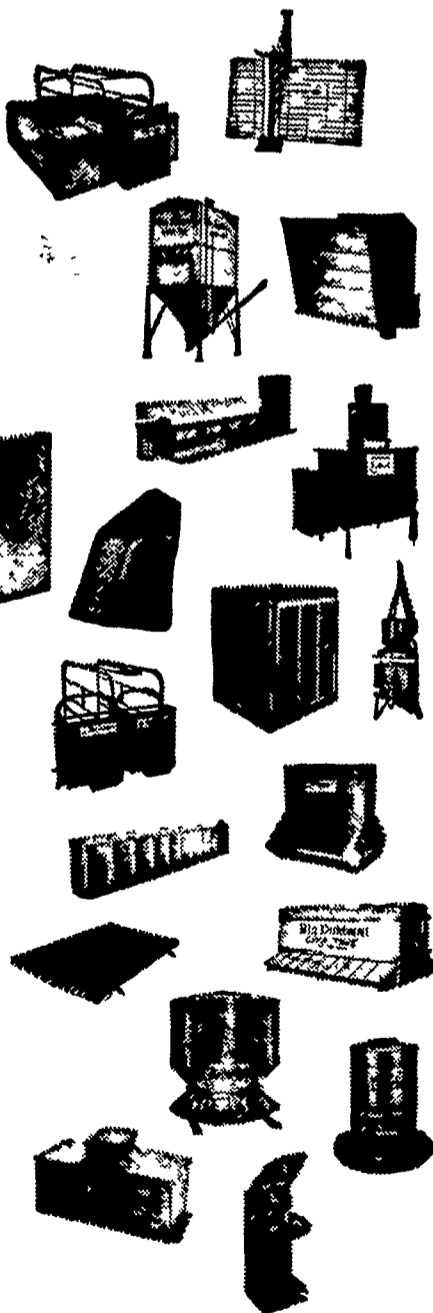
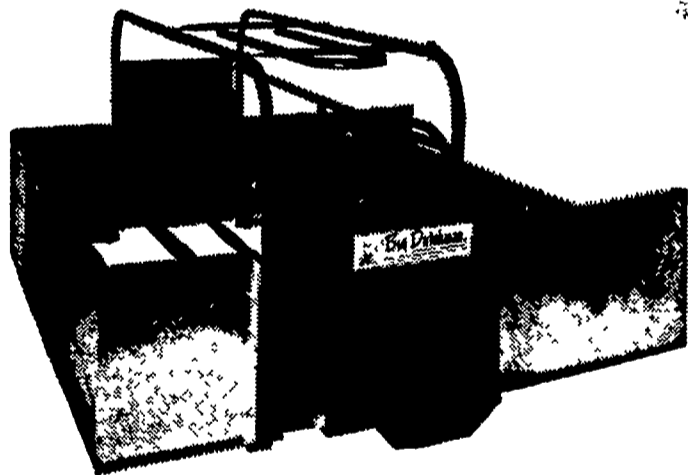
The monthly meeting of the Lincoln 4-H Club was held at the Mount Airy Fire Hall at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 19.

Randy Ebelly and Dale Stahl demonstrated and explained fire fighting equipment.

The next meeting will be held June 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Glenn Wissler, Ephrata RD1. All visitors are welcome.

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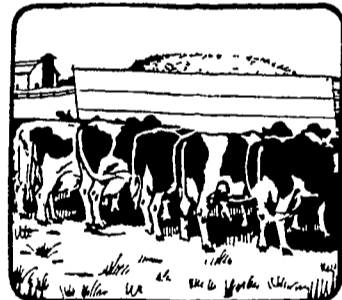
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