



Miss Susan Kauffman, left, Elizabethtown RD1, congratulates the new Pennsylvania Distinguished Holstein Girl for 1971, Miss Joanne Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Thompson, Newton, Bucks County, a sophomore at West Chester State College. An active member of the Bucks County 4-H and Holstein Clubs and owner of five Registered Holsteins, Miss Thompson has shown in many of the local Black and White Shows, the State Junior Dairy Show, and the All-American. Miss Kauffman, last year's Distinguished Girl winner, is currently Lancaster County Dairy Princess.

Dean Larson Cites Contribution of Ag Technology to Better Environment

The agricultural industry is a leader in investing large amounts of time and money to prevent pollution and to improve the environment, Dr. Russell E. Larson, dean of the Pennsylvania State University College of Agriculture, points out.

Dr. Larson, commenting on environmental concerns during the observance of Farm-City Week, November 19-25, emphasized that modern agricultural technology has made a great contribution to a better environment through increasing crop yields, thereby reducing the acreage needed for

food production.

"While many segments of the environment have degenerated in the last quarter century, vast areas of marginal agricultural land have been improved by diversion to forests, pasture, or various recreational uses," the dean said.

He added that if agriculture were no more productive now than it was prior to the revolutionary yield increases of the past 30 years, vastly greater areas would be in farms today and less land would be available for other uses.

"Agriculture is making every

effort to prevent pollution problems from chemicals used in crop production and from animal wastes," Dr. Larson said "And farmers, for years, have been using sound conservation practices to minimize siltation and sedimentation of streams."

The seriousness of environmental pollutants and their threat to man cannot be ignored, he noted.

However, we must guard against the risk of the type or kind of action that, instead of solving anything, may merely replace one problem with another, he said

Annual Homemakers Christmas Program Set

The annual Lancaster County Homemakers Christmas Program will be held Tuesday, December 7 at the Farm and Home Center.

The program will run from 10 a.m. until after 7:30 p.m. Preregistration is not necessary, but a donation of \$1 will be requested to cover expenses

At 10 a.m. Mrs. Martin Swarr, Landisville, will give a gift

wrapping demonstration

At 10:30 Mrs. Richard Duncan, Lancaster, will demonstrate creative Christmas crafts and at 11 a.m. Miss Joan Lucas, assistant Lancaster County home economist, and Miss Marcia Fell, assistant Schuylkill County Extension home economist, will discuss buying toys for Christmas. These craft demonstrations will be given in the auditorium

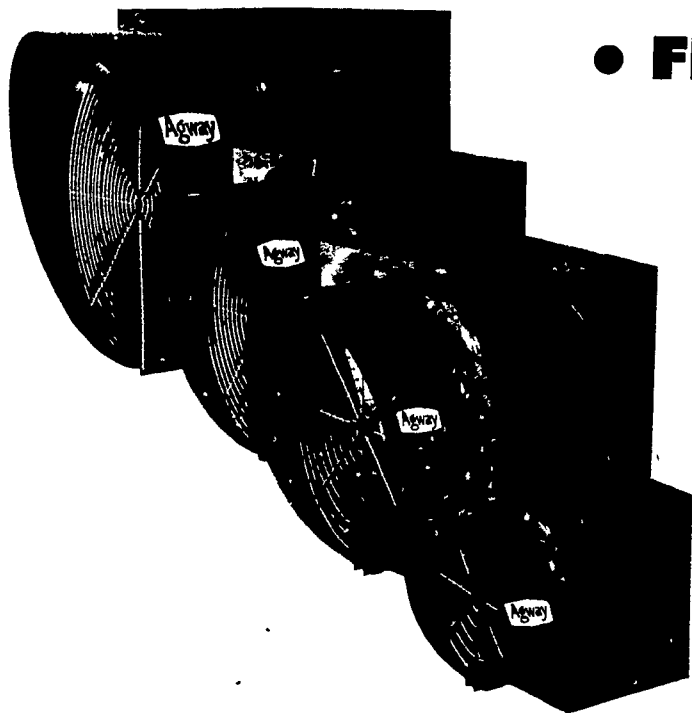
Viewing of exhibits of

decorations, gifts, and foods for the holidays prepared by Farm Women Societies and homemaker groups will be held in the Extension training center from 10 a.m. till 5 p.m. and from 6:30 till 9 p.m.

Mrs. Paul Johnson, Paoli, well known and popular lecturer and craftswoman, will give her "Christmas Boutique" presentation twice, at 2 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m.

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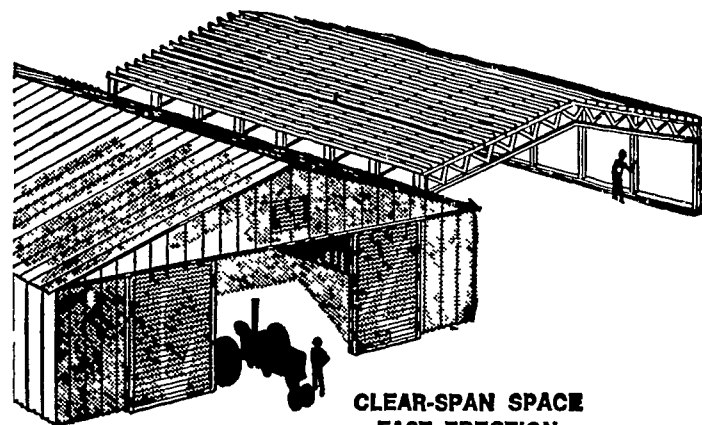
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