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## Despite rain, Ephrata Fair has high spirits

EPHRATA - Although it rained on their side on Wednesday evening, the spirits of Ephrata livestock breeders and men were not dampened this week for the 59th annual Ephrata Fair. Set aside the street fair, the livestock area in community park featured FFA judging tests and rope pulls with 400 ninth vocational agriculture students and eight Lancaster County high schools taking part. Also on view for spectators were beef, sheep, poultry, and hog shows as well as three safe tractor driving tests.

Special highlights on Tuesday-evening-opening night of the fair - were the pig contest and the rooster chase. Getting the fair off to a running start, Martin, Dogwood Drive, Ephrata R1, the adult division in the greased pig contest; Todd Howell, 15, of 1004 Mysuckle Lane, Ephrata, and Frank Lin, Denver R1, took the top two places in the 12 to 15 year division; with Gary Lin, 11, of 37 S. Fourth Street, Denver, taking the 7 to 11 year division.

Mark Wolf, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wolf, 3524 Sleepy Hollow Road, Lititz R1, and Julie Fox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fox, Lititz R1, were the winners in the rooster scramble.

Details on the hog, beef, and sheep shows, as well as the tractor driving tests can be found in this week's issue of Lancaster Farming.

## Pumpkin and squash harvest satisfactory

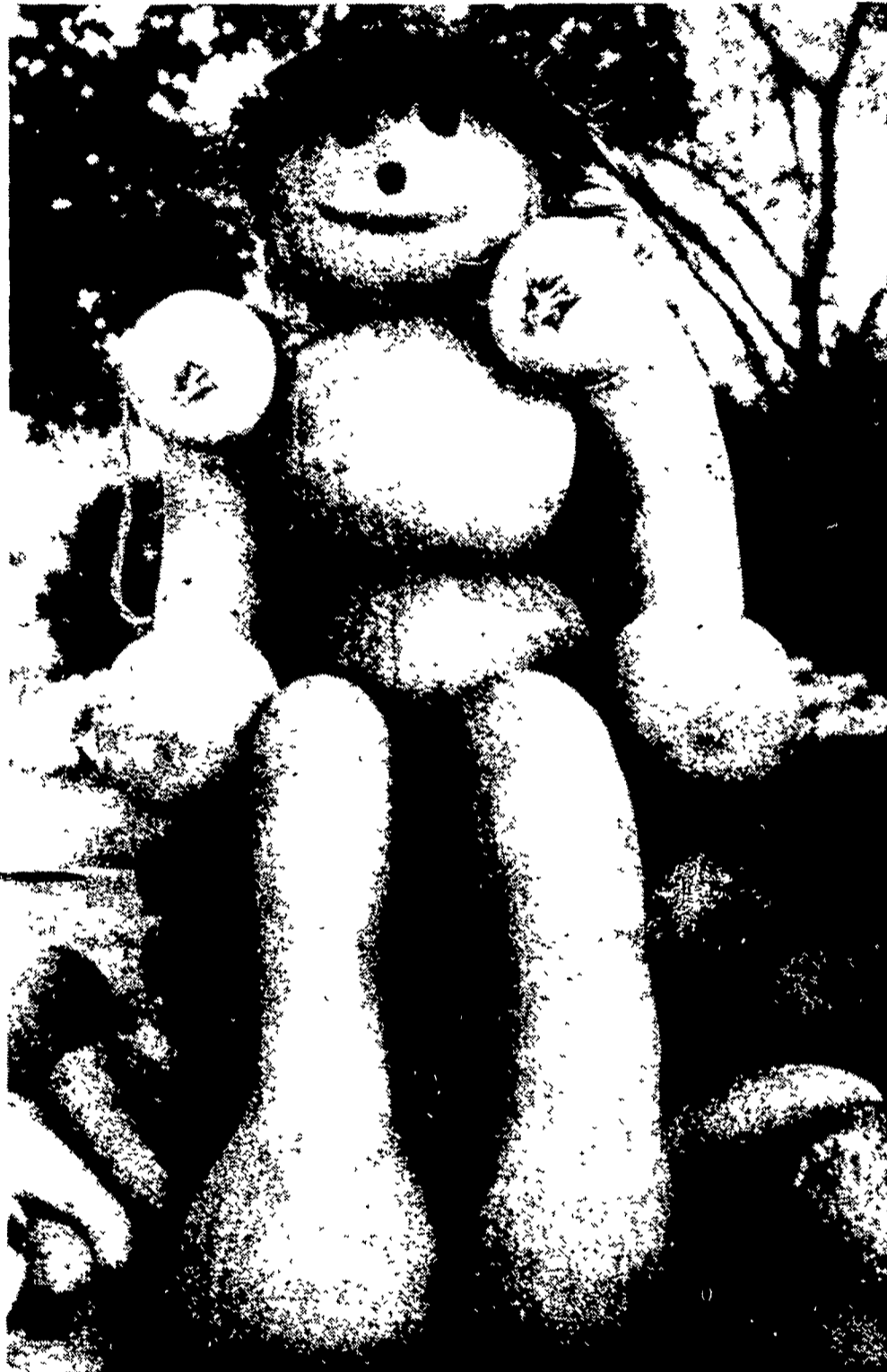
By KENDACE BORRY

Pumpkin and squash growers throughout the Lancaster County area are reporting for a satisfying harvest this year, with hopes of the crop being of a good size. According to Lancaster County Extension Agent, Arnold Lueck, this year has been a good one for vine crops, and the pumpkin growers agree. Pumpkin and squash marketing has begun on the early varieties, and the opinion of farmers generally is that the season is 10 days to two weeks early.

Glenn Thomas, Lititz R3, grows six varieties of pumpkins and squash, including Jack, Halloween, Sugar Pie, and Big Mac pumpkin varieties, says he looks to a "very good" harvest this year. His pumpkins are good-sized, and coming to maturity early, but he says he will have plenty for the Halloween and Thanksgiving markets. Thomas, who grows all his pumpkins and squash for retail sales, stated that he sprayed his pumpkins quite a bit in the spring with the usual insect activity being present, and in the summer he sprayed for blight. But, he added that there were no unusual problems with the pumpkin growing this year.

Thomas, who believes that the market for pumpkins on the retail market generally stays the same year in and out, noted that around Halloween time the most popular pumpkin, as would be expected, is the jack-o-lantern type. Then as Thanksgiving approaches, the neck of pumpkins becomes the favorite for people

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Lancaster Farming photo by Kendace Borry

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Caught loafing at a roadside stand near Hinkletown, Pa., the pumpkin man eagerly awaits the coming of his season.

## Egg industry upset by diet proposal

By DIETER KRIEG

Lancaster - Egg producers and handlers are concerned over how to generate more sales in the face of a U.S. government proposal which is aimed at bridling daily per capita egg consumption. Leaders in the egg industry are urging all producers and handlers to voice their opposition to the plan by writing to their senators and congressmen. Comments on the matter will also be received for the next four weeks by William G. Boling, manager of the Child Nutrition Programs, USDA, Food and Nutrition Service, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Segments of agriculture, particularly those involved in egg production and marketing, are stunned by USDA's recent proposal to limit the use of eggs in school lunch programs to no more than three per week. (See Lancaster Farming's Sept. 24 issue, page 122 and this week, page 107.)

James P. Fleming, vice president, government relations, for United Egg Producers, says: "We're treating this recommendation as the worst possible blow to the egg industry. It parallels the old American Heart Association recommendation which has been in dispute since first published in 1961. For the USDA, an agency which is supposed to help farmers,

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## Cow pastures spared nuclear bomb residue

SOUTHAMPTON - The radioactive cloud from an atomic bomb, detonated recently by Red China has passed over eastern portions of the United States without affecting milk or pastures. A spokesman at Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative, which has monitored the situation continuously, says its laboratories have found no evidence of milk being contaminated with nuclear radiation. The dairy cooperative will continue to test members' milk and advise of changes. There is no threat to cows may continue to graze on pastures.

## Lucrative egg market sought

By DIETER KRIEG

LANCASTER - In what is the first effort of its kind in the nation, the Pennsylvania Egg Marketing Association recently put the finishing touches on a promotion program which they hope

will markedly increase egg sales to restaurant operators. The idea is thought to be very lucrative since studies have shown that between 20 and 30 per cent of all eggs consumed are eaten away from home.

One restaurateur who saw the 20-minute promotional program while it was still in its rough stages was reportedly highly impressed with it and believes it will

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## Pesticide deadline is Oct. 21

By DIETER KRIEG

HARRISBURG - If you walk into a farm supply store a month from now and want to purchase a chemical which has a skull and crossbones on the label, you're going to need a little

more than cash or good credit. You'll have to dig out a little card which says you're certified to use restricted chemicals.

According to information made available at the Pennsylvania Department of

Agriculture, only about half of the potential private pesticide applicators have taken a test towards certification. For commercial applicators the figure is

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## Champions chosen at Oley

By LAUREL SCHAEFFER  
Berks County Reporter

OLEY - It was another year and another success for the 31st annual Oley Valley Community Fair. Thousands of people poured

into this little Berks County community for the Fair's offerings which ranged from needlecraft, fruit and vegetable displays to popular livestock shows. Even the rain which soaked the fairgrounds on Friday,

didn't keep the crowds away.

There was something for everyone. Besides the usual livestock and exhibit judging there was a tractor pull,

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