

Baby pigs are born with a minimum amount of energy available, and very little fat. They need draft-free warm surroundings. To help assure accurate temperature readings, Penn-State specialists advise thermometers be placed near the floor, not at eye level.

Pampered pigs produce preferred pork

By DIETER KRIEG LANCASTER — Penn State's livestock Extension specialist, Dwight Younkin, is very concerned about the proper care of pigs. Most of his concern is directed to the younger members of the species. Oftentimes he sees

pigs shivering or laying on top of each other. Those are not good signs of proper pork production, the grandfatherly professor emphasizes.

Baby pigs, says Younkin, are born with less energy

available to them than any other farm animals, and they have very little fat. Consequently, they demand proper care from the moment they're born. Their low body reserves make them virtually helpless against the cold and drafty

conditions of some farrowing houses.

Although some hog producers claim their farrowing houses are warm enough, and will even point at a thermometer, Younkin points out that the thermometer at eye level gives

an inaccurate measurement of warmth available to the pigs. He recommends the thermometer be placed low, near the floor where the pigs spend their time. The same is true for odor detection.

Younkin also urges pig farmers to furnish some

form of auxiliary heat in their swine buildings, claiming that pigs can't be expected to keep warm on their own during the severely cold weather of recent months. Proof, he says, is evident when he sees pigs

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By KENDACE BORR...
READING — Speak exhibits, and films featured at the Berks Cot Horse Expo '78. Held at Berks County Agricultural Center, the theme of event was Understand Equine. It was sponsored the Berks County Extension Service and 4-H Horse Club horse breed associations local horse clubs.

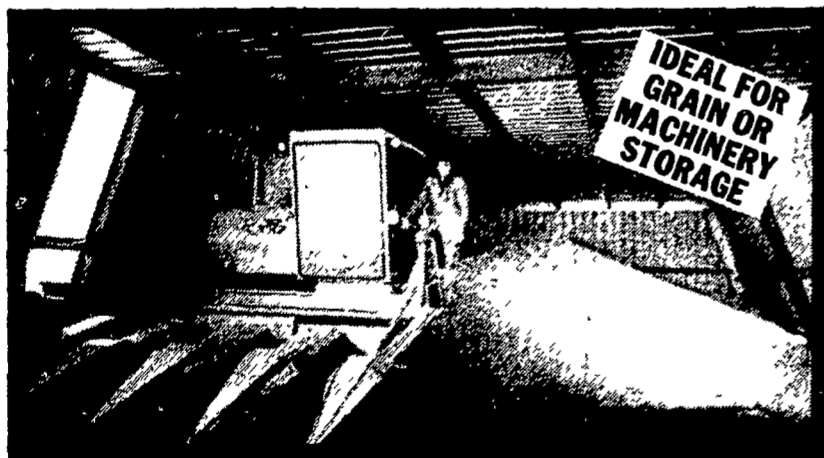
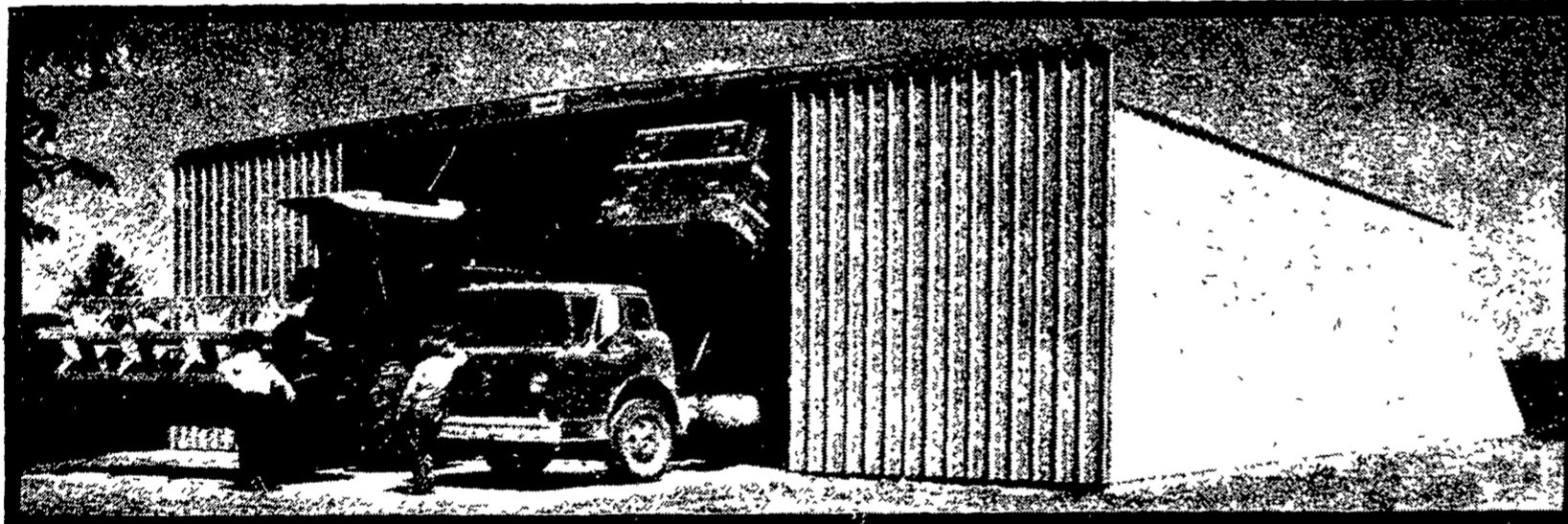
Several booths were set throughout the 4-H center giving a variety of information on the many aspects of horses and horse back riding.

Throughout the speakers covered several assorted topics concerning the care of horses.

Dr. Homer S. Fort from the Pa. Bureau animal industry, spoke the disease equine infectious anemia, commonly known as swamp fever. The disease which weakens and sometimes kills infected animals, spreads readily may be difficult to ascertain because it can take many forms and resemble other fever producing diseases can be diagnosed by Coggins test.

The disease is caused by a virus found in the blood tissues of infected animals. This virus remains in the blood of animals that recover and in the blood

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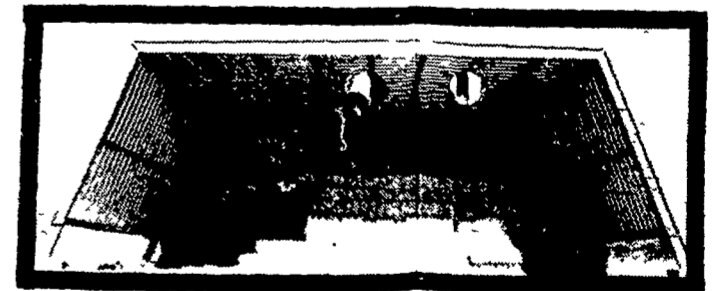


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