

Sun Day observed

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Middleton. Amick had his solar collector working on Wednesday's Sun Day and found the crowd to be responsive to him.

Amick says that solar heating can take care of 60 to 70 per cent of domestic hot water heating, but he does not think that, at this time, solar heating is feasible for a farming operation.

"It's possible," he stated, "but it would be quite expensive and the system would have to be adapted to the farmer's needs."

Amick says his \$1200 systems (providing hot water for a family of three) pay for themselves in three years. He also states that a homeowner must have a backup system.

"I don't think solar energy will ever be 100 per cent efficient," he states.

Solar energy does have its advantages, however. In his proclamation for Sun Day, Governor Milton Shapp stated that a transition to solar energy would signify thousands of new jobs for Pennsylvania, an end to rising energy costs, and a cleaner environment. Solar

energy is non-polluting, and each new or retrofitted solar house means less air pollution, strip mining, off-shore oil drilling, and acid rain or radioactive waste.

"We hope the impact of Sun Day will be the same as Earth Day was back in the early 70's, and we hope that people will act to speed up legislation for this," stated Ms. DeLiberty.

At present, there are several bills before the Pennsylvania Legislature which could provide incentives for greater use of solar energy. These incentives do provide for sales, use, and property tax exemptions and solar easements which would make the use and application of solar energy systems more attractive and economically advantageous.

The bills for property tax exemption include House Bills 57, 335, 336, 1099, 1100, and 1979. Sales and use tax exemption bills involve Senate Bill 136, and House Bills 56, 334, 722, and 738. The House Bill for solar easements is House Bill 728.

Individuals wishing to check on the status of these bills or wishing to encourage legislators to support these bills should write to their legislators.

Sun Day activities continued all week in some parts of Pennsylvania, and today (May 6) is the scheduled date for Sun Agriculture Day to be held in the auditorium of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, as part of that city's Sun Week activities. Events are scheduled from 8:30 a.m. this morning to 7:30 p.m. tonight.

Panels will focus on the



When the day dawned on Wednesday morning, the nation participated in Sun Day activities.

farmer as an industrial biologist, as well as on energy use in agriculture, and on gardening in the city.

Inflationary prices of food, farms as the cause and backbone of civilization, the impact of government policies on the food industry, co-ops between farmers and urban consumers and the secret meaning of farming are all topics that will be discussed in detail by those involved with agriculture.


The auditorium of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is located on 222 North 17th Street, Phila., Pa. Donation is \$2.

4-H trophies awarded

FAYETTEVILLE -- Recipients of the 4-H trophies presented by the Cumberland Valley Local of Eastern Milk Producers were John Stamy, IV of Cumberland County, son of Mr. & Mrs. John Stamy III, and Donna Cashell of Franklin County, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George Cashell.

These trophies are awarded to the most outstanding first year 4-H dairy club member of each county. Record book scores are determining factors, as well as actual project work and participation in club work.

Presenting the awards was J. Wilbur Burkholder, President of the Cumberland Valley Local.



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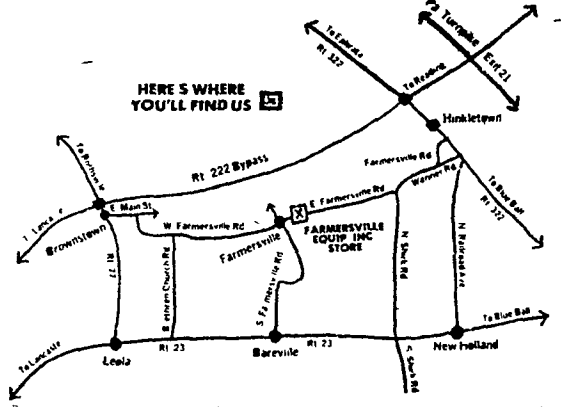
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