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Ken Sechrist and Leroy Bowles placed first and third, respectively, in poultry judging. Both are from Red Lion Area High School.



The first-place FFA dairy cattle judging team for 1978 comes from the Oley Valley Chapter. Wendy Shaw led the trio. Her brother, Steve, left, and Scott Hauseman were also on the team.



Sandy Weaver and Barbara Herr of Garden Spot High School placed third and sixth, respectively, in the land judging contest.

State FFA contests held

By DIETER KRIEG
UNIVERSITY PARK - Future Farmers of America from all over Pennsylvania exhibited their talents and skills here on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The event was State FFA Activities Week, a competitive and colorful gathering of blue-jacketed vocational agriculture

students. Penn State University hosts the annual extravaganza, sponsored jointly by the College of Agriculture's Department of Education and the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Harrisburg. More than 2000 students, advisors and guests participated in the 3-day affair. Among them were more

than 400 girls. That's significant since girls weren't admitted into the FFA until just a few years ago. At the 1977 FFA Activities Week, 351 girls took part in the ceremonies and contests. The major events for the more than 1600 participating students included 23 state contests, the selection of

officers, and the crowning of a new Pennsylvania FFA Queen. The lucky young lady who won that coveted honor for 1978-79 is Allyson Fleck of Hollidaysburg, Blair County. Runnerup was Cheryl Byers of Crawford County Vo-Tech and Miss Congeniality was Chris Heaney of the Folcroft

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Senate Bill 522 gets mixed reactions

By KENDACE BORRY
HARRISBURG -- Pa. Senate Bill 522, which in one aspect deals with land that the Pa. Dept. of Transportation had decided to sell since it is not needed for roads no longer planned, has just passed the Pa. House of Representatives at the beginning of this week,

according to Noah Wenger, Representative. But, the bill left the House in considerable changed form. According to Wenger, the Bill now basically deals with the disposal of land that originally had been purchased by the state to build roads. Now these roads are no longer on the planning

stage, and PennDot is looking for a way to settle what is to be done with the land. "When the bill came into the House," Wenger explained, "the main thrust of the bill dealt with fee-simple legislation, which would give PennDot the authority to buy whole properties rather than

just take possession of the right of way needed for roads. There have been considerable changes in the bill." Wenger further stated that the House put amendments on the Bill so that now it deals mainly with the selling of formerly-purchased land.

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Shop around for lower fertilizer prices

By JOANNE SPAHR
LITITZ - If you are going to need fertilizer in the upcoming weeks, it might pay to shop around. According to several fertilizer blenders in Lancaster Farming's coverage area, the cost of various raw

materials has dropped due to suppliers' backlogs. And, in some cases, these price reductions to blenders will be passed along to customers. In some companies prices had already been lowered as of June 1 and, with other fertilizer blenders reductions began this week. Still other blenders, however, report that they are not

aware of the cost-change, and that their prices will remain steady. "There's no secret about this drop in raw materials," says one competitive fertilizer blender. "If you read the trade journals, you can find it in there." That particular blender offered a five per cent reduction on all farm fertilizer.

Another company noted that farmers should see an \$8 to \$12 per ton downward change in top dressing grades. This company also noted that there was some decrease in nitrogen. A different company

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