

## Hershey wins Rural Youth award

QUARRYVILLE — Carl Hershey, the 15 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hershey, Kirkwood R1, won the Rural Youth award last week at the Solanco Fair. He won 37 blue ribbons with over 130 entries in the three day fair.

Hershey, who is a Solanco FFA member, entered exhibits in fruits and nuts, canned goods, vegetables, flowers, and the FFA steer contest.

Of the ten prizes offered,

he chose \$200 towards the purchase of a feeder steer.

Caroline Wimer, Quarryville R3, was the second place winner.

The 16 year old young lady took home 30 blue ribbons from 130 fair entries. Her exhibits included vegetables, home and dairy products, canned goods, and flowers. She is a senior at Solanco High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Richard Wimer. She had also placed second in the contest last year.

Third place winner was Pam Kreider, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Kreider, Quarryville R4; fourth place went to Debra Hershberger, 14, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hershberger, Quarryville R4; and fifth place went to Judi Wilhelm, 14, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Devonshire, New Providence R2.

## Ram home again after winning several shows

FAIRFIELD — Spring Bottom Farms, near here, recently completed another successful show season. "We are proud to have brought to Adams County an outstanding Shropshire Ram, 'Mr. Everything', Menhennet 563. He will stand at stud in Adams County and will surely upgrade the county's fast growing sheep industry," says owner Frank Darcey, Jr.

'Mr. Everything' was grand champion ram at the 1977 Maryland State Fair and at the Eastern National Livestock Exhibition. He was reserve champion of the 1978 Pennsylvania Farm Show; grand champion at the 1978 Shippensburg Fair, grand champion at the 1978 Montgomery County Fair, Gaithersburg, Md.; reserve champion at the 1978 Maryland State Fair; and

grand champion at the 1978 York Fair.

He also completed the Meat Evaluation Test at Penn State University in May of this year and graduated with a confirmation score of 14+, highest of all rams of all breeds. He had loin of 4.75 inches by scan-o-gram, highest of all rams of all breeds. He showed a daily gain of 1.03 pounds per day and a back fat cover of only .20. He has been awarded the classification of Shropshire Superior Performance by the American Shropshire Registry Association. His lambs will be available to the public on a limited basis next Spring, says Darcey.

### Gardens should be 'winterized'

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — Gardeners can prolong the productivity of their vegetable crops if certain precautions are taken before cold weather comes.

Five to six inches of mulch such as straw, hay, leaves, grass clippings or anything organic, can save swiss chard and other salad crops from very cold weather, say experts.

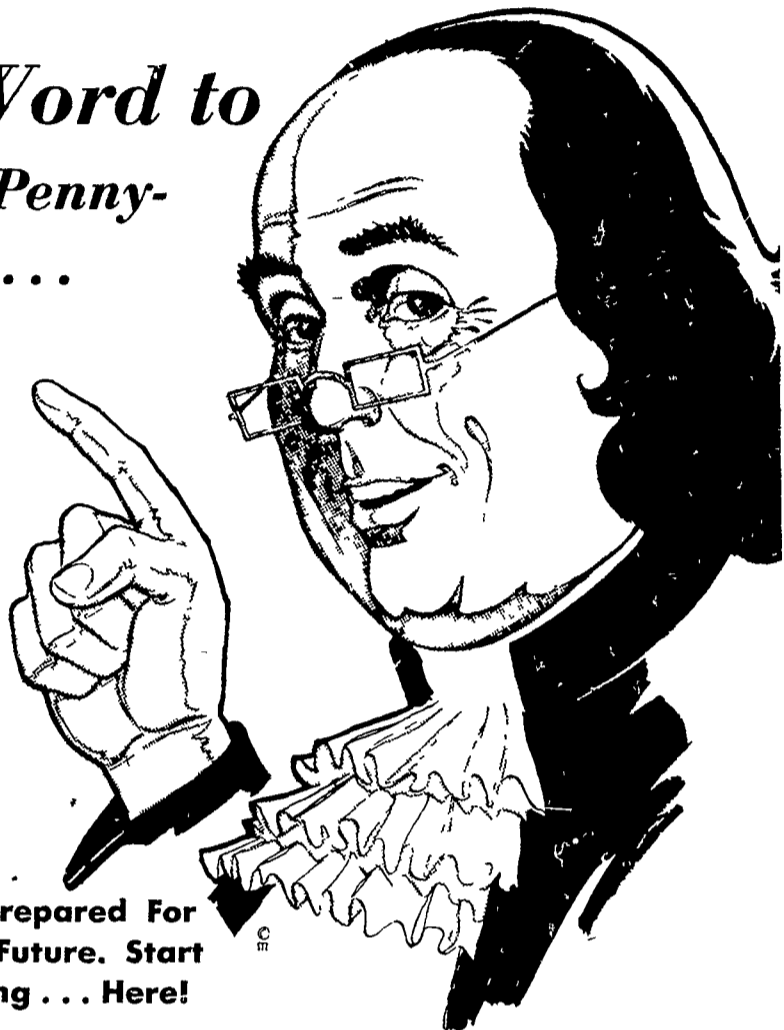
Turnips and carrots will last until December if mulched. Parsnips, scallions and leeks will survive the entire Winter without protection and develop a sweeter taste than those harvested in warmer weather.

This is also the time of year when 'cole' crops such as broccoli, cauliflower and brussels sprouts develop high quality. After the center heads of broccoli are harvested, continue to water the plants and enjoy the tender side shoots that are produced. Cauliflower will be more tender and keep a nice white color if the long 'rabbit ear' leaves are pulled over the head and tied with a piece of string. Brussels sprouts will last through freezing weather.

Closely related vegetable such as kale and collards will continue to provide greens for the table right up to cold weather.

One shouldn't forsake the green tomatoes that are still in the garden. One can salvage them by cutting the plants off at ground level and hanging them upside down, tomatoes and all, in a cool place such as the garage, breezeway, or cellar. The fruit will ripen slowly. They may not have the quality of sun-ripened tomatoes but chances are they'll be superior to the ones bought.

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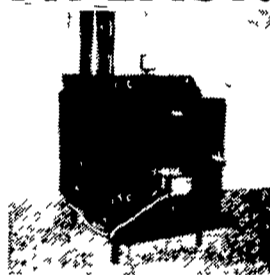


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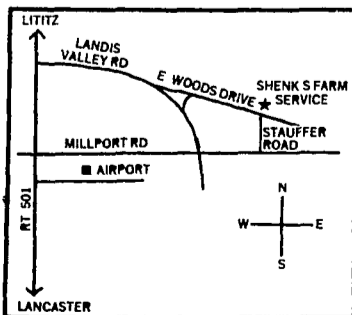
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