

Truth and fact wage war against fallacy

CAMP HILL — A voice to prove simple scientific fact to the government is the main purpose of Council for Agricultural Science and Technology, CAST, stated Dr. C.E. Howes at the PennAg Industries Convention on Sept. 20. "It is a more effective means of utilizing the only weapon we have, truth and scientific fact."

CAST, said Howes who is liason officer, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, is involved with agriculture as a national concern. Data is accumulated with effective dissemination of these facts to industry leaders and policy makers rather than repeating the message to people in agriculture who already know the story. "Your environment is

being formed this week for next year" he stated. Legislation is being made now, for what you will be able to use your land for a year from now. Besides land use, herbicide and pesticides are being banned and antibiotics and preservatives are receiving strict control. These regulations will determine what is safe, economical, reliable, and convenient food stuffs for our future, but Howes questioned the methods of determination for these regulations.



Dr. C. D. Howes

causes stomach cancer. Yet these chemicals are going to be banned. "We cheerfully overlook the fact that aspirin could not pass the pesticide tests," he said.

Howes advocated that we must demand correction of the gross inconsistencies of government policies, and that regulatory agencies realize their is no absolute zero risk in life.

Champions

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Showmanship

1. Janice Kaylor; 2. Peg Mullen; 3. Stanle, Heisey; 4. Bernadine Gish.

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Lightweight

1. Duane Hernley, Elizabethtown R1; 2. Jay Garber, Elizabethtown.

Heavyweight

1. Duane Hernley; 2. Duane Hernley; 3. Jay Garber.

Grand Champion

Duane Hernley

Reserve Grand Champion

Duane Hernley



Janice Kaylor, showing a hog also from the mediumweight class, won the reserve championship in the hog show.

"Today's society has the concept that modern day agriculture is forcing cancer upon us" Howes said as he cited recent concepts published in various well-known publications that were still using theories of the early 1900's from Rachel Carson's book "Silent Spring," which was written when little scientific fact was known. Howes cited that in the early 1900's the average American life span was 45 years. Influenza and diphtheria were some major causes of such a high mortality rate. "But today we have limited these deaths and increased our life span to 75 years. Cancer, a disease related to age has increased due to our increasing life span."

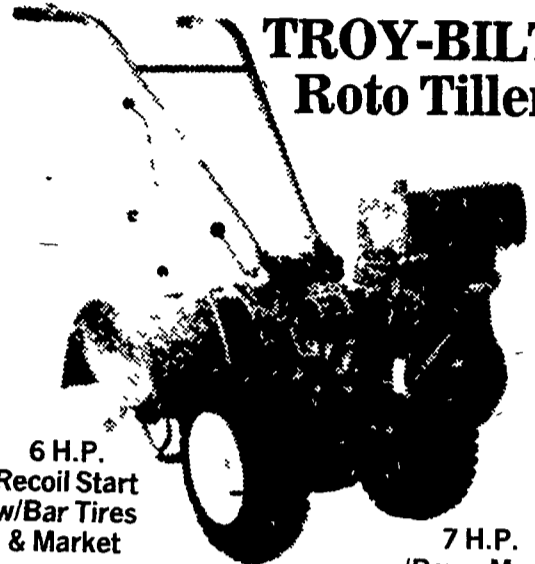
"There has been false distinction between natural and unnatural chemicals," he said. "There is an important difference between natural and man made chemicals. Plants must have both broken down to the same elements to utilize

them. There are hundreds of chemicals produced by nature that are dangerous. Many man-made chemicals are the same as plants. Plants don't want to be eaten," he said. "The chemicals they produce are for their protection. Man-made chemicals are essentially the same." "Companies should investigate what plants are making and make the same" Howes prescribed. There are some chemicals which decrease cancer because they kill insects which produce a toxin which

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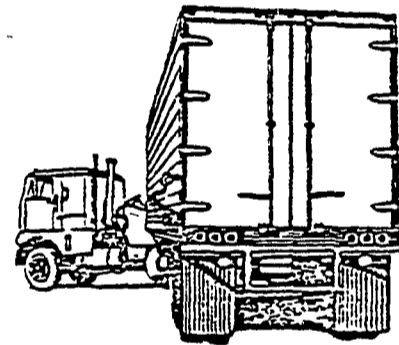
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