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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

egetable gardens not damaged by TMI

MIDDLETOWN -- If

someone called me up at this time I'm going to tell them to go ahead and plant a garden. At the moment, what have we got to lose" said John Harris, Dauphin County Extension agent. "I don't think the experts at Three Mill Island are trying to fool

us. The area surrounding the plant will constantly be monitored." So if home gardeners do plant and "in a month or so nothing shows up, we are that much further ahead in our planting.

Home gardeners don't seem too be to worried about Spring garden planting after the incident at Three Mile Island (TMI). As one

vegetable producer from the area said "I don't feel it has any effect at all, except in the minds of people".

Mrs. Elsie Weaver of Mıddletown R1, has a home garden. Elsie said she was "going to wait until they say more" about the situation before she plants. Elsie said she was most concerned with her pregnant daughter and grandchildren. She also mentioned that her parents used to farm on TMI.

faith in the people in charge because that was their job. Dehney who grows vegetables and has a produce stand said he has already planted some of his vegetables. The radiation levels have been reported minimal around his area. Dehney doesn't feel the TMI incident will hurt his business in the Summer. Just about "every year something is different" he sed to farm on TMI. said. Certain sprays or Allen Dehney said "he had chemicals would come out

one year and be banned the next he cited. "Once the fresh things come out people will forget the past. You gain some business and lose some every year.

"Some people are apprehensive and a little concerned about the radiation levels" Harris said. "The indication of radiation levels out on the farm and home has been very, very light and people shouldn't be alarmed." Harris maintained that the

biggest problem would be the "state of mind, and fear of the unknown". "Lets go ahead and plant the gardens" Harris exclaimed.

Joyce Yinger, owner of Yinger's Greenhouses, Middletown, said that over -the past week "sales have dropped at least 75 per cent" Since Joyce's business is directly across from the TMI "levels were checked in the immediate area and there is nothing to worry about" she said.



Greetings from Centre County. Just a few lines to let you know your picture (Energy crisis) doesn't correspond with the shadow. Your shadow shows a muffler and no shadow of an oil can. I also wonder how you cut the bottom of your oil can out. Do you think we could run our jigsaw with wind by April 1, 1960?

> Sincerely, **Timmy Stoltzfus** Rebersburg

Editor:

In your article on the World Plowing Championships held in Germany, you fell a little short of a fully comprehensive review. You failed to include in the article the champions' names and the countries they represented.

It is nice to know that the peace of the world was more important than winning, but I would bet my last dollar that had America pulled off the championship, all the nice talk about peace and its importance would have taken a back seat in Joyce Bupp's resume.

I was born and raised in Ireland, a little country that has continually participated in the World Plowing Championships, and on a few occasions has been champion with both horse and

tractor, so it would have been nice to know who last year's champions were. Hoping you will pay more detail in the future to the important parts, and not only when America is at stake.

> **James Kelly** West Chester

Md. dairy goat

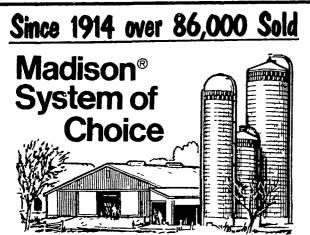
meeting set

BALTIMORE, Md. - The Maryland Dairy Goat Association will hold its monthly meeting on April 9, at the Baltimore Federal Bank Building. The meeting will start at 7:30. The public is invited.

Tree sale to be Sat.

LANCASTER - The tree seedling sale sponsored by the Lancaster County Conservation District, set for this Saturday, April 7, will be held, as planned, at the Long's Park Pavillion 1, in Lancaster. Time for tree pickups will be from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For those who cannot pick up their trees on Saturday, they can pick them up on Monday at the District Office, located at the Farm and Home Center, Room 6, from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.



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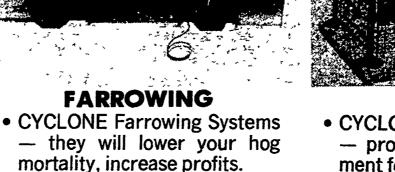
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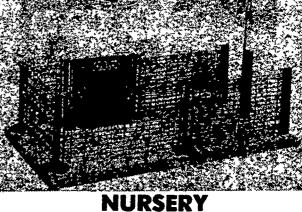
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