

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Editor:**

I strongly disagree with your editorial comments of April 7th concerning the press' handling of the accident at the Three Mile Island nuclear fission plant. I think the press did a good job of informing people of the state of the situation despite attempts by power company officials to cover up their mistakes and violations. This accident caused severe mental anguish, great economic losses due to decreased property values and loss of business and exposure to radiation that for some will mean cancer and birth defects in the years ahead. Our free press was our best ally in this time of confusion and fear.

The economic losses being

felt by Pennsylvania farmers are the fault of the Metropolitan Edison Co., not newspaper overreaction. People have a right to know the quality of their food, and low amounts of radioactive iodine have been detected. Instead of condemning news coverage you should have called on your readers to write their government officials and demand a moratorium on construction and operation of all nuclear power plants. A Pennsylvania without nuclear power would be a better place to live and work. Nuclear power is not a safe energy source. The cooling systems for nuclear plants are not perfected, continued exposure to low level radiation is carcinogenic and the problems of

disposing nuclear waste are still not solved. We must rely on coal, energy conservation, and new solar technology to meet our energy needs.

Sincerely,  
Robert A. Boyer  
Chester Springs

**Editor:** I want to say amen to your editorial comment on "Reactor is cool ... now the people." I agree with all you said and think the news reporters make everything they report 10 times worse. They never report the good of anything. I enjoy your paper very much and like your telling it like it is.

Sincerely,  
Marvin Brown  
Littlestown

**Editor:** I enjoy and read your paper every week and think you put together a fine paper. But your April Fool jokes last year and this year are sick jokes.

Yours truly,  
Richard Fishburn  
Mohrsville, Pa.

**Soil erosion project wins award**

LITITZ — Steve Shelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Shelly, Lititz, was recipient of the PDC-ASLA Science Fair Award at the Lancaster Science and Engineering Fair held at Lampeter-Strasburg last Thursday.

Steve won for his Soil Erosion Project, in which he tested various ground covers for prevention of erosion. He tested sod, tree bark, forest litter and pebbles, and determined sod to be the best ground cover.

The award was presented by Wilmer Burkhart, representing the South Central Section, Pennsylvania-Delaware Chapter, American Society of Landscape Architects (PDC-ASLA). The award is offered to students in the hope of stimulating their awareness and concern for the use of the environment and limited natural resources. It is also to alert them to the fact that there are professional landscape architects who address themselves to and offer their expertise and services to problems related to land planning, storm water management, energy conservation, etc., so that



Steve Shelly, on the right, is presented with the award he won from the PDC-ASLA. Presenting the award is Wilmer Burkhart, representing the group.

when these students will have the knowledge of where to seek help for the environmental problems they encounter. — In addition to the certificate of merit, Steve received \$25 cash.



**Editor:** I believe the only person who is windy enough to produce five or six horsepower is Dieter Krieg!

Sincerely yours,  
Lester H. Beachy  
Dover, Delaware

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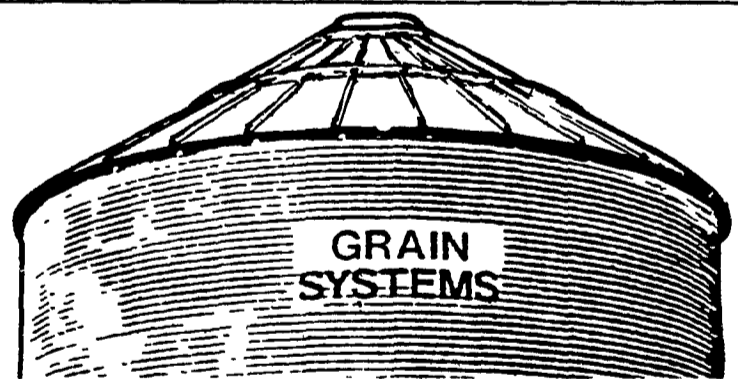
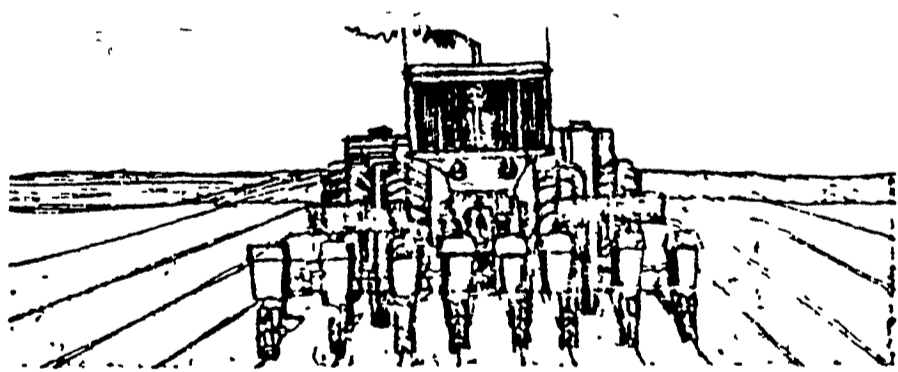
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