

A cross-sectional diagram shows the floodplain of a stream. Notice the wide area that would be covered with water during a one per cent chance storm.

## Floodplain

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Certain types of construction would not be prohibited under this new ruling. They include: erosion and sedimentation control facilities; stream improvements for aquatic life approved by the Pa. Fish Commission; farm ponds; flood-proofing and flood hazard reduction structures to protect existing buildings; public and private utilities, excluding buildings; boat launches, docks, piers, hatcheries; water monitoring devices; and culverts, bridges, and their approaches. However, these must still be approved by the Commission.

The ordinance also recommends that the area between the 100 and 500 year floodplain be identified and that any structures located in this area be floodproofed.

Commissioner Raymond Herr voted for the amendment. He said that he suspected that realtors would object, mentioning that they had about 12 to 15 people at the meeting. Only two or three of their group, however, voiced their opinions, he said.

Commissioner Herr said that it was time that something was done about building in the floodplain. With the amount of building going on in the county, adding more roof tops and

parking lots and water run offs, chances are that there will be more frequent 100 year storms as a result, he said.

He pointed out that the ordinance will not be mandatory, and that the county's planning commission would serve in an advisory capacity to local

townships that want to develop their own regulations.

"The new ordinance will not eliminate the flooding damage, but it should keep it from getting worse," Herr stated. "Houses presently in the flooding zone will continue to be damaged."

## Dates set for Ag Progress Days

STATE COLLEGE — Penn State's Agricultural Progress Days for 1980 will be held Tuesday, August 19 through Thursday, August 21.

The show is an educational event sponsored by Penn State's College of Agriculture in cooperation with many agricultural businesses and industries.

In addition there will be numerous exhibits from state and federal agencies which serve farmers and consumers.

According to show manager Joseph D. Harrington, the 1980 show will feature educational activities planned to be of interest to rural and urban people.

The show will be held at Penn State's College of Agriculture Research

Center at Rock Springs.

The farm is located along state Rt. 45, about nine miles west of State College. The farm has been established as a permanent site for Ag Progress Days.

Traditionally, activities and themes for Ag Progress Days focus on agriculture and offer an expected 40,000 visitors the opportunity to review the present and look to the future as progress in agriculture continues to provide for the people of the Commonwealth, nation, and world, Harrington said.

Companies and groups hoping to exhibit at Ag Progress Days 1980 should get in touch with Harrington, 220 Agricultural Administration Building, University Park, PA 16802 for information on reserving a site for the show.

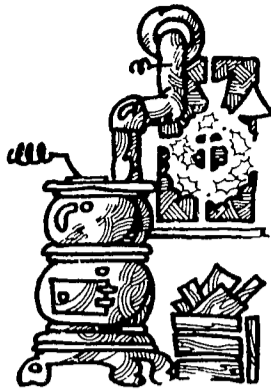
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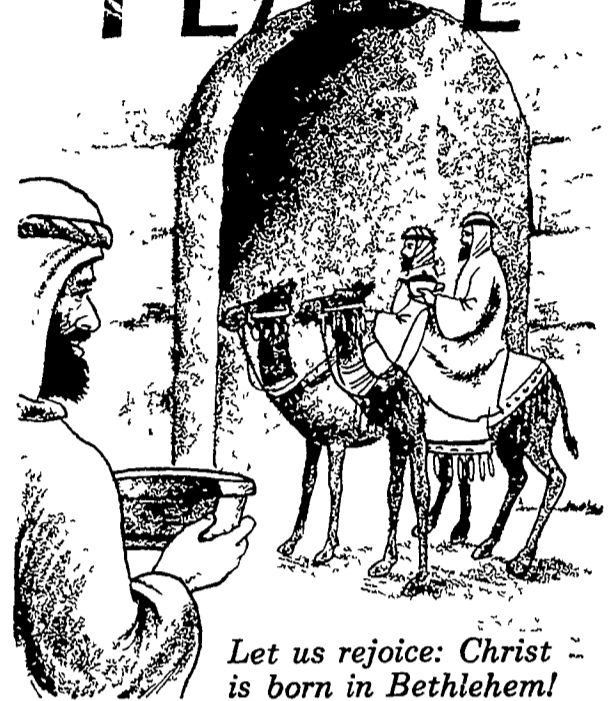
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