

Berks Dairy Pageant coming June 21st

READING — On June 21 at the Berkshire Sheraton, five young women will be competing for the title of Berks County's Dairy Princess.

Cindy Howard, Michele Ruppert, Karen Sattazahn, Janice Savidge, and Debra Troutman will climax their week at the Berkshire Mall's Ag Expo by taking part in the pageant, starting at 7 p.m.

Each of the contestants will be asked to give a brief comment of the dairy industry. The interview is designed to test their knowledge of dairying. The young women also will be presenting a promotional skit.

Earlier in the week, the contestants will be busy handing out free dairy product samples and recipes, plus putting on cooking demonstrations and making ice cream and butter

at the Mall. They'll be modeling some of the latest clothes in a fashion show sponsored by a local department store.

Cindy Howard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Howard, R2 Oley, is a dairy princess contestant. The nineteen year old graduate of Oley Valley High School is presently employed on her family farm. The Howards milk 127 Holsteins.

Michele Ruppert is the only contestant this year who doesn't live on a dairy farm, but she is employed by Daniel Leatherman and works on the 70 Holstein cow dairy operation. Michele owns several Holsteins on her own. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ruppert, Shoemakersville.

Karen Sattazahn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sattazahn, R1 Womelsdorf, is a 20 year old graduate of Conrad Weiser

High School. Karen is studying Elementary Education and Library Science at Kutztown State College. She is a member of the county's Junior Holstein Association, along with the National, State, Pomona, and Marion Grange.

Janice Savidge is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Savidge, R2 Mertz-town. Along with her fulltime job at Caloric Corporation, she is also employed on her family's 50-

milking Holstein dairy farm. Twenty year old Janice is a graduate of Brandywine Heights High School.

Debra Troutman, a recent graduate of Conrad Weiser High School, is presently employed on her parents', Mr. and Mrs. George Troutman, R1 Myerstown, dairy farm. They are milking 67 head of Holsteins.

The winner of the county pageant will go on to compete for the state title and a cash award of \$300.

Lancaster 4-H strawberry roundup Wednesday

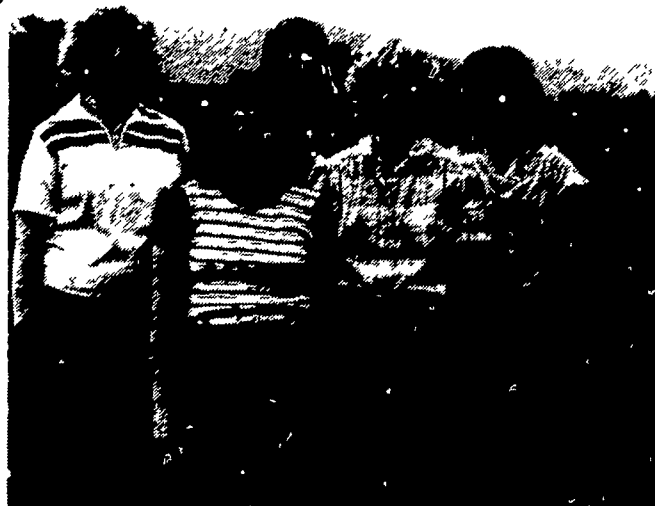
LANCASTER — The 4-H Strawberry Roundup sponsored by the Lancaster Rotary Club is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11 in the Auditorium of the Farm and Home Center here.

All club members are to bring their strawberries to

the Farm and Home Center on Wed. by 10 a.m. At 12 noon members will be the guests of the Rotary Club for lunch.

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U.S. cotton exports for 1979/80 are forecast in the eight-million bale range, the highest in 47 years.



Contestants in the Berks County dairy princess contest include, from left, Karen Sattazahn, Janice Savidge, Debra Troutman, Michele Ruppert, and Cindy Howard.

Londonderry officials hear case on sludge

HARRISBURG — The stunk that was predicted to rise at Tuesday evening's Londonderry Twp. (Dauphin Co.) meeting failed to materialize.

Complaints that kept the telephones ringing in the Department of Environmental Resources offices vaporized and seemed to vanish into thin air.

The township trouble seemed to be stemming from the farm of Art Lutz. The odor that residents of the Newberry Road and Vine Street-Route 283 area were crying out against prior to the meeting, was the result of solid treated waste, coming from the Middletown Sewage Treatment Plant and being spread on Lutz' fields.

Francis Fair, DER's representative at the township meeting, told the supervisors that Lutz had secured the necessary permits and the site had been approved for the spreading of sludge.

When the township officials said they were not notified of the permit, the DER official apologized and told them a letter is normally sent to each township as a courtesy whenever a permit is issued. But, he added, it is actually an agreement between the treatment plant, DER, and the farmer.

The supervisors heard how incorporating the sludge into the crop fields was a benefit for both the farmer and the

treatment plant, and did not pose a health hazard.

The supervisors asked about the possibilities of getting advance notice before the sludge is spread, and were informed by the treatment plant operator that this would not be possible, citing day-to-day variations in sludge and weather conditions.

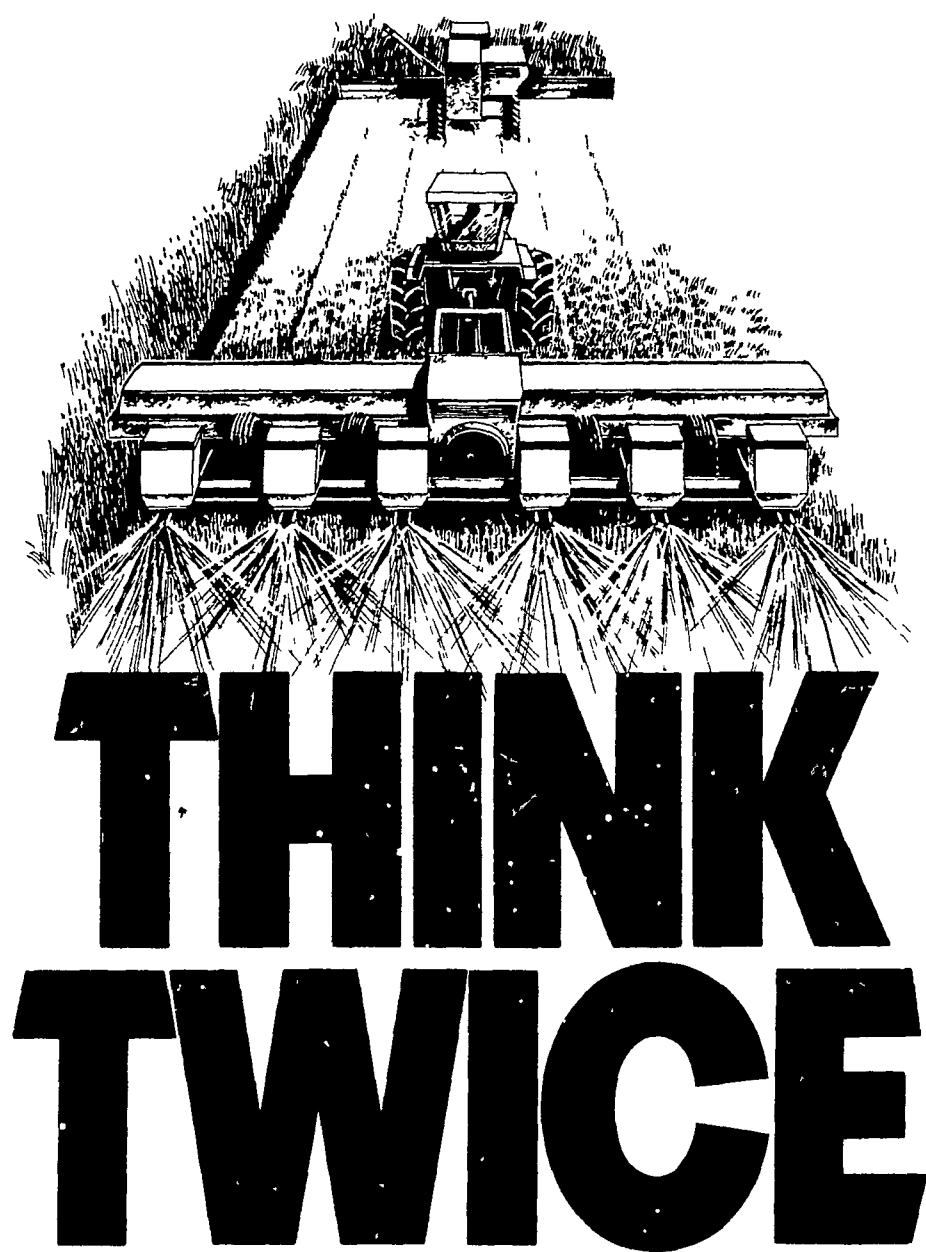
According to a township spokesperson, the township supervisors came away from the Tuesday evening meeting with the assumption that the problem had been corrected because the people making the complaints weren't at the meeting.

There wasn't too much they could do but discuss the situation, the spokesperson added.

"Since we're a rural community, we must consider the needs of our farming community. We recognize the problems the farmers have and that there are farm operations where there is an odor.

"The DER official told the supervisors a lot of the problem this Spring concerning the sludge was that it apparently had been stockpiled. He told the supervisors DER would try to keep the township advised on the sludge application, and that any stockpiles would be in remote areas, away from high population sections.

No further action on the case was planned, concluded the spokesperson.



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