

# Lancaster Farming goes caving

**BY SHEILA MILLER**  
**VIRGINVILLE** — The weather is hot and sticky, the kids are complaining because they can't go

swimming to cool off, it looks like there's a thunderstorm brewing, and you're ready for a break. Why don't you load the

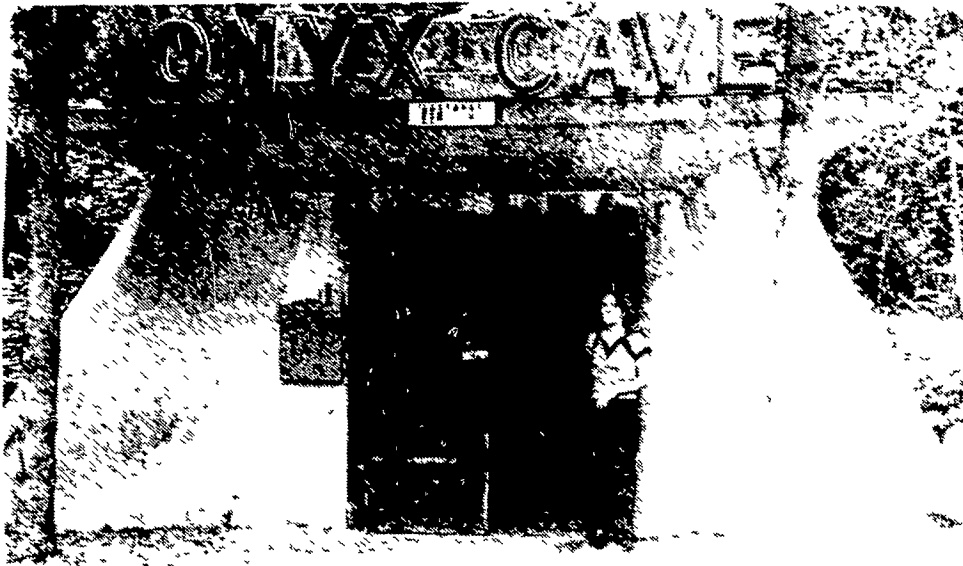
kids up in the car and head for a cave. Within an hour's drive from the Lancaster area are several of the state's best caves and

caverns. Like Ann Rizzo, one of the owners of Onyx Cave, said, "A cave is a great place to bring the kids when it's hot because the cave's temperature generally stays right at the 50 degree Fahrenheit mark. And, if it's raining, you don't have to

worry because you'll be inside the cave." Owning and operating Onyx Cave is a relatively new venture for Ann and her husband, Louis. She told Lancaster Farming they bought the property from Gordon Frazer three years ago.

Ann recalled that getting started was a bit tough because she and her husband had never had any experience owning a cave. This was strictly a business venture, she said.

The Rizzos moved up to (Turn to Page D13)



Theresa Rizzo opens the door to adventure, as she guides a tour through the family-run Onyx Cave.



A sign on the inn built by Crystal Cave's first owner, Samuel D.F. Kohler, welcomes the novice and experienced caver to view the delicate formations created deep within the Berks County hillside.

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