Berks Ag Expo opens



Cutting the ribbon in the opening ceremonies of the Berks Agricultural Expo is Debbie Sunday, Berks Dairy Princess, assisted by, from left, Donald Duncan, Expo chairman; Mayor Karen Miller; Jack Kooker, president of Berks Farmers' Association; and Ferrel Treichler, Berks Pomona Grange Master.



Silvio Gaetani, a Berks Co. mushroom grower, shows Mayor Miller and Jack Kooker some of his prized products.

12 infected herds

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cases have been found through the back-tracing of animals which have been sold."

The Bureau of Animal Industry presently is continuing its review and consideration of various options involving pseudorabies programs which are conducted in other states, Dr. Cable added.

Among these options under consideration is the taking of blood samples when sows and boars are slaughtered

"This appears to be one of the most viable options under consideration," Dr Cable said.

"A program of this type

appears to be working quite well in places like Virginia and Maryland "

The PDA has also been encouraging swine producers to participate in testing programs to have their herds declared pseudorabies negative.

But in the cases where positive tests result, there are no provisions for indemnity to cover depopulation

Vaccination, which is utilized in some parts of the Midwest is considered to be one of the least desirable options A hog which is vaccinated can still pick up the pseudorables virus and become a carrier of the disease

whether the animal is a vaccinated hog or one that is



In the use of some vaccines, hogs develop the a true carrier.-DA

disease symptoms. Then, it is impossible to determine



Dear Editor:

The Anti-nuclear peoplenot the radicals, the fanatics, the headline grabbers-but just ordinary people like you and I have tried all the "formalities", and "legalities", the 'nıceness' the "politeness" the "rationalities", and it has resulted in one big fat "zero" for all of us!

Our elected officials, beginning with Governor Thornburgh right down the line to our local officials have "sold us out!" They in NO WAY have represented our best interests. The general public was and is most definitely against venting krypton into the atmosphere but all the pleas to each respective local government, except for a few municipalities, and the requests to the State Officials were completely ignored (excluding Rep. Ertel). And-fellow citizensbecause of this precedent, all of your future pleas; including the reopening of TMI - Unit I and/or Unit II will also be ignored!

The Nuclear Industry (utilities, NRC, Big Business, local, State and Federal Government, etc.) is on a "lunatic fringe" and if each and every concerned citizen does not get all the way out on the other end of the "lunatic fringe" (which is the only language they understand), we are doomed to the choices the Nuclear Industry is making for our lives and the lives of our children. We have no political clout and no money, but we have one thing they do not have-numbers! If every single concerned person joins forces and demands to be counted-we will be counted. Don't think that the organizations, the man down the street or your next-door neighbor can do it for you-we need all of you in

force together! This battle is like a teeter-

totter — if somebody is down want to bring the other end of the teeter-totter down, you don't get in the middle of the fulcrum. You have to get out there at the other end.

Joan Fisher **Etters**

Dear Editor:

We have been a subscriber to your newspaper for a few years and were quite impressed with the size newspaper you put out.

It is so refreshing to know there is a publication dedicated solely to the agricultural field. Situated between two giant metropolises, Philadelphia in the east and Pittsburgh in the west, is a vast area of agriculture as diversified in agricultural enterprises as any state in the union. I think the agricultural community should have no boundaries and that is what has prompted us to write this letter

We live in Lower Northumberland County bordering Schuylkill, Dauphin, Perry and Snyder counties. Many in this area are sub-

scribers to your publication. Whenever districting is mention we are termed North Central, here in our county, Dauphin is South Central, and Schuylkıll ıs East. Yet we all do business with the same business people, we share meetings for the same knowledge but somehow Northumberland County gets no recognition for their achievements in the ag. field.

We kind of overlooked this here on this end and you peeve when our oldest son was named FFA State Star Farmer and received a limited confused acknowledgement.

But when our second son came in third in the FFA State Livestock judging contest and his name was omitted along with first place winner, that was a bit much. We feel this is discrimination and really not being fair to the public and informing them of all the winners, not just a select

We realize it is quite a list and does take up some space, but we feel this is what makes your paper stand out above the rest.

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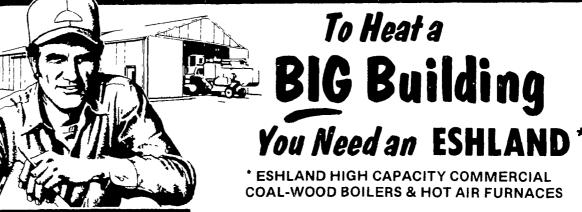
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