

# Mushrooms

(Continued from Page A1) knowledge of the growing conditions overseas. The local growers said they are providing a wholesome product which the consumer can trust while no one really knows the growing con-

ditions of foreign mushrooms. In this latest meeting sponsored by the Union in Chester County, the subject of tariffs to bridge the gap between foreign and domestic mushrooms was discussed.

Hopkins suggested an import quota of thirty percent of the total U.S. value for the next five years. He said that Canada has increased its tariff from twelve and a half percent to twenty percent. He added that the European restrictions have made the United States "a dumping area for foreign mushrooms."

Other matters discussed included the bonding of those who buy from the growers much the way the milk security fund bonds the dairy industry. And Lyle Forer from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture said that while there is a seed act which spells out specific requirements for selling

certified seeds according to viability, trueness to type and germination, mushroom spawn is not included in the act.

Leonard Zemaitis, Pennsylvania Farmers Union administrative director, said the next session of Congress may be the time to start work on getting a bill through. He said that there is insufficient constituency at present to get a bill passed.

Fred King from the Farm and Home Administration outlined for the group the three types of loans available in the State. They included: loans for real estate, loans for operating expenses and economic emergency loans

Ed Osborne, field representative for Farmers Union emphasized the organization's willingness to help the mushroom growers. And Joe Pitts, representative from the 158th district, reported that many outside of the industry itself support their efforts to solve their problems.

Chester County Farmers Union president John Kumble told the group that the Union was "here tonight to help the mushroom growers. We have helped many farmers in the past and we are here when the mushroom growers need help too. We forget partisan politics in this organization"

## S.E. Regional Dairy Bowl results listed

NORRISTOWN — Montgomery County Team #1 defeated Chester County for top honors at the P.A.S.E. Regional 4-H Dairy Bowl Contest held at the Berks County Agricultural Center recently.

Montgomery County had previously been defeated by Chester in the double elimination tournament, but came on in the finals to take two straight matches from the Chester team for the victory.

Teams from Berks, Chester, Montgomery,

Northampton, and Cumberland counties participated.

The results from the tournament sponsored by the Berks County 4-H are:

1. Montgomery team #1 - Martha Gehringer, Bally; Jean Gehringer, Bally; Mary Alice Rhoades, Oblisk
2. Chester - Steve March, Glenmore, Lois Mark, Westgrove, Howard Mark, Westgrove; Alice Mark, Westgrove
3. Cumberland - Sharon Cornman, Carlisle; Sam Glesner, Newville; Wendy Mains, Newville; Doug McCullough, Newville.

### Gold Estimate

The amount of gold still within man's reach, it's estimated, totals 41,000 tons. South Africa mines about 51 percent of the gold produced, the Soviet Union about 30 percent, Canada about 3.75 percent, and the United States about 2.25 percent.

4. Berks #1 - Bill Zollers, Mertztown; William Leshner, Bernville; Connie Ohlinger, Mountville; Gary Kurtz, Fleetwood.
5. Berks #2 - Patti Dreisbach, Hamburg; Carol Dreisbach, Hamburg; Harold Dietrich, Hamburg; Cathy Ohlinger, Mohrsville

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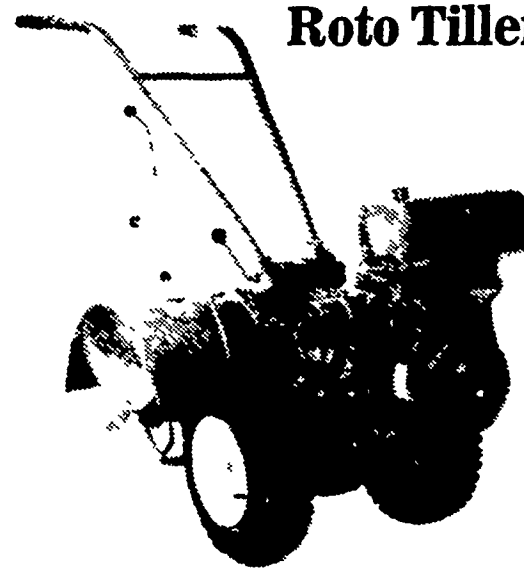
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