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Will ag be forgotten?

Octorara study for scenic system begins

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN
WHITE ROCK — The Octorara Creek and its tributaries, which drain some of the most prime farmland in Lancaster and Chester counties, is being studied by the state Department of Environmental Resources to determine eligibility in the commonwealth's system of Wild and Scenic Rivers.

The study, which will continue for the next six months, includes the Octorara north from the Maryland border, its East and West Branches, Stewarts Run and other smaller tributaries and headwaters.

"The study is just now

getting started," George Fogg, Chief of the DER's Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, said.

"In these early stages, we'll be working with the planning commissions from both Lancaster and Chester counties to gather base maps and other general background information about the stream."

Property owners along the stream and its tributaries will first be directly affected when DER personnel begin an on-the-spot field study of the waters and adjoining land. This field phase will begin as soon as the preliminary fact-finding is completed.

Actual studying of the

stream is expected to continue for the next six months. After that, another six months will be needed for the holding of various advisory committee and public meetings as part of the DER's deliberations on whether the stream will be

included in the Wild and Scenic River system and what designation the stream will receive.

One farm group that will be closely watching the study, as it has monitored previous efforts concerning other streams in the state, is

the Pennsylvania Grange.

The Grange is leading an effort to have legislation changed to eliminate the condemnation eminent domain provisions of the bill as it now stands.

The Wild and Scenic Rivers Program as

authorized by the Legislature in 1972 contains these condemnation provisions which affect so-called scenic easements. These easements can encompass the vegetative

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ITC votes relief for mushrooms

BY CURT HARLER
KENNETT SQUARE — The International Trade Commission Wednesday voted to recommend quantitative restrictions be imposed on imports of canned and other preserved mushrooms.

The restriction, recom-

mended for a three year period, was approved by a three to two vote.

Last Wednesday the ITC board had voted four to zero that the mushroom industry needed some form of relief.

But local farm groups already are criticizing the specifics of this week's ITC vote, calling it temporary relief, not a remedy.

The ITC recommended President Jimmy Carter restrict imports to 86 million pounds during the first year of the proposed three year period.

In the second year imports could climb to 94 million pounds; the third year, 103 million pounds, which is more than what they are today.

A coalition of the Penn-

sylvia Farmers' Union, State Grange, Food Processors and American Mushroom Institute had asked foreign imports be limited to about 50 million pounds per year.

The ITC recommended the President allocate its mushroom quota on a per country basis as he deems appropriate. This would allow separate quotas for different nations.

The U.S. mushroom industry has requested some relief repeatedly in the past decade, citing damage from imports from the Far East.

Several times ITC has indicated the mushroom industry deserved relief but presidents of both parties have chosen to enact neither

an import tonnage limit nor a tariff on imports.

Pennsylvania Farmers Union was among the first of the state's farmer groups to lobby actively in Washington, D.C. for relief for the mushroom industry.

Leonard Zemaitis, state director for PFU, said

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We welcome

4 new DHIA's

LITITZ — Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union DHIA listings make their debut in Lancaster Farming this week on page D-10.

The four county listing will appear monthly under one heading, Upper Susquehanna DHIA.

The counties in the Upper Susquehanna area, unlike other counties, have area extension agents who work all four counties. Each agent covers a particular field, for instance, dairy or crops. Thus the grouping of the DHIA records.

We're pleased to add the fine Upper Susquehanna dairymen to our pages boosting our position as the state's top farm paper.

Heidi Miller crowned County Poultry Queen

BY PAT KAUFFMAN
LANCASTER — "There are many surprises in life, and this is one of them." With these words, Heidi Miller, 18 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Miller, R1 Columbia, accepted the crown as 1980 Lancaster County Poultry Queen at a pageant held at the Farm and Home Center here Friday.

Debbie Herr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Herr, Quarryville, was named as the 1980 Alternate Poultry Queen.

Heidi's family has a layer operation with 120,000 birds. A recent graduate of

Manheim Township High School, Heidi has an office job at the Farm Credit Office in Lancaster.

Her mother, Alicia, said that Heidi had worked for a poultry service on chicken catching crews while in school, and that she is as much or more involved in the operation than the rest of the family.

"She just sort of fell naturally into it," her mother said. "Heidi's a girl deeply interested in agribusiness."

The Millers operate a 170 acre farm but have had the poultry operation for only a year and a half.

Heidi's presentation to the judges gave statistics showing the growth of the poultry industry over the last 50 years. She tied her ideas up in a catchy line, "That's something to crow about — growing to meet the needs of a hungry world."

Her judges' question dealt with teenager/adult conflicts. She was asked what she would do if she were with a group of teenagers and older people blasted the young people. Heidi calmly replied that she realized older people criticized the young, but she hoped the

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23rd Lebanon Area Fair packs fun, competition into 7 days



Irene Brown, Newmanstown, was the champion showman and fitter in the FFA sheep division.

LEBANON — Close to 2500 spectators and exhibitors were on hand Sunday for the opening of the Lebanon Area Fair.

According to John Balmer, director, over 1600 people feasted on the ham barbecue that kicked off the week-long event.

Visitors toured through the manicured grounds, viewing the latest in farming equipment. Over 60 commercial exhibitors were on hand to provide the interested visitors with the latest information on products, ranging from wood stoves to the latest in liquid embroidery.

In the Sunday afternoon competition, local breeders of rabbits and cavies competed for championship honors. Todd Propst's Flemish Giant Sandy buck was selected as the Best

Fancy rabbit. Edwin Ditzler's Champagne was judged the Best Commercial rabbit.

In Monday's poultry competition, the grand champion Large Fowl was a Buff Brahma hen exhibited by Behney and Miller, R1 Myerstown. They also showed the reserve champion, a Plymouth Rock Partridge hen.

The grand champion Bantam was exhibited by Joseph Scharner, R3 Myerstown. The only cock to win a championship title in this year's competition, Scharner's entry was a White Cochun rooster. A Silver Sebrights hen, shown by Charles Peters of Jonestown, took the reserve honors.

The grand champion goat was exhibited by Tammy

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The first champion tobacco spitter at the Lebanon Area Fair is Henry Smith, Lebanon. The Silver Cup chewer said he's been chewing since he was 18 years old. His spit in accuracy and distance beat the other contestants Butch Ebersole and Henry Emrich.