

# Be alert for maintenance frauds

## Home repair schemes abound

LANCASTER — Each year consumers lose many hard-earned dollars to home repair frauds and schemes. Warm weather brings out the fly-by-night operators, says Delaware extension family living agent Mary Alice Morris.

Be wary if a traveling handyman claims he happens to be in the neighborhood and offers to give you a free estimate. He may come down off your roof with a handful of shingles and claim that your roof needs to be repaired.

If you do need roof repairs, contact a local roofer who has been recommended by someone you trust.

Also, don't be talked into repairs by a high-pressure salesman who promises to stop roof leaks by applying a roof coating.

Be careful of someone who says he's working in the area and has just enough materials to resurface your driveway. He may even offer you a bargain price. His materials and work may be slipshod or ineffective and may wash away with the first rain or stay sticky for weeks.

Be suspicious of anyone who stops at your home and offers an inspection or points out any repair problem. If you do need repairs,

contact an established local person who can do the job well and who will still be around if any problems arise.

## Fraudulent inspections cause concern

NEWARK, Del. — The State Department of Agriculture would like to call attention to several complaints received concerning

unsolicited and fraudulent inspections by certain areas exterminators.

It appears that the exterminators involved are carrying termites, snakes and cockroaches into the homes they inspect. Upon emerging from the basement or crawl space, they reveal the apparent "pest" to the homeowner and for a fee, promise to rid them of the problem through chemical treatment.

Senior citizens are the most frequent victims of this rip-off and should be especially wary of these unsolicited visits. If anyone has information regarding this problem, please call your state Department of Agriculture.

## Argentine visitors tour farms

HARRISBURG — Three dignitaries from the Argentina Embassy in Washington visited some farms in York and Adams county on Friday, June 5.

The three attaches were Saturnino Cenborain, agriculture attache, Major General Aldo Barbuy, and Mrs. A. Bertorelli. Escorting the Argentine visitors were Gene Wingert, regional director of Department of Agriculture, and Matt O'Donnel, marketing service chief for the Department of Agriculture.

The farms that the Argentinian visitors went to included: The Ronald Harrison hog farm in Littlestown, the Jerry Rutter Hog Farm in Dover, both of these operations are farrow to finish.

They also visited the Harrison Waybright Dairy farm in Stewartstown.

The Argentinians were primarily interested in visiting hog farms and making inquiries into possible future purchases of animals, according to O'Donnel. They were

also interested in the methane converter in operation on the Waybright farm. In addition, they were interested in looking at dairy stock along with sows and boars. The attaches were also interested in how the farms were operated, so they could put this information to use in their own country.

## Cedar Crest holds contest

LEBANON — Cedar Crest FFA members Richard Houser, Heidi Peiffer, Dave Ludwig, and Steve Wenger conducted this year's Food for America Program.

This program was presented to the Elementary Schools of the Cornwall-Lebanon School District.

The purpose of the program is to teach the students where the food they eat comes from.

As part of the program, the FFA had a coloring book contest for these elementary children and the results of the contest are as follows:

Ebenezer School - David Bixler, Blake Wolfe, Todd Swisher, Eric Raiger, Jermy Good, Billy Brown, Justin Riddle, Lori Meade,

Heather Bailey, and Denise Arnold.

South Lebanon School - Brett Murphy, Linda Boeshore, Brian Westhafer, Michael Ruhl, Jimmy Murray, Carie Weierbach, Sonya Ledger, Shelvadine Klepper, and Kathy Firestone.

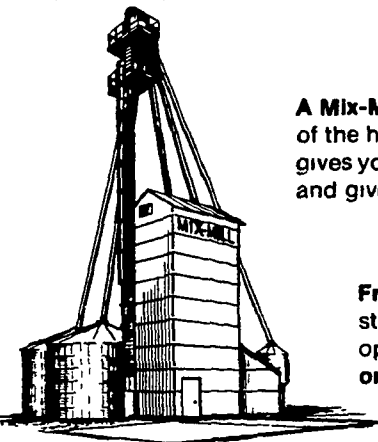
Cornwall School - Stacie Bahstetter, Peter Siebert, and Rebekah Hosteter.

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