

**OUR READERS WRITE,
AND OTHER OPINIONS**

Who speaks for farmers?

Recently I was in attendance at the meeting held at Central Dauphin High School by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in regard to the restart of Unit #1 of Three Mile Island. It was a little noisy but overall it was a good meeting, even though some of us got chased out of the back of the meeting room by members of the fire police and police.

So, it was a little hard for me to hear what was going on as I am hard of hearing. In fact I even wrote to our governor and asked him what would be done for people like myself who are hard of hearing and would not hear the sirens when they go off. I never got an answer on that at all, so I assume that we will best have to make out the same way the elderly and other handicapped people do if anything happens.

But at the meeting I was somewhat surprised that the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association's spokeswoman Kay Taylor stated the absence of nuclear use will result in higher costs in the supply of electricity and higher food cost to the consumers, and a lot more — but that was the main thing. I wonder how she gets this way and I also wonder just how many farmers PFA speaks for, and who speaks for the Amish farmers and so forth.

Does PFA read about PP&L starting their Berwick plant and right with it they want to increase their users' bills by 20 percent to help pay for the plant that they

built? Isn't that sweet? And if something goes wrong with that we will be paying again and again for the mistakes they make.

I for one enjoy my trips to Lancaster County and would hate to see it all go because the wind blew the wrong way. I would hate to see such nice places go, like Green Dragon and Roots, and the joy of seeing the big teams of horses plowing the fields in the spring and fall. But speaks for all those people? What beauty I would hate to see lost for the greed of a few.

Some people have said that "well the government is paying to clean up TMI." But do these people know that the government is a government by and for the people and that it is our tax dollars that pay for all this?

GPU is now in the process of suing Babcock & Wilson or whatever for their mistakes, but the poor businessman who lost business due to TMI cannot get a cent back for his own loss. Isn't that all so sweet... till we have to run again?

And did you ever wonder why some employees of TMI have solar power in their homes?

**Jimmy Little Turtle
Harrisburg, Pa.**

Thanks

Just to tell you how much we enjoyed the article about Flat Stone Lick in Lancaster Farming (Nov. 6 issue)

**Ag "Pulitzer"
nomination**

Thank you so much for the fine and sensitive series of articles entitled "Farming in a Shadow" written by Dick Anglestein. If there were a Pulitzer Prize for excellent articles in the agricultural area, this series would surely be in contention.

As a resident of this area of Lancaster County threatened by the proposed hazardous waste disposal site, I know that the shadow cast not only over our homes and families, but over the agricultural vitality of the entire county, is very real. It is my hope that more members of the agricultural community in other part of the county will become concerned about this assault on their livelihood.

We can all be certain that if this facility at Narvon comes to pass, it will not be the last violation of the fertile Lancaster County soil. Rather, it will be just the beginning of businesses and industries that will want to locate here. Already we have more asphalt and concrete than we need in many locations on our prime farmland.

Again thank you to your fine newspaper and to Dick Anglestein, a talented and sensitive writer who captured so well the feelings of all of us who live in the shadow.

**A Concerned Resident
of Eastern Lancaster County**

We appreciate all your efforts and want you to know we found out how many people read your paper.
**Les and Nancy Midla
Marianna, Pa.**

NOW IS THE TIME

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no one should enter the pit without a respirator or gas mask. There may be dangerous gases present. Also, no smoking or open flames should be nearby. These pits are the modern way to store manure, but they do present a hazard to both man and animal.

To Check Standby Generators

Your standby generator may be needed at any time. Is it ready? With all the uses of electricity on the farm today, we need this type of emergency equipment. We are

in the weather season now when we can expect both snow and ice storms that can give us power outages. This means that activities on many farms will stop when the electricity fails. To have a standby generator is very good management; however, you need to run this generator at least once every two weeks to be sure it is in good running order when needed.

This kind of emergency equipment can be a life saver for both man and animal or poultry, as well as eliminate possible financial losses.

Tag cold storage deer

HARRISBURG — Hunters are reminded that deer left in cold storage or processing plants must be tagged.

The official tag provided as a part of the hunting license and the ear strip should clearly show the county where the deer was taken, as well as the date, time of harvest and other information. The tag and strip must be attached and remain attached to

the ear of the deer, rather than the carcass. A separate tag provided by the hunter or processor should be placed on the carcass.

Deer heads are collected during and following the season and are examined and aged by Game Commission personnel. The information gathered is critical in the formation of the agency's deer management program.

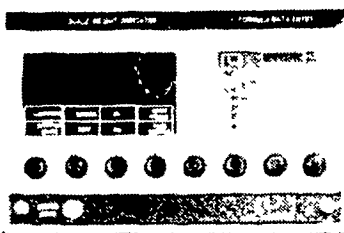
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