

OUR READERS WRITE

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work in saving and helping animals.

Anyone having animals of any kind should keep this phone number handy White Rose Animal Shelter 845-4221. If for any reason you should need a tranquilizer gun to aid an animal, don't hesitate to call Mr. Aaron T. Smith 848-7685

Evacuation plan raises questions

On Tuesday night, March 20, I attended the meeting at Owen J. Roberts School about radiation and the Limerick Evacuation plan for farmers. During the presentation I became quite exasperated and raised a lot of questions.

The things I had heard there kept bothering me, so I talked to friends about it and tired to figure out, while doing my daily work and chores, what this whole evacuation business really meant. I tried to figure out how I could shelter the cows, the beef and the pigs, how to minimize the ventilation, how to protect the stored feed, how in the case of an accident I would drive off with my family amidst

He is dedicated to helping animals and came to my aid immediately (after I found out who to contact).

Thanks again White Rose Animal Shelter. I wish you success in your search for a bigger building.

Richard Dennis Family
R2 Spring Grove

thousands of other people to one of these mass care centers, leave my family there, go to the County Agricultural Agent to get my certification and the anti-radiation drug (KI), put on double clothing, wear respiratory protection, go back to my farm, do my chores, return to my family being in a pretty unstable setting, come back to my farm twelve hours later and do this for nobody knows how long.

I would milk and then have to dump the milk (I couldn't store my milk for 60 days and the guy from the milk truck would surely not be around anymore!), would watch my animals get sick (and the vet wouldn't be around either!), would

see the crops get spoiled (I wouldn't have time to look after them) and later even the topsou might have to be removed. There wouldn't be much left, would there?

At this point I simply had to stop, it just grew above my head and then I started to ask the real question: What for? What is all this evacuation planning for? What is it for that they put a nuclear power plant amidst our land and we have to worry for the rest of our lives about an accident and its consequences of sheltering, evacuation, decontamination, possibly even losing our land and animals, not to speak of our health. What do these guys from PE think they can dump on us farmers? They'll have to give us a lot of good reasons why them put up a nuclear power plant and have us live with the consequences.

For me, that's really immoral to draw up this weird scenario of an evacuation in all its details, count on an accident as a real possibility (otherwise they wouldn't plan for it) and then still to go ahead with the building of a nuclear power plant.

Do we really have to swallow this? I think we have enough with droughts and floods, and I can deal with them because as a farmer I have chosen to live with things like this. But to deal with the sort of

stuff that was presented on Tuesday night, I didn't choose. Even if the responsible people in PE might not care about us farmers, I think, we still should open our mouth and tell our County Agricultural Agent or our local township people, that we don't

NEDCO session

STOUCHSBURG — An update of the dairy situation will be the major topic of discussion by directors of Northeast Dairy Cooperative Federation, Inc., (NEDCO), and its member cooperatives, including Cleona. The meeting will be held at Risser's Restaurant, Route 422, Stouchsburg, Wednesday at 8 p.m. The session will be open to all dairy farmers in the area.

Speaker at the meeting will be William Douglass, NEDCO Director of Education. Chairman of the meeting will be Leon Musser, Lewisburg, NEDCO Director.

This meeting is one of a series of about 19 that are scheduled for New York and Pennsylvania under the sponsorship of NEDCO to provide an opportunity for all milk producers to become better informed about the changing dairy industry.

want to have a nuclear power plant around!

Michael Wildfeur
Kimberton, Pa.

Now is the Time

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the manufacturer's directions. Take time to be safe and not sorry.

To Control Wild Garlic

Dairy farmers who pasture their milking herd have the most to lose if they do not eliminate wild garlic from their pasture fields. This fast growing wild onion is already growing in pastures and other grass areas. The young plants are much easier to kill with herbicides than mature plants. We suggest that the plants be sprayed very soon with 2, 4-D. This has proven effective in keeping the young plants from maturing; by spraying early in the spring the legumes in the pasture area will not be injured. Since the wild garlic plant is very well rooted, it may take several sprays over a period of two or more years to eliminate the weed from the area. Don't wait until the plants are mature to make this spray application.

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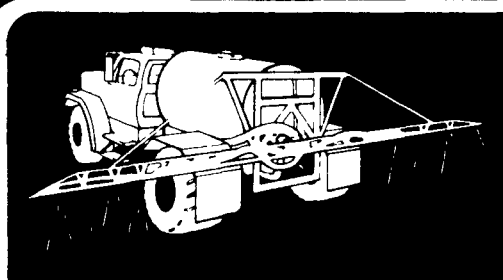
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