

Wild animal attacks

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truder runs away fast enough and far enough, the moose will stop.

The Park Service and other U.S. public lands agencies now publish

booklets that tell how to avoid dangerous encounters with wildlife.

The advice includes checking for scorpions in your boots in the desert in the morning, wearing the proper footwear in rattlesnake

country, knowing how to recognize rabid raccoons, and learning the subtle signs on the back of an animal's neck that in effect say: You're too close.

"It's not aggression that sparks a charging bison, bear, or moose," says Joep. "It's fear. A frightened animal has only two options: fight or flight. Bears seldom choose to fight, but when they do, you're in trouble."

The best solution, rangers say, is to avoid the encounter in the first place. Read the literature and follow the recommendations, they advise. A stranger about to enter a wilderness receives all kinds of

advice. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't, and sometimes it's just the opposite of what one ought to be doing.

Hard to Predict

What even a local expert cannot predict is how an individual bear might react differently from other bears in the same region. Rangers agree that people who cannot avoid grizzly bears and other dangerous animals should at least avoid surprising them.

Wildlife biologists admit that a vacationer may feel like the endangered species when faced with a charging bear, but they point out that for every grizzly bear in North America there are roughly 20,000

humans. Which species, man or bear, is truly endangered, they ask.

Some scientists predict that by the year 2000 the grizzly bear will no longer exist in the Yellowstone Basin. Only 200 to 300 remain today, of which 30 or fewer are breeding females. And from those dwindling numbers several are killed each year.

The bear on the Yellowstone ridge is still charging, only 40 feet away now, chuffing hard. Does the hiker remember what the book advised, and what the ranger said? It could determine whether he leaves the scene with, as they say, all the parts intact.

Lycoming County begins search

for dairy princess candidates

MONTGOMERY — All single young women who are between the ages of 16 and 24 and from a dairy farm background are eligible to compete for the title of 1986 Lycoming County Dairy Princess, announces J. David Jarrett, chairman of the Lycoming County Dairy Princess Committee. The contest covers Lycoming County.

The winner of the dairy princess pageant, to be held June 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lycoming Mall, Muncy, will be eligible to vie, at the state level, for the title of Pennsylvania Dairy Princess.

Twenty-nine state princesses and hundreds of county princesses have served as spokespersons for the dairy industry in Pennsylvania over the last thirty years. They appear in shopping malls, fairs, supermarkets and on radio and television to educate consumers about the dairy farmer's products.

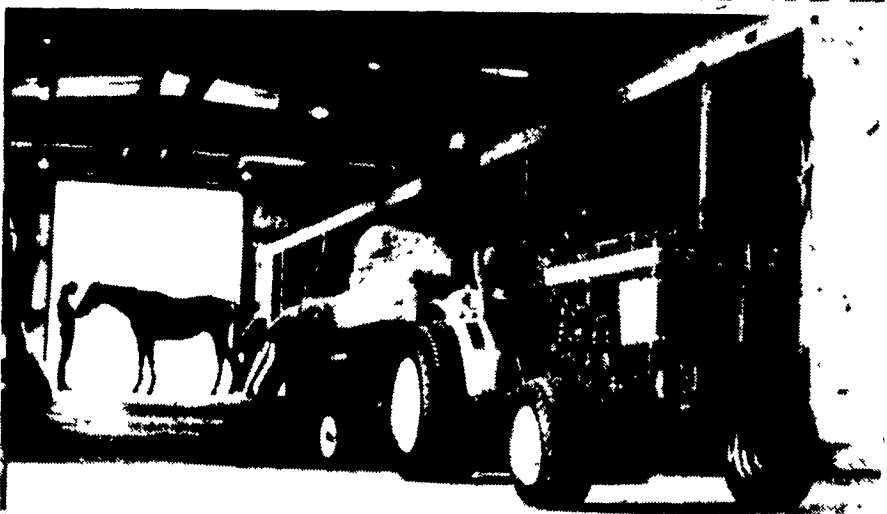
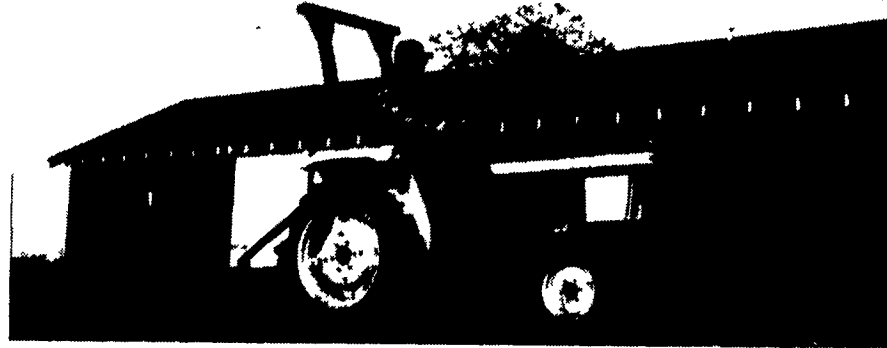
Any single woman who has completed her junior year in high school, is not over 24 years of age, never married and whose parents or guardians are engaged in dairy farming is eligible to compete for the title. A young lady is also eligible if she, herself, is a full time employee on an operating dairy farm or is the owner of at least two dairy animals in a 4-H or FFA project prior to May 1, 1986.

The winner of the Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Pageant receives a \$500 cash award. The first and second runner-up receive a \$300 and \$200 cash award respectively. The state title is honorary and there would be no interruption of school or regular employment plans. The State Pageant is coordinated through Pennsylvania Dairy Princess & Promotion Services, Inc.

Young women interested in entering the Lycoming County Dairy Princess Pageant should contact J. David Jarrett, Linden, Pa. Phone 398-0158 or Mrs. Helen Barto, Montgomery, Pa. Phone 546-6511 by June 1, 1986. You may also attend a meeting of the committee on April 7, 1986 at Granny's Pancake & Steak House, 1955 E. 3rd St., Williamsport, at 8 p.m. Parents are encouraged to accompany the contestants.

Another feature for the pageant this June will be the return of all former dairy princess from the year 1975 to the present year. Each former princess will be introduced and will give a short talk on her present activities and husbands and families will be introduced if they are present. We are looking forward to this reunion year and hope that the public will enjoy seeing our former Dairy Princesses.

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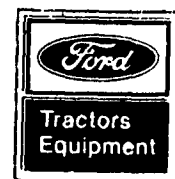
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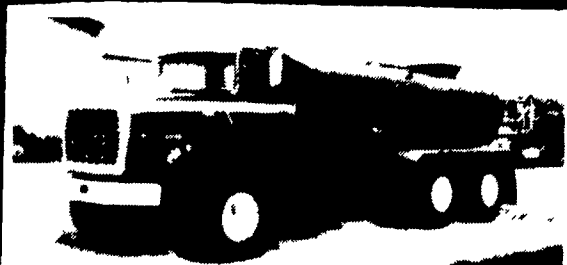
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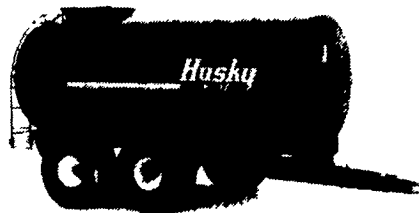
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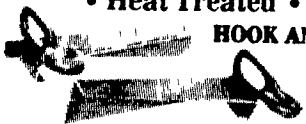
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