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Lebanon County Dairy Princess Karen Lentz and her dad, Bob, spend a few moments with the heifers they raise. After one year of dairy promotions, Karen will crown a successor at the pageant to be held at the Lebanon County Vo Tech on June 13 at 7:30 p.m. Turn to page B12 for a story about Karen by Lou Ann Good.

William P. Campbell, Pennsylvania FFA President, 1931

Editor's Note: The Pennsylvania FFA Foundation, assisted by 18 former FFA state officers, has begun an ambitious search for former state officers — their addresses, what they are doing now, and recording their remembrances as a state officer and their thoughts today about the FFA and what it meant to them to be a state officer.

This article is in part the result of those searches. It is

hoped that the *Lancaster Farming's* readers will be stimulated to aid in this search to find all the state FFA officers elected since 1931. If you know of a former state officer living in your area please either call Mary Jo Cancelmo, Foundation Executive Director (215) 648-0674 or write to the Foundation at Calder Square, P.O. Box 10493, State College, PA 16805.

Having the label "Oldest Living

State FFA President" circa 1931 is totally misleading for Bill Campbell. Facing the eighth decade of his life, Bill Campbell puts most of us to shame — both in physical and mental capacity. Expecting to interview a man in the twilight of his years, I instead found a "gentle" man who could easily pass for 50 and whose philosophy on life could teach all of us valuable lessons on how to live life to

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Four Cows Killed In Late Night By Rifle Fire

SMITHTON (Westmoreland County) — About midnight on Sunday May 17, neighbors of Mike Hepler, a 22-year-old farmer, heard what sounded like firecrackers. The neighbors heard the loud exhaust of a dark, medium-sized hatchback going up Route 31, which divides their property from Hepler's.

Four more times the vehicle drove by, stopping once for about 30 seconds on the state road, popping off more explosives on the third pass.

The explosives were shots from what police believe to be Russian AK-47 or Chinese SKS-47 military weapons. Three cows were killed outright, one has since died. Four cows are recovering from the wounds suffered in the shooting. The whole herd and their owner are recovering from the emotional trauma.

Killed were a registered Jersey, a registered Holstein, and a grade Holstein. Later, another Holstein, wounded in the incident, was put away by the veterinarian.

The perpetrators "almost acted like they wanted to get caught," said a puzzled Hepler as he tried to figure out what happened and why. "Why would anyone what to kill innocent animals?"

State Trooper John Dickson initially investigated the occurrence. He and others recovered 40-50 spent shell casings, a bullet from one of the cows and a bullet from a house just down the road from Hepler. After the Memorial Day holiday, State Trooper Dan Mamrose will continue the investigation for the vacationing Dickson. Police at Belle Vernon said when persons are caught, they could be charged with criminal mischief.

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PennAg Industries Names 1992 Scholarship Winners

EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — PennAg Industries Association has announced its 1992 scholarship award winners. The PennAg Scholarship fund was created for the benefit of the children of employees of PennAg members.

The 1992 award recipients are Amy Neilson of East Greenville, Daniel Myers of Spring Grove, and Teresa Smith of Altoona. Amy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Neilson, plans to attend Simmons College, Boston, where she will major in physical therapy or nursing. She will be graduated

in June from Calvary Baptist School, Lansdale.

Daniel, the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Myers, plans to major in environmental sciences at Kutztown University, Kutztown. He will be graduated from Susquehanna High School in June.

Teresa is the daughter of Kenneth Smith, Martinsburg, and Janice Smith, Altoona. She will be attending Computer Learning Network, Altoona, to study office systems technology.

Inventor Believes Consumer Food Concerns Can Be Met With Combination Of Mass Production And Natural Health Methods

EVERETT NEWSWANGER
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LANDISVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — Many proposals have come to the forefront in recent weeks because of the overwhelming public concern about the envi-

ronment, animal welfare, and food safety. John Albright, local entrepreneur/inventor, believes farmers need to be sensitive to consumer concerns.

One proposal is to use irradiation to kill illness-causing bacteria in poultry meat. The process involves passing food through a chamber containing rods of radioactive cobalt-60 or cesium-137 that destroy bacteria with gamma rays.

To overcome the problem of drug contamination in the milk supply, another new proposal suggests that cows be bred with lower white blood cell counts in their milk so that they have greater resistance to mastitis and therefore less need for treatment. According to Dr. Gary Rogers, Penn State assistant professor of dairy and animal science, Pennsylvania dairy farmers lost more than \$150 million last year because of mastitis treatment and milk production

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Dairy Issue Next Week

Lancaster Farming's annual dairy issue will feature special stories and also messages from our advertisers. Farm interviews come from all across area. And experts write about forage and dairy herd management.

As usual, the first of our dairy contest recipes will be published and our livestock, grain, and auction reports and regular columns will be in place.

Watch for next week's special tribute to the dairy farmers and agri-businesses who help provide the consumer with all those good dairy products.



Gene Miller, Washington Boro vegetable grower, sprays a mist of a secret formula on crops. The project is part of informal research to see the effects of the formula on plant growth and the development of insect resistance.