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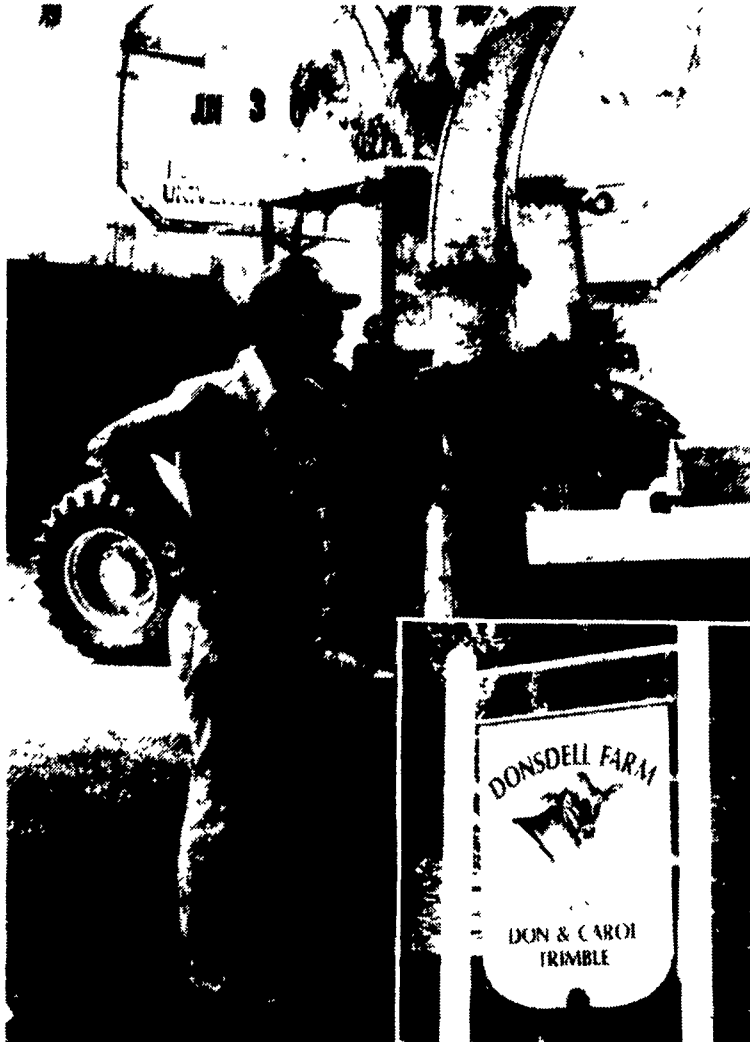
KINGSTON (Luzerne Co.) — The Northeast Dairy Farm Beautification Program is proud to announce the Pennsylvania Winners of the 1992 Dairy of Distinction Award. Fifty-five farms in Pennsylvania have been selected as new award recipients.

The Dairy of Distinction program has been operating in Pennsylvania for six years. Including this year's winners, a total of 468 Pennsylvania dairy farms have been recognized through this program.

Farms that apply are judged on the roadside appearance of buildings, grounds, and surroundings. The winning farms receive an attractive 18x24-inch sign that is placed at the roadside. Winning entries are judged annually to insure that they continue to meet the standards of excellence set by the program.

For further information on the Dairy of Distinction Program, contact the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, Inc. at (717) 283-2204.

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Donald Trimble leans against the blower of a chopper he is working on while talking to an unseen plumber.

The house at Donsdell Farm dates back to 1814.

Environmental Dairyman, Brown Swiss Fancier

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WAKEFIELD (Lancaster Co.) — When the warning siren for Peach Bottom Atomic Power Station rips through the calm summer haze in southern Lancaster County, the registered Brown Swiss and grade Holstein cows at Donald Trimble's farm don't flinch.

They're used to it.

Not that the wailing noise isn't irritating, but it's better than being irradiated, according to Trimble.

"You get used to it. What are you going to do?" the lean, but muscular dairyman said about the power plant.

Other than the periodic practice warning from the nuclear power plant, which is just out of sight behind a western ridge from the

Trimble farm, Trimble's neighborhood is quiet.

The territorial call of a male Bobwhite Quail or the distant noise of an automobile occasionally breaks the low murmur of a dairy farm.

The 145-acre dairy farm sits on the edge of a plateau which quickly drops down in winding, twisted valleys to the Susquehanna River.

Donald and Carol Trimble have lived on "Donsdell Farm" for 23 years, having moved there with literally nothing — not a cow, not a tractor — save a desire to achieve a quiet, self-reliant life with simple pleasures.

Not without hardship, the farm is paid for, Trimble said. He has 50 Brown Swiss and 30 grade Holsteins which are milked on a 3:30

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NOTICE

Due to the July 4th Holiday, deadlines for July 4 Issue of Lancaster Farming will be as follows:

Mailbox Markets, Monday, June 29, noon.

Public Sales, Monday, June 29, noon.

Classifieds, Horses & Mules, Trucks & Trailers Real Estate, Tuesday, June 30, 5 p.m.

Classifieds, Farm Equipment, Wednesday, July 1, 9 a.m.

General News, Tuesday, June 30, 5 p.m.

Late-Breaking News, Wed., July 1, noon.

Closed Fri., July 3.

Pennsylvania FFA State Officers Hold First Annual Reunion

FFA ACTIVITIES WEEK



The 1992-1993 state FFA officers elected last week are, front row, left to right, Michael Cornman, Big Spring FFA, state vice-president; Richard Martin, Chambersburg FFA, state sentinel; Steve Landis, Berlin Brothersvalley FFA, state chaplain; and Ben Ehrhart, Pequea Valley FFA, eastern region vice president. Second row, left to right, Jacy Clugston, Manheim FFA, state secretary; Shelly Ogline, Grassland FFA, state reporter; Tracey McConn, McGuffey FFA, western region vice president; Jennifer Miller, Big Spring FFA, state treasurer; Amy Byers, Greenwood FFA, south central region vice president; Mandy Hilbert, Littlestown FFA, state president; and Francine Martz, Mahantango FFA, north central vice president.

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The Pennsylvania FFA Foundation hosted the first annual state officer reunion here last week. The reunion coincided with the closing day of the Pennsylvania FFA summer convention.

More than 175 former state officers and spouses came together to renew old friendships and relive their FFA experiences as state officers. They came from as far away as Iowa and North Carolina, and represented each of the six decades the Pennsylvania FFA has been in existence.

Many of the officer alumni came in the night before to be guests of the cochairman, Dennis Grumbine, 1965 president, and

Glenn Wenger, 1981 vice president, at a reception held in their hotel suite.

The next day at the luncheon, Wenger said, "I knew the reunion had been a success by the attendance and fellowship shared at the reception the night before. It gave all of us a chance to relax and catch up on many years of 'post FFA state officer' stories."

On the morning of June 18, the former state officers were invited to start out the day as VIP guests of the FFA association at closing ceremonies for their convention. Many watched, remembering their beginning and closing days as state officers — the 1991-1992 team

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Md. Complies With Fed Pseudorabies Program

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BALTIMORE, Md. — Pat Treadwell is a small business owner. He raises feeder pigs for auction, usually taking his business to Maryland's Westminster Auction on Tuesday.

This past Tuesday was no different.

However, when he got to the auction, the receiving man told Treadwell that he had some bad news: the state was going to start requiring blood tests for pseudorabies on swine brought to market

starting July 6.

Treadwell said he couldn't believe it. He said it seemed to be a move to squeeze out the little guy.

Perhaps most aggravating was the way Treadwell, and others, found out about the program.

There was virtually no notice; no time to adjust business, analyze and plan — and no time to protest.

Just as any other agricultural commodity, the price for feeder pigs varies. And especially for those who produce small numbers of feeder pigs, it is a type of busi-

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