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State Farm Show Complex Undergoing \$1.2 Million Floor Fix

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — State Department of Agriculture (PDA) officials said that a Tuesday reading of a testing device that monitors for asbestos in the air showed high levels in the offices of the state Farm Show Complex and resulted in workers being sent home.

Wednesday, the reading of the testing instrument showed that all was safe, according to Gene Schenck, PDA press secretary.

While the incident is still being investigated, and a number of Farm Show staff have been temporarily reassigned other duties until officials are confident that the offices are indeed safe, the asbestos scare will not affect any shows or events set to be held at the complex.

The reason for the testing device being in the offices of the Farm Show staff was because of a \$1.2 million PDA project to upgrade the floor of the Main Exhibit Hall in the Farm Show Complex.

According to Schenck, air-testing devices had been placed in the offices as part of regular operating procedures involved with a current project to remove flooring tile from the 3-acre Main Exhibit

Hall.

The plan is to replace the slick, old asbestos-containing tile with a new type of non-skid flooring material.

Workers have been actively

removing the tiles since June, using practices to create an "asbestos abatement environment," Schenck said.

The improvement project to the
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Atlantic Dairy Cooperative Awards NICE Scholarships

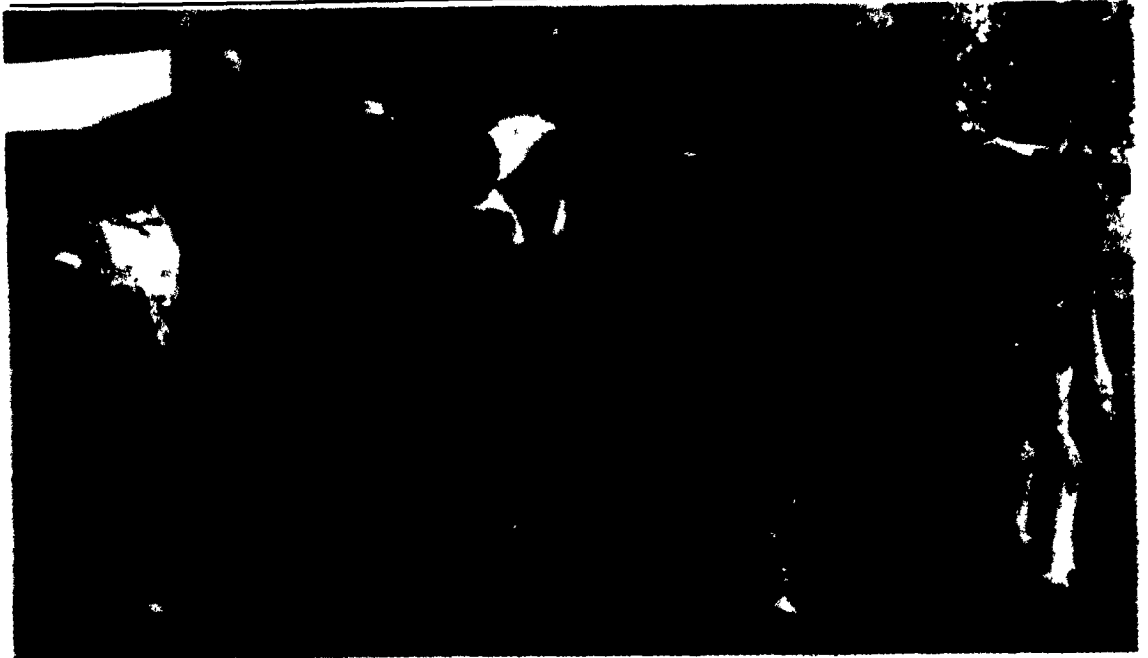
SOUTHAMPTON (Bucks Co.) — Atlantic Dairy Cooperative awarded scholarships to five students to attend the 1994 National Institute on Cooperative Education (NICE), July 18-21 in Washington, D.C.

The students, sons or daughters of Atlantic members, earned the scholarships by participating in the Pennsylvania Council of Cooperative's 1994 Summer Institute. The program, held June 26-29 at Shippensburg University, teaches high school students about cooperative business in a fun and educational setting.

Those receiving NICE scholarships include:

Anne Fulcomer, a daughter of Ken and Aileen Fulcomer of Tyrone. Anne, 18, is a 1994 graduate of Tyrone Area High School, where she was a member of the FFA, Future Business Leaders of America and chorus. She was listed on the Honor Roll for five years. Anne plans to attend the Penn State University Altoona Campus this fall to study veterinary medicine.

At the PCC Summer Institute, Anne served as project manager
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Judy and Richard Trinca and herdsman Darl Johnstonbaugh with the VG-87 Trinca's Royalty Crystal that has milked up to 142 lbs. of milk per day provide the introduction to the Dairy of Distinction supplement with this issue. The Northeast Dairy Farm Beautification Program has named 33 new winners across Pennsylvania for 1994. This brings the number of state winners to 555. Look for this supplement with farm photos, stories, and advertising messages related to this fine effort to promote milk by recognizing well-kept dairy farms. Photo by Everett Newswanger, managing editor.

Doll Family Takes York Holstein Honors

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YORK (York Co.) — Dar-Dale Count Apple nearly missed the York County Holstein Show.

But the junior three-year-old, shown as an "added entry" in the 100-head annual county show, earned her keep on the last minute trip, taking senior and grand champion for the Dale and Darla Doll family of Glen Rock.

Bred and owned by Dana Doll, the Modie Valiant Count daughter was the top choice by judge Dennis Patrick of Woodbine, Maryland. Though she showed a bit less height than the older final contenders for the grand honors, judge Patrick praised her stylishness and correctness in citing her as his winner.

The champion win also helped wrap-up the Doll family's third

consecutive win of the coveted premier breeder and exhibitor banners at the county Holstein show, held July 23 at the York Fairgrounds.

In the contending reserve senior and grand champion spot was Woodbine Astro Val-Twin, the winning four-year-old bred and owned by the Knight family, Airville. Tall, deep-bodied and stylish, she is sired by Bridon Astro

Jet.

Junior and reserve junior champion honors both went to the show string of Coredale Farms, the Rodman Thompson family, East Berlin.

Champion heifer was the fall yearling Coredale Tital Violet, an Emerald-Acres S.A. Titan daughter bred and owned by siblings Roy Thompson and Shirley Trimmer. Runner-up was the winter

yearling Gentle-Touch Chr Val Roxy, sired by Ernlo Chairman Valiant, and owned and exhibited by 4-H'er Amy Trimmer.

Nearly a dozen youngsters participated in the always-popular Kiddie Klass, featuring beginners from age 3 to 8, exhibiting young calves. The top winning pair in the crowd-pleasing contest were Kid-

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Harry Roth, recipient of NAAB's Distinguished Service Award, with Atlantic Breeders' well-know Leadman bull.

Roth Recalls AI History

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HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.)—When you want to talk to someone who knows the history of the AI industry, you turn to Harry Roth, general manager, Atlantic Breeders. Roth is the recipient of the National Association of Animal Breeders Distinguished Service Award that will be presented in late August at the 48th NAAB annual meeting.

In an interview earlier this month, Roth said many things have changed since he started working with the AI industry in 1956. At that time there were five AI organizations in PA, and Roth credits the competition as one of the reasons improvement and progress were made.

"In those days we had to prove to ourselves and to the farmers that we could achieve better pregnancy

rates than the bull could," Roth said. "That was a 15-year struggle.

"The '60's were the most critical to the industry, and we may be going through a time like it right now. The economic pressures on the dairy farmers in the '60's was tremendous. Milk prices were as serious an issue as they are now. I remember Joe Taylor, head of Penn State's dairy department, made a lot of presentations on the need to increase productivity and efficiency--so much so that many farmers began to react negatively to the message. They said, 'We are working as hard as we can now.' They didn't know how they could be more efficient. And we have the same story today with much the same reaction.

The emphasis on genetic improvement didn't happen until

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