

# Bradford Dairy Day

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the dairyman reproductive efficiency, feed intake and the money it takes to treat the problem, it is also an animal welfare issue," she explained.

"There are three main reasons for lameness in dairy cattle: genetics, including the foot angle; nutrition; and the environment, including the surface the cows are walking on or bacteria present," she explained.

Other environmental factors include overgrowth, laminitis, corns, foot rot, digital dermatitis (heel warts) and heel erosions.

Using slides, Dr. Moore showed the crowd how a hoof is con-

structed and where problems arise.

The preventive medicine she recommended included maintaining a surface which promotes stable walking conditions, and regular hoof trimmings.

The objective of trimming is to shorten the toe and lower the outer wall. It is also to clean out the center of the foot so the cow walks on the outer wall of her foot.

"Heifers on a bedded pack should be checked at about six months of age. Hooves should be trimmed at least once as a calf or heifer, and mature cows should be trimmed once a year," she concluded.

Also on the list of speakers was Bradford County Dairy Princess Jani Burke. She told the group exactly what a dairy princess does and encouraged people to come out for the 1995 pageant which is scheduled for June 2 and 3, at Athens Area High School.

Consolidated Farm Services Agent Lyle Harding also addressed the gathering briefly. He encouraged farmers to apply for the dairy refund and noted changes in the crop insurance program.

The day's events concluded with time to visit the trade show and chances to win door prizes.



These safety glasses were not completely penetrated by a nail that was driven in at the force of 98 foot-pounds/second. The point of this experiment, according to Dan West, hazard abatement program manager for the New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health, is that personal safety devices can prevent serious injuries.

## Ephrata Young Farmers Meet

EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — The Ephrata Area Young Farmers met at the Ephrata Area Senior High School, at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 14.

Lamar Witwer and Kurt Kinderwater, agronomists from Brubaker Agronomic Consulting Service, Inc. presented an educational discussion on alfalfa and corn management. They also gave answers to many questions which the farmers presented.

Many of the inquiries were in the use of chemicals which has become a major item for farmers, both economically, effective use, and being mindful of any contamination.

After a short short period for the enjoyment of refreshments, the business meeting was called to order by the new president, Leonard Martin. Invocation was led by Paul Bucher. The minutes were read by the new secretary, Luke Ray Zimmerman. The treasurer's report was given by the new treasurer, Robert Fox. Committee reports were presented.

Fred Weaver, new vice president, will be contacting individuals for the various committees.

Michael Brubaker, adviser, gave pertinent information on the water testing situation. It appears to be a rather complex program. The federal government made the law, but the very costly testing program must be borne locally and certainly will cause some raise in rates by those who must do the tests.

A discussion on merchandising the balance of the supply of Winross trucks was held.

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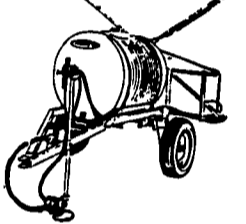
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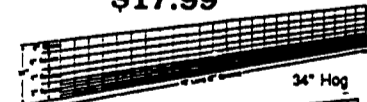
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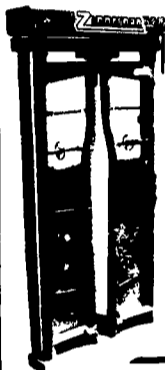
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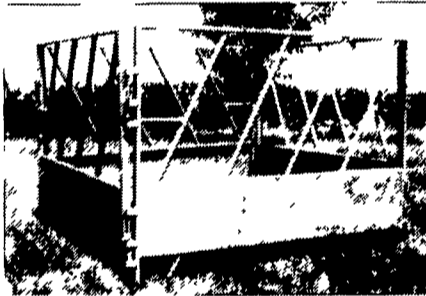
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