

Relive The Experience

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light of a hand-held cigarette lighter to see by when he cut a tree. "They have that much confidence in the (quality of) the tree," he said.

The Potts have received many favorable comments about the operation, including that the barn is not being reconstructed or repainted, although some restoration is necessary.

"We're putting it back the way it was, so to speak," said Doug. Overall, the Potts have heard a "lot of comments about the fact that (people) can come out here and don't feel like they're a number and are whisked through the farm, in and out and begone," said Doug. "We encourage people to stay as long as they want."

The Potts advertise in local papers. The farm is also host to several preschool and kindergarten organizations to provide a classroom learning experience. Doug said they can take children through and

show them how to shape a tree, show them natural trees, and "we'll even show them where the groundhogs live," he said.

Doug said that belonging to the Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers Association has proved valuable as an information source for the growers.

Lynn said she believes she is successful if she can convince those who have use artificial trees to change their mind.

"I've talked to a lot of people that had artificial trees," she said. "They're tired of them. They tell me that (the artificial trees) start looking shabby after a couple of years. And I feel so overjoyed that they're coming here to get a tree. That's great. Artificial trees don't compare to real trees."

The farm, located on Valley Road, is open Wednesday through Sunday. Hours on the farm range from Wednesday to Friday, noon till night, and Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Cattlemen's Association Sets Winter Lecture

KENNETT SQUARE (Chester Co.) — The Southeast Regional Cattlemen's Association will sponsor its annual winter lecture on Thursday evening, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. at New Bolton Center campus of the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Dr. Robert Poppenga, a veterinarian and toxicologist, director of the toxicology laboratory at New Bolton Center and assistant professor of veterinary clinical toxicology in the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine.

Poppenga's title for the lecture, "Poisons: Are There Any Lurking in Your Cow's Backyard?" should provide interesting and practical information for all livestock owners and producers.

In addition to the lecture, Poppenga will explain the organization and workings of the Pennsylvania Animal Diagnostic Laboratory System (PADLS) and how to make use of this valuable state-supported resource as a producer.

The program is free to all interested producers (no reservations necessary) and will be in the Woerner Amphitheater at New Bolton Center, 382 West Street

Road, Kennett Square. In case of weather problems, call New Bolton Center, (610) 444-5800 to check for cancellation.

For more information on other upcoming programs or joining the Southeast Regional Cattlemen's Association, contact Secretary Bobbi McMullen, 2384 Robert Fulton Hwy., Peach Bottom, PA 17563, (717) 548-3282.

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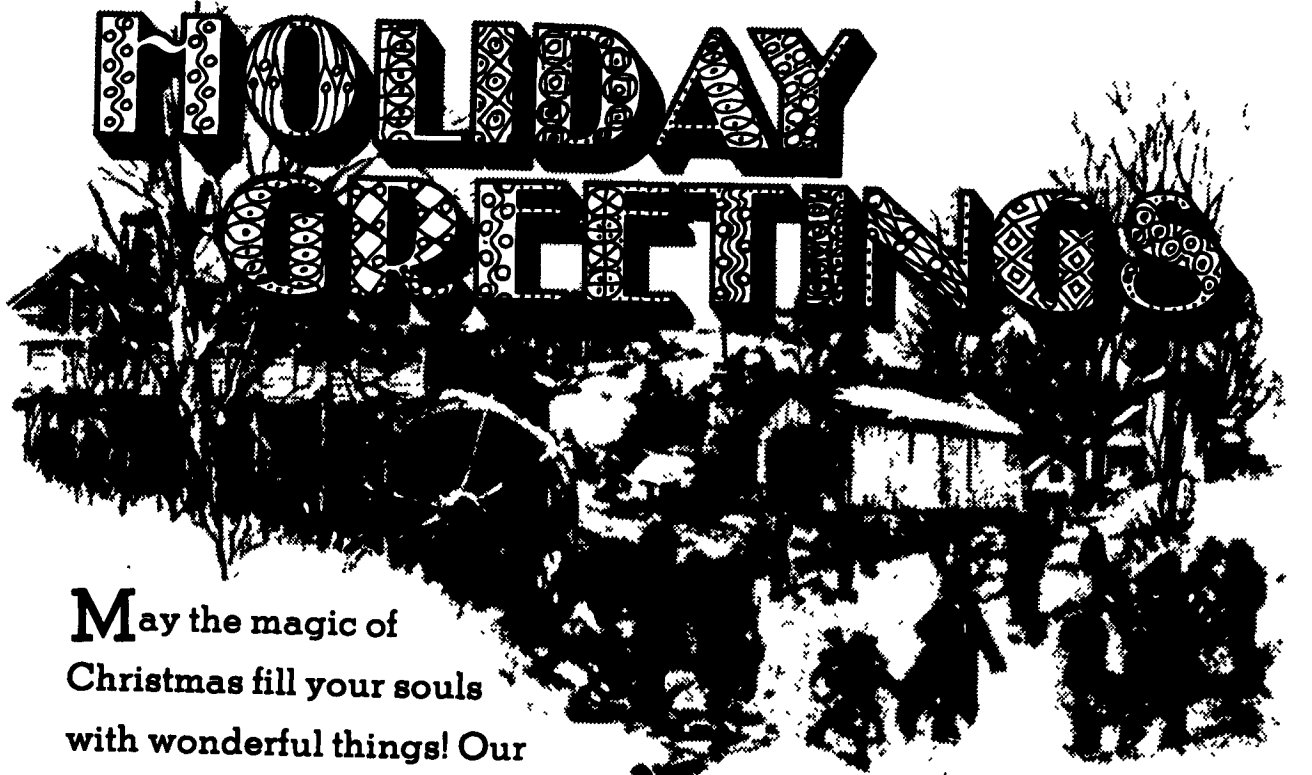


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