

# Turnpike View

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some cash flow," Paul said. "But I think it's a fad that will fade out. It has a quick response with long-term effects. Cows aren't lasting as long and there's a demand for more heifers."

The Hornings ship milk to the Mount Joy Cooperative.

Paul's dad continues to help on the farm, but Shirley helps with the milking morning and evening. All the children help with the chores.

"It was a big adjustment for me to milk everyday when we first moved on the farm," Shirley said, "but I love it."

The children help out with household chores, but Shirley makes sure to find time to continue to bake—one of her hobbies.

Although the family shows at Lebanon Fair and All American, they won't be showing at the state Farm Show.

"That's because we don't really have enough help and time to keep everything running smoothly at home and at the Farm Show," said Paul, who has fond memories of showing when he was a teen-ager.

Despite the daily chores on the farm, the children are encouraged to take advantage of off-the-farm opportunities.

Two years ago, Jamie spent eight weeks in Brazil with a teen mission group.

"We lived in a tent and bathed in the creek. We even washed our clothes in the creek," Jamie said. The clothing was thrown away because it was impossible to remove the brownish white color from river washing.

"The experience really helped me to appreciate home," Jamie said.

Dustin is planning on participating on a Teen Mission trip in the summer. Although it is not definite, he is counting on going to Alaska for 11 weeks.

Although they live in Lancaster County, the children are 4-H dairy club members in Lebanon County.

"We are closer to Lebanon County 4-H meetings than Lancaster County," Jamie said.

Jamie's 4-H involvement has decreased because she is busy as the alternate dairy princess. Her mother serves as chaperone at the many dairy promotions in which Jamie participates. Her favorite so far was the milk mustache promotion at Weaver's Markets in Adamstown.

In addition to serving as alternate dairy princess and helping on the farm, Jamie works at Key Aid Ace Hardware.

She is a junior at Ephrata High School where she is a member of FFA.

All family members are active at Calvary Church, Lancaster.

Paul is a member of the Ephrata Area Young Farmers' Association. He also serves on the board of Gospel Express, a prison ministry. Paul is in charge of the heifer sale that is used to raise funds for the ministry. He said about 30 heifers are donated annually and purchased by other farmers at the annual fund-raising auction.

Because their farm borders the turnpike, it is not unusual for motorists who run out of gas to knock on the Horning's door. The farm was also part of the neighborhood search for some convicts fleeing police.

Another negative aspect for living near a main highway happened when Dustin's show cow broke



As far as she knows, Jamie believes she is the only person who uses a bathroom for a bedroom. The unused bathtub has been converted into a bed for overnight guests. At first she stuffed it with blankets and pillows as a temporary measure, but the bathtub bed became such a popular conversational piece that Jamie intends to keep it. "I think it's unique, and my friends envy me," said Jamie, who fills the bed with her stuffed monkey collection when the bed is not in use.

through the fence. It was night and the cow was wandering down the highway toward oncoming traffic and hit by a motorist traveling 60 miles per hour.

Although the cow with calf was destroyed, the Hornings were thankful the driver of the Volvo escaped injury.

"The cow went over the hood and glanced off. I was impressed with the Volvo—I don't think a

driver in any other car would have survived," Paul said. "The driver was more concerned about the cow than the damage done to his car."

Despite the occasional hassles of farming near the turnpike, the dairy farm is aesthetically appealing. The stone gabled barn and farmhouse is situated on a stand of timber and gently sloping land.

"We love sharing the farm with others," Shirley said.

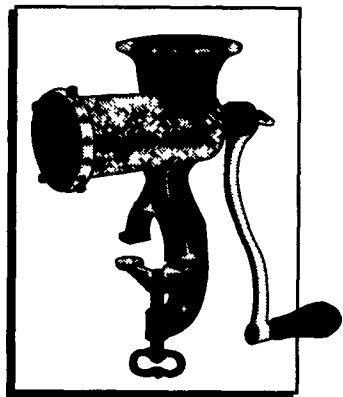
"Visitors like the farm, but I know they like Mom's cooking too," Jamie said of the abundance of food the family gladly shares with guests.

Here are a few of the family's favorites, which uses dairy products. Guests rave over this cookie recipe that Shirley devised.

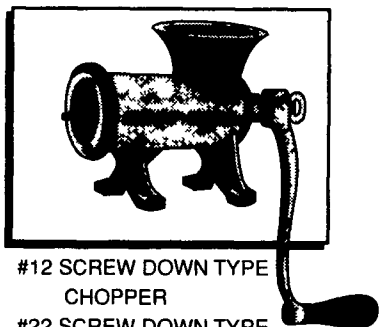
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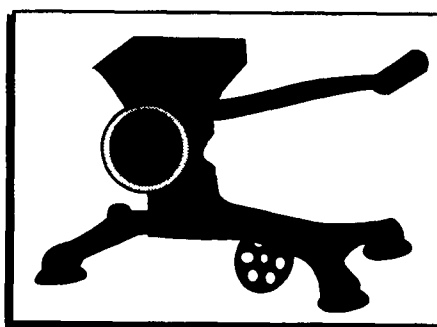
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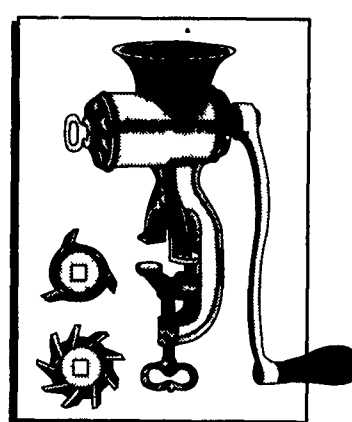
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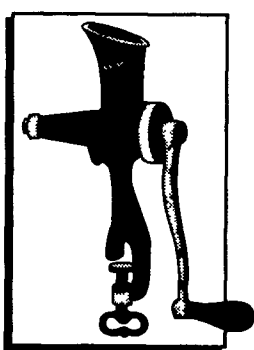
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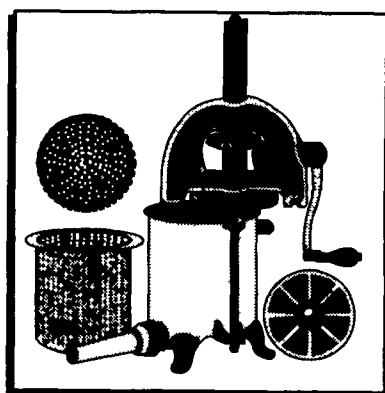
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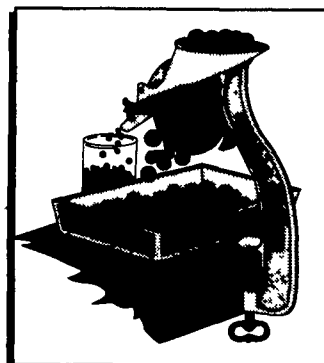
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