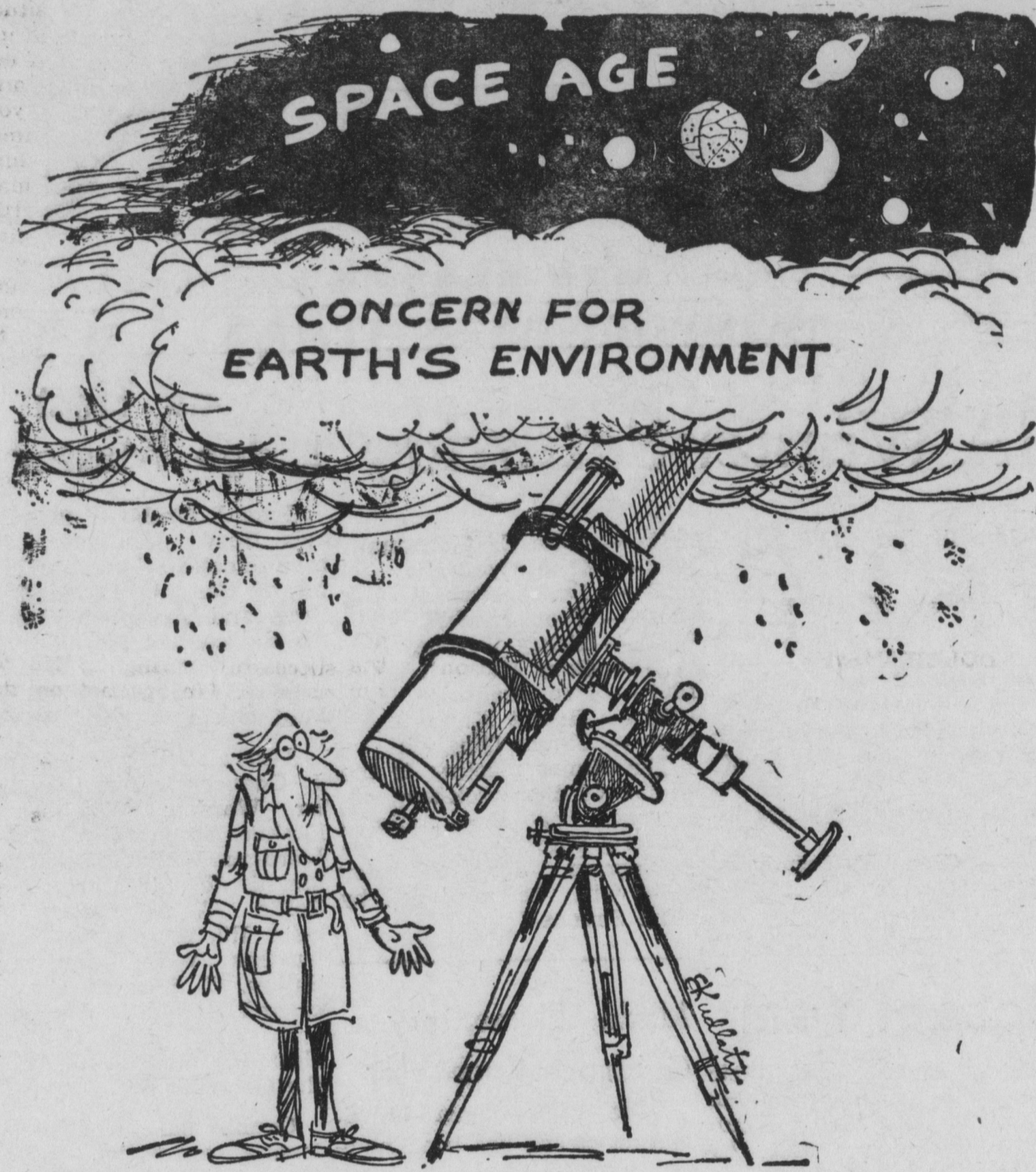


"Keeps Fogging Up"



EDITORIALS ---

Last week was Farm Show week!

And, the situation was typical — bad weather, crowds, congestion, parking problems and irritated tempers.

Yet, that's not the entire story.

Those who braved the weather, dared to jostle with the crowds, were patient with the congestion, were willing to walk or to struggle with the parking and were even-tempered enough to put up with the situation had a wonderful visit to the Farm Show.

In Pennsylvania — at least in our part of the Commonwealth — the big winter attraction is "an institution" and if there were nothing else to see or do, having a baked potato would be worth the trip.

However, the Farm Show as "an institution" is in trouble!

If You Would Write --

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Sen. Richard S. Schweiker, Room 4317, Senate Office Building, Washington D. C. 20515.

Rep. Edwin D. Eshleman, 416 Cannon House Office Bldg., Washington, D. C. 20515.

STATE

Senator Richard A. Snyder, Box 21, State Senate, Harrisburg, Pa. 17120.

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Or, Call the Mayor -

MAYOR
Henry R. Zerbhey
Call 653-2289

This is not an editor's armchair opinion. This is a fact which most people realize and a fact which Commonwealth officials already are trying to solve.

From a public relations standpoint, the show is beginning to have a negative rather than a positive aspect.

Just mention "Farm Show" and someone in the crowd or two or more someones will say, in effect, "Not for me. It's too crowded. Too much traffic."

One young man who as a child enjoyed the show every year said to us last week, "Not for me. I've probably gone to the Farm Show my last time."

The major problem revolves around the location of the Farm Show and the fact that there must be parking areas and that the entire show is under one roof.

Already there has been serious talk of relocating the building complex, perhaps somewhere in the general vicinity of the present site.

That, we believe, would be a mistake.

A more reasonable approach would be to restyle the show completely, thinking big and looking toward an even larger kind of Farm Show.

For instance if the annual event could be held in early September, it could be something of a fair—a semi-outdoor style sort of show.

Permanent type pavilion buildings could be erected much cheaper than winter construction buildings which presently house the show. They could be set at a distance from each other providing space for tents, exhibitor stands and many many other kinds of outdoor attractions—including an entertainment midway.

If, as has already been proposed, the show is relocated, it would be another horrible mistake to pick a site within an already congested area.

A large tract, maybe 500 acres needs to be set aside for buildings, exhibits etc. and, for future growth.

This tract should be very carefully selected with the finest possible arrangements on adequate highways for handling of thousands of autos with maximum efficiency, including parking in many many lots throughout the grounds. (One of the present problem is that all parking must be north of the buildings.)

A "fairweather" time of the year would, in itself, eliminate many of

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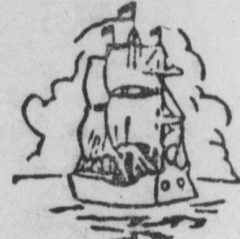
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Others are saying ---

FARM SHOW TIGHT ROPE

It's going to take some astute tight rope walking by Lee Bull, the Pennsylvania secretary of agriculture, to keep Farm Show planning out of the political arena.

At stake could be the very future of Farm Show itself.

There's no doubt how the Farm Show Committee feels. The 180-man advisory group went on record earlier this month in favor of relocating the Farm Show complex, lock, stock and exhibit hall, after hearing a report by the consulting firm of Porr, Loddengaard and Parsons.

The new site would be one mile northeast of the present site.

The problems facing Bull is how to sell the idea to General State Authority which must find a new use for the Farm Show buildings at McClay and Cameron if they are abandoned, as well as convincing State Secretary of Community Affairs Joseph W. Barr, Jr., who leans toward retaining the present site.

Arguments for moving the complex are convincing enough. To hold present shows and exhibitors, consultants conclude, the state must expand building space from 650,000 to 1,500,000 square feet and paved parking from 1.2 to 10 million square feet. The present 125-acre site just can't handle such an enlarged complex.

Thus the state has the choice — reach across a busy four-lane highway for additional land or relocate the whole complex. Complicating planning is a proposed "Lifeline Highway" for the city of Harrisburg that would slice another 35 to 40 acres off the present site.

The 293-acre site recom-

mended by the firm is for the most part undeveloped land owned by the Harrisburg State Hospital. It borders Interstate Highway 81 now under construction, making the proposed site highly accessible.

The consultants noted that the Farm Show complex is an exhibition rather than a convention center. Thus the need to truck such "bulk items" as animals, farm equipment, and mobile homes in and out of the complex makes location at the edge of the city desirable.

Biggest nay vote comes from the city of Harrisburg which fears the loss of the Farm Show complex to neighboring Susquehanna township will mean less revenue for its restaurants and hotels.

What about costs to taxpayers — remodeling and expanding the present complex versus erecting new buildings on a larger site? This could be the most potent argument of all.

Actually it's about the same, it was noted at the committee meeting. This is due to the problem of working around crowds and some 70 shows each year if the present site is retained.

But Harrisburg is a Republican stronghold. And control of Capitol Hill is up for grabs next year. That's why the decision of Farm Show might depend on the mood of the politicians this winter . . . rather than strictly on the pros and cons.

It could be a long, hard winter for Lee Bull.
—Pennsylvania Farmer

BY PAT BOONE

Singer and Entertainer
As I look back over the
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COMEDY CORNER



"At least I can see you from the back at breakfast this way!"