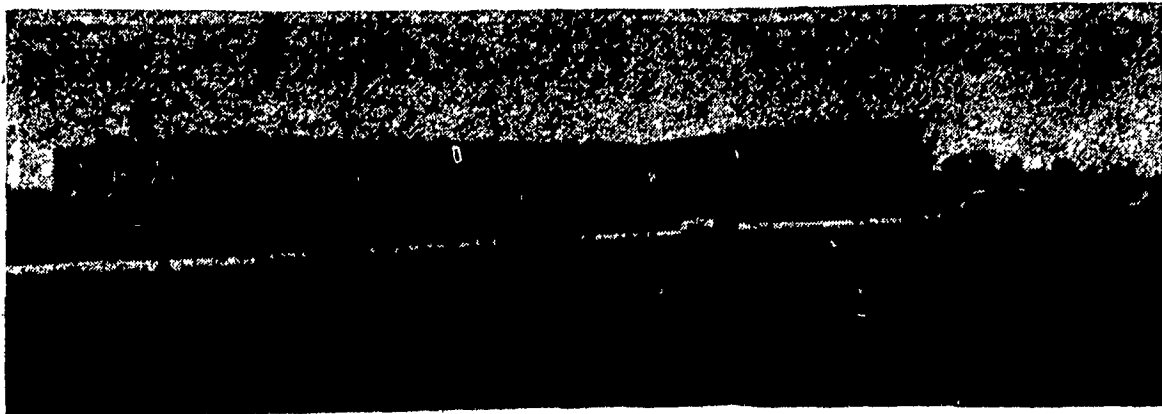


## Chester White History Link

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Todds were kept distinct and a separate herd book was established. However, after 1894 the Todd strain of hogs were absorbed by the Chester White breed.

### Next Move in Ohio

The next major improvement of the Chester White swine was



There are several new schools opening in Lancaster County this fall. One of the newer schools, shown in portion above, is Hempfield School just south of Landisville, boasting one of the finest high school auditoriums in the County. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

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The Chester White breed has been very unfortunate in that there have been too many breed associations. Since 1894, at times there were many associations functioning in the breed. At the present time the only association that is active in promoting the breed, Chester White Swine Breeders' Association, Rochester, Indiana.

Its formation came through the combining of several differ-

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made by L. B. Silver of Salem, Ohio. He began breeding Chester Whites in 1863. He sought to improve the size and quality of his hogs through selection and was said to have worked considerable improvement. L. B. Silver was succeeded in his breeding operations by his son, Carl Silver. Mr. Silver had private facilities for recording his hogs prior to the time the O. I. C. Swine Breeders' Association was established in 1897. This strain of hogs became popular

and were called the Ohio Improved Chester, or were more commonly referred to as the "O.I.C." A separate herd book was established for the descendants of Mr. Silver's herd although later other hogs that did not descend from the Silver herd were included. The modern representatives of the O. I. C. indicate that, whatever outstanding merit the Silver hogs may have had as compared to the regular Chester White has long since been lost.

If writings in agricultural publications are to be taken as a criteria, there was apparently very little improvement in the Chester White from 1870 until 1900. Many agricultural journalists referred to them as lacking in uniformity of type and general merit of other breed during that period. F. D. Cobourn suggests that the specimens of the Chester White breed exhibited at the World's Fair, Columbian Exposition in 1893 were to be considered quite inferior to the best representatives of the other breeds that were exhibited. In the next fifteen years considerable improvement was made in Chester Whites and by 1915 very creditable exhibits were made of the breed at the Iowa State Fair and other major shows of the mid-west.

### Yorkshire Infusion

Breeds of Livestock in American, by H. W. Vaughan, 1931, suggests that an unauthorized infusion of Yorkshire blood occurred in the breed and that considerable improvement resulted from this infusion. Concerning this introduction of outside blood he says, "Considerable Yorkshire blood found its way into a number of Chester White herds beginning about 1917 or 1918. During the next two years it was common knowledge that these infusions were being made. Among the 1386 Chester Whites shown at two of the largest shows of the breed in 1920, many "first cross" and "second cross" pigs carried 25% of Yorkshire breeding. Many of these showed unmistakable evidence of the Yorkshire blood in the erect ear and Yorkshire type of head, while other members of the same litter showed no evidence of the Yorkshire infusion except in the increased length of body, length of leg, and improved smoothness and quality. Prior to this, low backs, weak pasterns, and spreading toes were all too common faults in the breed, and prominent shoulders were also rather too noticeable. The infusion of Yorkshire breeding brought an improvement in the Chester White in all these respects and there is no question that it was of benefit to the breed."

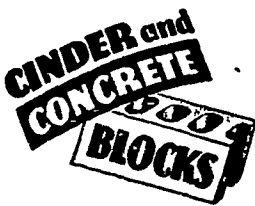
Many herds have contributed to the great improvement in the Chester White from 1900 down to the present time. One of these herds is that of F. D. Humbert of Nashua, Iowa, who used the great boar, Nashua Boy 12563 in his herd. This boar was bred by Hardin Brothers of Lima, Ohio, and was farrowed in 1903. This boar proved to be a most prepotent sire in the Humbert herd and became a most outstanding sire. Most of

the leading boar lines of the breed and most modern Chester Whites trace many, many times to him. There are many other outstanding farmer breeders of Chester Whites who have made considerable contributions. In fact, most of the improvement in the breed has come through small breeders rather than through large operators of fanciers. Some of the men that might be named are: Albert H.

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