



HIGH WINDS AND DRY SOIL combined to cause this scene at the county plowing contest Monday. Five tractors and plows were in line across the field, but most are hidden from view by the clouds of dust. The contest was held on the Roy H. Garber farm, Litz R3. L. F. Photo

● **Plowing Champ**

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away after the contest last year he saw things he could improve. Mrs. Krieder, the youthful looking mother of five children beamed with pleasure over her husband's win but declined to pose for a picture with the champion plowman.

This year his observations of last year were put to use. Krieder measured the amount of land turned by each pass of his John Deere 825 three bottom two way tumbler plow. He laid off his plot allowing just enough land for his back furrows.

He said he will allow two inches for "lav of land" in the state contest if there is any slope on his plot at Heishey. His plot at the Garber farm was nearly level, but the slight sideways slope threw his calculations off just about two inches across the plot.

Krieder believes the measuring he did on his home farm of 160 acres was one of the big factors in the contest but he said it was a combination of several things. "My shares were worn just right - not too new or too worn out and I didn't look back as much this year. You must drive straight on that back furrow and know just where to drive."

He also gave credit to his equipment and to its adjustment. "Coulters made the difference here today," he said.

Coulters made the difference in leaving a smooth or ragged furrow wall in the dry soil. Plows with faulty coulter adjustment in the dusty ground ripped chunks out of the furrow wall resulting in uneven furrows.

Claiming an advantage in the hard ground for the heavy three bottoms, Krieder said Christ Miller had trouble with his plow pushing out too far and not cutting a full furrow. Miller last year's winner finished out of the ribbons in the contest this week. He used a two-bottom trailing plow.

Other placings in the contest were 4 Merle Grott, Lancaster R1 and 7 Marlin L. Cassel, Minheim R1.

Other contestants included Richard Grott, Litz R3; Vernon H. Good, Litz R1; Chris Miller, Elizabethtown R1; William McDonald, Lancaster R2; and Kerry Fritz, Litz R1.

Sponsors of the contest the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District furnished prizes including a permanent and challenge trophy plus \$1500 for the winner, a \$10 cash prize and five gallons of oil

for second place and \$5 and \$3 for third and fourth place respectively. The district will also pay to have the winner's equipment trucked to the state contest to be held in conjunction with the first annual National Grasslands Field Days at Heishey on August 17.

Judges for Monday's event were J. Arthur Rohrer, Strasburg R1; Harry Shaeffer, associate County Agent from Lebanon County; and Carroll Thompson, teacher of Vocational Agriculture from Spring Grove, York County. Henry Wooding, Agriculture Engineer from the Pennsylvania State University was manager of the event.

Arrangements were made by the committee of Elmer V. Good, chairman; M. M. Smith, W. Martin Muth, Robert Henney, Elvin Hess, Henry H. Hackman, and Roy Brubaker.

**Gilts Average \$115 At Sale Of Association**

Fifty four head of breeding swine went under the auctioneer's hammer Thursday night at the annual sale of the Lancaster County Swine Breeders Association.

Forty-five summer bred gilts averaged \$115 and nine boars averaged \$58 for a sale total of \$5,672.50.

Top gilt of the sale a Yorkshire, was consigned by Leon Arnold of Lebanon and purchased by Kenneth L. Beiler, Paradise R1.

The top-selling boar was a Duroc consigned by Masonic Home Farms, Elizabethtown, and bought by Harry D. Keener, Robesonia.

Paul Z. Martin was auctioneer for the sale held in the Paul Z. Martin sale barn in Blue Ball. Sale manager was Earl Fisher, East Earl R1, and clerk was association secretary James Z. Martin, Christiana R1.

The association field day is scheduled for today on the farm of C. Warren Leminger, Denver R2.

● **Guernsey Men**

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Some 50 breeders and their families judged the five classes of Guernseys and discussed their placings with official judge, Lee Yost, manager of Wyno Farms.

The judging school was sponsored by the county Guernsey Association.



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