

Lancaster Farming



CHAMPION OF THE GARDEN SPOT BABY BEEF Club show was this meaty angus exhibited by David Witmer, 321 Valley Road, Lancaster. David showed the 920 pound black to the championship Wednesday over the other 38 steers in the show. The annual show and sale of beef steers is sponsored by the Lancaster Livestock Exchange and the Union Stock Yard Company. Witmer's Angus was purchased at the sale of calves last October. At the sale on Wednesday afternoon, Wm. W. McCoy of the stockyards company bid in the champion for \$45 per hundredweight.

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Meaty Angus Steer Wins Garden Spot Beef Show

David Witmer came back for his second try at the Garden Spot Baby Beef show at the Lancaster Union Stock Yards and nudged his meaty Angus into the winners circle. The 16 year old showman of 321 Valley Road, Lancaster carried away the final purple rosette of the show sponsored by the stockyards company and the Lancaster Livestock exchange. According to Robert Heilbron, president of the livestock exchange, the Wednesday exhibition will be the last of the series of shows sponsored annually as a show place and sale for calves purchased at the annual calf sale or from one of the commission agents on the exchange.

Second place in the judging went to the 935 pound angus owned and exhibited by Karl Hess, Heishey Karl is the son of Mark Hess who owns a farm at Lancaster R6 where the steer was fed. This year marked the fourth try for Karl and brought him his first prize.

Witmer, the son of Mr and Mrs. David S. Witmer was an entrant in the show last year when his steer finished eighth. The 11th grade student at Manheim Township High School bought his steer at 425 pounds last October at the annual calf sale sponsored by the exchange. His steer was purchased at the sale by William McCoy for \$45 per hundred weight.

The Witmers feed out about 500 head of cattle yearly on their 140 acre farm. They also raise turkeys.

Wednesday's win was the first grand championship ever won by David who had shown 4-H lambs to second and third place awards.

Judges John Totura of Consolidated Dressed Beef Company of Philadelphia, and Al Shafer of Armour and Company of Reading, placed the 935 pound Angus of William Frey, Quarryville R2, in third place. Fourth and fifth places respectively went to Joanne Rohrer, Lititz R3 and Maria Frey, Quarryville R2. Judging was on the basis of dressing percentage and meatiness from the packer's viewpoint and all breeds were judged.

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Three County 4-H'ers Win Keystone Awards

Three Lancaster County 4-H club members were among 62 named to receive Keystone Awards at the final assembly of the annual State 4-H Club days at the Pennsylvania State University.

The top 4-H award winners from the county are David L. Denlinger, 2351 Horseshoe Road, Lancaster for agriculture; Wilbur Hosler, Manheim R3, for beef, and Miss Mary Jane Herr, Refton, for recreation.

The winners were selected from more than 45,000 of the state's 4-H club members for their outstanding work, according to Dr. William M. Smith, assistant director for family, youth and community development, who made the presentations.

Denlinger, 16, the son of Mr and Mrs Paul L. Denlinger, has completed projects in steer raising, electric, entomology, tractor, garden, strawberries, tobacco, photography and wildlife. He has served the Red Rose Baby Beef Club as game leader, secretary, treasurer, vice president and president, and on county council has served as vice president and junior leader.

David recently attended 4-H citizenship short course in Washington D.C. He was a member of Lancaster county vegetable judging team, attended Pennsylvania 4-H Congress in 1961, was winner of county entomology medal, and winner of first place in entomology demonstration at State 4-H Days, 1960.

A student at Conestoga Valley senior high school, David is a member of the chorus, band, student council, tennis team, and yearbook staff. His local 4-H leaders are Elvin Hess, Wilbur Houser, and Mrs. Walter Overgaard.

Hosler, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hosler, is a farmer and licensed auctioneer. He showed the grand cham-

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Conservation District Plans Watershed Meets

Conservation watershed meetings were tentatively planned for this fall and winter by the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District directors at their meeting Monday night.

The meetings are tentatively scheduled to be held in the areas around Elizabethtown, Elstonville, Farmersville, Paradise and Penryn. In addition, it was announced that Forney Longenecker, Lititz R3, an associate district dir-

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Pig Roundup Is Scheduled For Next Week

Approximately 50 4-H club members will exhibit their project in the annual roundup of the county's Market Hog show and sale next week.

The hogs will be weighed and yaided on Tuesday afternoon. On Wednesday, August 22, judging will get under way promptly at 8 a.m. Judging will be by breed in three weight classes. Light weight hogs will weigh under 190 pounds, medium weights between 195 and 225 pounds.

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Grassland Field Days Draws Crowds of Farmers

HERSHEY, Pa. -- Despite its great importance, "grass is still man's most neglected crop," Dr. Glenn W. Burton of the U. S. Coastal Plains Station, Tifton Georgia, declared as the first National Grassland Field Days and Conference opened Wednesday.

However, grass did not appear to be a neglected crop at huge Hershey Estates farms this week as ideal weather and a perfect setting combined to bring out an estimated 10,000 interested spectators on the first day of the event. The crowd swelled to 15,000 on Thursday with farmers from 33 of the 50 states and many foreign countries making voluntary registration.

As Lancaster Farming goes to press, indications were that the biggest day of the event would be Friday when the state plowing contests followed by speeches by both major gubernatorial candidates were expected to attract farmers and their families from all corners of the state.

In an official opening ceremony Gov David L. Lawrence paid tribute to farmers for their skill and ability in producing food for all the people. He called attention also to the interdependence of agriculture and industry.

Ohio farmers took two of three top honors in the first North American Hay Show, an event that attracted entries from twelve states and Canada. The top honor, hay grand champion of North America, went to Robert L. Mikesell, Fraeysburg, Ohio. Two reserve grand championships went to M. L. Baird & sons, Springfield, RD1, Ohio, and

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FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday-Wednesday

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average three to seven degrees below the normal range of 83 in the afternoon to 63 at night. It will be cool Saturday with a rising trend Sunday and Monday and cooler again Tuesday and Wednesday. Precipitation during the five days is expected to be 0.1 to 1.5 inch falling as scattered showers or thundershowers late Monday or Early Tuesday.

Farm Calendar

August 20-21 — Farm Tour from Cayuga County, New York will tour Lancaster County. Tour guide on Monday will be Henry Kettering, Lititz R3, and on Tuesday the guide will be Harry Mumma, Manheim R1.

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Guernsey Men Plan Field Day

Dr. Gil H. Porter, well known for his work in dairy research, will be the principal speaker at the annual field day sponsored by the Lancaster County Guernsey Breeders.

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