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GRAND CHAMPION MARKET HOG of the Lancaster County 4-H Pig club roundup is this Duroc-Berkshire cross exhibited by Mark Nestleroth, Manheim R3. The 220 pound gilt was called the "most uniform" pig in the show by Judge Tony Dobrosky. L. F. Photo.

Two County Dairymen Named American Farmers

Two youthful Lancaster County dairymen have been successfully nominated to receive the American Farmer Degree, the highest degree awarded by the National Association of Future Farmers of America.

According to James Fink, state advisor of the FFA, Donald Trimble, Quarryville R1, and Roy Mentzer, New Holland R2, have been accepted for election to the degree by the national FFA committee.

The degrees, awarded to not more than one Future Farmer for each 1,000 members in a state, will be conferred in October at the National FFA convention in Kansas City. Election to the degree is based on leadership activities and farming program.

Both Trimble and Mentzer received the Keystone Farmer degree in January 1960 and graduated from high school in June of that same year. Both are at present operating dairy farms.

Mentzer, the 21 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Mentzer is farming 307 acres in partnership with his parents, while Trimble, the 21 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Trimble, is engaged in farming on a rented farm a few miles from his parents' home.

Mentzer and his parents have approximately 100 registered Ayrshires in partnership. In addition, the partnership feeds out about 80 head of steers and between 200 and 250 hogs. Roy breeds 10 sows and feeds out most of the pigs using a limited grain feeding program and an experimental cycle feeding unit he is testing for a local machinery manufacturer.

A graduate of Pequea Valley High School, Roy has been a member of FFA for six years and the 4-H for 12 years. (Continued on Page 10)

Nestleroth Shows Both Top Pig Club Winners

A trim Duroc - Berkshire crossbred pig beat out a stable mate to top the annual 4-H pig club roundup Wednesday at the Lancaster Union Stockyards.

Mark Nestleroth, Nineteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Nestleroth, Manheim R3, showed the 220 crossbred gilt to the championship of the show over a 220 pound Duroc gilt which was named reserve champion of the show.

The win marked the first pig club blue for the four year veteran of pig club work. Nestleroth said he had observed that pigs from Masonic Home Farms either won the show or placed near the top in the four previous shows, so this year he purchased his club pigs from the Elizabethtown farm.

He put 16 pigs on feed on May 6 and showed eight of them at Wednesday's exhibition. In addition to the grand and reserve champion he showed on the reserve champion Yorkshire, third and fourth place Hampshires, fifth place Berkshire and third place crossbreed.

At the sale of entries in the afternoon, the champion was purchased by Kunzler and Company, Inc. for 55 cents a pound. The Lancaster packing firm also bought the reserve champion at 30 cents a pound.

The grand champion pen of ten, exhibited by William Maule, Quarryville R2, was sold to Ezra Martin, Lancaster, for 19.75 per pound.

The only other exhibitor to win more than one breed championship was Eugene Bollinger, Denver R2. His Poland China and Hampshire topped those two breeds.

FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Temperatures during the next five days are expected to average 2 to 6 degrees above the normal range of 61 at night to 82 in the afternoon. Warm weather is expected to prevail during thru most of the period. Precipitation is expected to total over 1/2 inch falling as scattered showers and thundershowers towards the end of the period.

New Interest Is Noted In Poultry Auction

Increased interest in selling birds through the Lancaster Poultry Auction was apparent during the first six months of this year according to John Munro, auction manager.

During the first six months of this year 309,445 more birds were sold than during the same period in 1962. There have (Continued on Page 11)

Farm Calendar

Aug. 26 — Southeastern Region 4-H dress review at Strawbridge and Clothier, Philadelphia.

8 p.m. — Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association meets at the Farm-Bureau Cooperative building.

Aug. 29 — State 4-H dress review at the Penn State University.

9 a.m. — Judging starts at the District 4-H dairy show at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion, Lincoln Highway east of Lancaster.

8 p.m. — Combined meeting of all county dairy 4-H clubs at the Lampeter Community grounds. Sponsored by the county 4-H Holstein club.

Aug. 30 — 9 a.m. — Judging starts in the regional FFA dairy show at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion, Lincoln Highway east of Lancaster.

Elizabethtown Future Farmer Saw European Farming On Tour

The lack of modern farm machinery and the horror of the Berlin wall were the two most impressive sights to greet Kenneth Myer, Elizabethtown R3, on a recent tour of 10 European countries.

Kenneth, the seventeen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel N. Myer, as a member of the Future Farmer People-to-People good will tour, spent three weeks touring cities and farms on the continent and the British Isles.

Dual purpose cattle were also a source of interest to the Elizabethtown Future Farmer. The 1962 star farmer for FFA Region II, said he saw very few Guernseys on his tour. He has a herd of 14 Guernsey cows on his father's farm, but said most of the cattle he saw were

Holsteins, Ayrshire, or the Spotted Bohemian, a dual purpose cow that averages about 4,000 to 5,000 pounds of milk a year. "They raise the heifers for dairy cows and fatten the bulls for beef", he said.

Kenneth, who had never traveled by plane, flew from New York to Prestwick, Scotland on July 25. After a tour of Edinburgh, the son of the Pennsylvania Future Farmers and their chaperon, Ivan McGee, president of the Pennsylvania Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association, took in a farm fair.

"It seemed just about the same as fairs here," he said, "But they had more sheep. The judging was just the same as here. Most of the cattle were British Friesian, but there were (Continued on page 6)

John Frey Is Honored At Banquet For Work With Swine Ring Gilt

Fifteen-year-old John Frey, Quarryville R2, was named outstanding manager in the Lancaster County Future Farmers, Sears Foundation swine ring at the annual banquet Wednesday night in the Hotel Yorktown, York.

The son of Mrs. Fred Frey, John received a purebred Yorkshire gilt from Robert

Wolgemuth, Peach Bottom, in June of 1962, and agreed to pass on a gilt from her first litter to a schoolmate at Solanco. In May of this year his gilt farrowed 10 pigs and he passed on one gilt to George Eisenberger, New Providence. The sow has been rebred and is due to farrow again in October. (Continued on Page 12)