

● **Tom Zartman**

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This year he is feeding four animals for the fall show circuit. In late June he will represent the Cloister FFA Chapter at Penn State as a livestock judge during FFA Week. He is a holder of the coveted Keystone Farmer degree, and was a candidate for 1965 FFA County Star Farmer.

Although Zartman and his dad operate the 72-acre Zartman farm together, in some instances there is a clear-cut division of enterprises and in others they work on halves. Tom's farming program over the years has been concentrated around a swine operation in which he farrows about 160 pigs per year, feeding out half of these and selling the other half for feeder pigs. At the present time he has eight sows. His long-range plans call

for greater concentration in the hog business, very probably with an expanded and specialized farrowing operation.

Other county FFA'ers entered in the Farm Mechanics Contest this year were Marlin Boll, Warwick Chapter, and Eugene Martin, Grassland Chapter. First-place in the region went to a vocational agriculture student, Dwight Shaver, of Eastern Lebanon High School, for his farm utility stock trailer. James Anders, Halifax, placed third in the region with an air compressor. The state is divided into five regions, but the regional win constitutes the top prize. There is no state-wide run-off.

In last year's contest, James Esbenshade, a 1965 Solanco High School graduate, also won the district event and was runnerup in the regional competition.

● **Draft Deferments**

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Henry M. Gross of the State Selective Service. The loss of skilled help, including sons of farmers who are well-grounded in agricultural techniques, seriously affects the management and operation of food production activities, they said.

Constant growth in the size of commercial farms, and in their volumes of production, forces many farmers to rely heavily upon younger men with specialized training in modern methods and techniques. There appear to be no available replacements for this kind of skilled, technical help, the Secretary added.

In consulting with Gen. Gross, the farm leaders pointed out that some young farmers might better serve their country by helping to assure an adequate food supply.

Gross noted that many industries have difficulty in obtaining adequately trained manpower, but he also observed that food is a vital requirement of the population and production of food products is essential to the maintenance of a strong economy.

The Selective Service head said no special rules or regulations have been instituted covering any particular segment of the state or national work force, but noted that appeals of local draft board decisions still may be made in special cases.

Secretary Bull urged farmers who have highly trained manpower to apply for deferment at their local draft boards when they face extreme hardship situations through loss of that manpower.

Meanwhile, representatives of PFA, the Grange, and the State Agriculture Department will continue to seek a solution to the problem of inadequate numbers of workers at peak planting and harvesting seasons, Bull said.

● **Strawberry Exhibit**

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All members should plan to bring four quart boxes of berries to exhibit, Lueck said, but only two boxes need comprise an entry for the judging contest. Members should have their project record books up-to-date and bring these along, Lueck added.

Following the exhibit, strawberries will be sold to the Rotarians, Lueck said, and prizes will be awarded following the luncheon.

First-year strawberry club members are not eligible to exhibit, but all others who plan to exhibit their berries

must contact the county extension office no later than Monday, June 13.

● **Farm Calendar**

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berry Club exhibits at Holiday Inn, Lititz Pike, Lancaster.

— 7:30 p.m., 4-H Demonstration training meeting at Pa. Power & Light Co. building, Lancaster.

June 16 — 7:30 p.m., Meeting of all 4-H girls entering the County Dress Review, at Farm Credit Bldg

June 17 — 9 a.m., FFA Livestock Judging Workshop, at Lancaster Stockyards.

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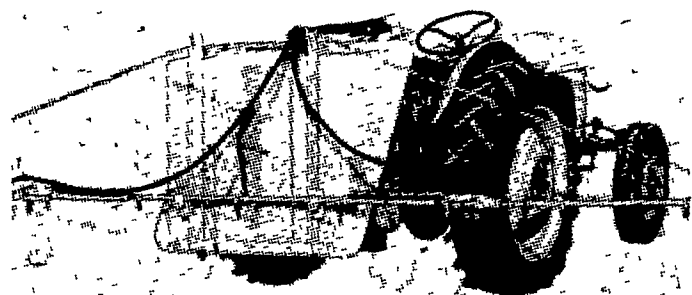
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