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**TAKIN' A PIG WALK** — It may look slow, but it's an effective way to move sows and their litters from the farrowing house to the nearby growing pens. For this job, the more hands at work the better. Here Mrs. Zeiset, hired man Clair Bowman — a member of Grassland FFA Chapter — and Zeiset team up to get the pigs moved.

## County Swinemen Gather At A. Zeiset Farm For Field Day Activities

by Don Timmons

Swine producers in Lancaster County are scheduled to get together today at the Abram Zeiset farm, East Earl R1, as their association holds its annual field day.

The visitors will see a well-managed, 85-sow, feeder pig operation at Zeiset's which is guided by experience, common sense and good records.

For approximately the past three years, Zeiset has participated in the Pennsylvania Farmers Association's electronic record keeping system. In addition, last year he cooperated with Penn State University in the latter's experiments to develop a hog record system for electronic data processing. Although he does not keep individual sow records, Zeiset has his sows divided into three groups and keeps complete records on each group.

Zeiset has used the rotating group breeding and farrowing system for several years, although he has gone from two to three sow-groups in the past two years. Grouping sows in this way is a little like juggling — you have to keep part of the operation up in the air at all times if you are to be successful. But grouping permits a more constant supply of pigs for sale, and keeps expensive equipment in use more regularly than the old-

er Spring-Fall farrowing system. It requires close supervision, but since hogs are Zeiset's main enterprise he can concentrate on the details and planning needed to make it go.

As he said, "I'm operating over-capacity since I increased my sow herd by about 25 head in the past year." He starts off each group with 32 sows, which would give him a total population of 96 animals, but he said there was one period

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## New 4-H Queens Chosen For '66

The high spot of the annual 4-H county field day arrived as dusk crept over Long Park Thursday and the spotlight fell on the newly chosen county 4-H junior and senior queens.

From a field of 59 girls, each representing her respective 4-H club, judges selected Judy Buckwalter and Marilyn Krantz to rule the Lancaster County 4-H Kingdom for a year.

Miss Buckwalter, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David E. Buckwalter of Lititz R3, won the Senior Crown. She has been active in 4-H work for seven years and is current-

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## SWCD Field Day, Plowing Contest Plans Promise "Really Big Show"

Plans shaped up this week for what may well be the "biggest and bestest" Field Day and Plowing Contest ever staged by the Lancaster County Soil & Water Conservation District. As one director commented at Monday night's meeting at the courthouse as field day ideas were being suggested and enthusiastically adopted: "This year's event is going to be a mighty hard one to top next year!"

Highlighting the long list of activities and demonstrations scheduled will be a "surprise exhibit" which directors did not wish disclosed in advance since arrangements posed some technical difficulties.

But the morning session, beginning at about 9:30 a.m. on July 26 (July 28, in case of rain), will feature an archery demonstration, and a fishing demonstration by the Fish Commission. If the water level in the farm pond of Homer Graybill, Manheim R3, permits, a demonstration of irrigation.

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## Frey Cow Hits 1/2-Ton Fat Mark

A registered Holstein cow, Fultonway Rachel Ann (VG), owned by J. Mowery Frey & Son, Fultonway Farms, Lancaster, joined the ranks of the nation's half-ton butterfat producers with the completion of her latest lactation.

The Frey Holstein's official record of production totaled 26,293 lbs of milk, 1,016 lbs of butterfat and 2,171 lbs solids-not-fat in 365 days. She started her lactation at the age of 7 years and 11 months and was milked twice daily.

Solids-not-fat (SNF), the nutrients in milk below the creamline, are now being recorded in addition to milk and butterfat, as a part of the Holstein Association's Total Nutrient Testing (TNT) program. Registered Holstein breeders use this information as a management tool in herd improvement.

Fultonway Rachel Ann was bred in the Frey herd. She was sired by Maplebend Dean King Posch (VG), a bull that has earned Gold Medal Sire recognition.

## July 20 Deadline Set On Dairy Roundup List

Any 4-H Dairy Club member planning to compete at the county roundup August 2-3, must have filed his entry with the extension office by July 20 if his name is to be listed in the official catalog, says associate county agent Victor Plastow.

He urged all interested members to submit their names even though their calf registration papers, or other information, are not yet completed.

The first day of the show will be for Holsteins only, Plastow said, with these animals to be brought to the Guernsey Sales Pavilion before.

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## Carol Hess And Bill Houser Top County Speakers

Two local 4-H'ers earned the right to represent Lancaster County in the district public speaking contest next Tuesday at the Owen J. Roberts High School in Chester County by "out-talking" all area competitors.

Carol Hess and William Houser were the top blue ribbon winners in the county public speaking contest held as part of the 4-H Demonstration Day program at Penn Manor High School last Friday.

Miss Hess, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miller Hess of Mount Joy R2, spoke on "How Much Education Do I Need?" Houser's topic was "How 4-H Work Contributes To Good Citizenship." He is the son of Mr.

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VISITORS WILL ENJOY the tree-shaded lawn and porch during the swine field day at the Zeiset farm when that old sun gets around noontime. Here the Zeiset family — son Eric, Mrs. Zeiset, and Abram — are shown with one of the three Boxers from which they raise and sell pups.

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## Farm Calendar

- July 18 — 18-20, Pa. Greenhouse and Retail Florists Conference at Penn State University
- 7:30 p.m., County FFA Chapter meets at Manheim Central High School.
- July 19 — 10 a.m., Southeast District 4-H Demonstration and Public Speaking Contest at Owen J. Roberts High School, Bucktown, Chester County.
- 7 p.m., Twilight Meeting at Atlantic Breeders Cooperative Route 230 By-Pass, Lancaster
- July 20 — 20 and 21, Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Contest at Hotel Yorktowne, York.
- July 24 — 24-30, 4-H Citizenship Short Course, Washington, D.C.
- 24-30, Farm Safety Week.