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Plowing Contest Shapes Up As A "Duel Of Champions"

Next Tuesday's contour plowing contest on the Isaac Geib farm at Manheim R3 is shaping into a king-sized affair with a new entry this week swelling the contestant total to eight, according to Lancaster County Soil & Water Conservation District associate di-

rector Forney Longenecker Richard Groff, Lititz R3, the last of the level-land champions, has now tossed his hat into the ring. This will be the first competitive plowing on the contour for Groff, but he will be in there challenging last year's champion Marvin Zimmerman from R1 East Earl. Groff was the big winner in 1963 and 1964, the last years the District sponsored the level-land event. He retained permanent possession of the rotating trophy when the event was discontinued in favor of contouring.

In addition to Zimmerman and Groff, entries now include Loren Zimmerman, East Earl R1, John Campbell, Sr., New

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Hey Kids! I'm Yours — If You Catch Me!

Elmer Good, Lititz R1, says he has a real runnin' pig lined up for the conservation district's Field Day Pig Chase this year. In addition, Good said, they're going to give the

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THIS 50-POUND GILT can be yours, if you can catch him next Tuesday afternoon, says Elmer Good, SWCD associate director, shown here holding this Field Day Pig Chase prize. L F Photo

Farm Calendar

July 26 — 8 a.m., County FFA Hog Show, at Lancaster Stock Yards
—9:30 a.m., Lancaster County SWCD Field Day at Homer Graybill farm, Manheim R3 (rain-date, July 28).
—1 p.m., Lancaster County SWCD Plowing Contest at

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Summer Picnic Planned For County FFA

Members of the Red Rose Future Farmers of America Chapter made final plans for their annual summer picnic and softball game playoffs at the regular county meeting held Monday night at Manheim Central High School.

The affair, scheduled for the 16th of August, will be held at Hiestand's Field which is located between Mount Joy and Maytown. The picnic, beginning at 7:30 p.m., will be followed by a five-inning softball playoff game between FFA members from the northern and southern parts of the county. It will be played under the lights. Each chapter will be responsible for reporting to Jay Fisher, Manheim R1, for the number of meals needed. Reservations will be accepted until August 5th.

Trophies to be given at the FFA Hog Show by the Lancaster County Swine Producers Association were displayed at the meeting. The show is scheduled for next Tuesday at the Lancaster Stock Yards.

Details for the Southeastern Pennsylvania District dairy show to be held at Hershey August 22 were discussed. Members were reminded to

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County 4-H'ers Off To Nation's Capital

Four 4-H Club members from Lancaster County will be part of a 39 member delegation from 13 Southeastern Counties attending 4-H Citizenship Short Course at the National 4-H Center in Washington, D.C. The Short Course will run from Sunday, July 24 through Saturday, July 30. The four individuals taking

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Survey Of Custom Farm Machinery Work & Rates Finds Both Increase

It may cost you slightly more this year to get your grain combined or your crops sprayed, according to a survey of custom rates in the state released this week by the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Although the agency found rates for custom work were up, it added that increases were generally less than five percent, with only a few in excess of ten percent.

Custom hiring of machinery on the farm appears to be increasing in the nation as a whole, a U.S. Department of Agriculture report showed. USDA found that 28 percent of the 153 million acres of grain harvested in 1964 was machine combined on a custom, or exchange basis. Twenty-eight percent of all the hay in the U.S. was custom baled,

and 27 percent of the silage, the report continued.

The hauling of farm products also relied heavily on custom or exchange trucks with 52 percent of the tonnage moved off of farms in 1964 so handled, USDA said. The report showed that the four machines most often rented were tractors, trucks, fertilizer distributors, and sprayers.

In breaking down the rates for custom work in Pennsylvania, the Crop Reporting Service showed a separate schedule for the south central and southeastern valley areas versus the mountain sections in the rest of the state. The valley regions generally had slightly lower charges for most custom services.

Judging from the list of

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Dairymen Meet At ABC To View Parade Of County's Top Bulls

Lancaster County dairymen and their families turned out in force Tuesday evening for the Atlantic Breeders Cooperative "Twilight Meeting" despite a thunder storm threat which never quite materialized into real rain in the bone dry Lancaster area.

Highlighting the program was a parade of some of ABC's top bulls in the Jersey, Guernsey, and Holstein breeds. Harry Roth, sire analyst and ABC assistant manager, described the attributes and breeding of each outstanding sire as he was led by Roth was assisted by comments, both solicited and unsolicited, from ABC's "Chairman of the Board" Cy R. King (shown in photo with Area Dairy Princess Carol Ann Hess).

A brief flutter of excitement prevailed as the last bull came through the line. He took one look at the crowd of some 400 people out there and decided it was no place for him. Shaking off his handlers, he dashed down the chute and headed for his stall. Handlers in the barn quickly brought him under control, but he was in no way inclined to return to the stage.

In introducing the bull show, master of ceremonies Roger Emig, reminded dairy families of the upcoming "At-

lantic on Parade" program set for August 4th at the Route 230 By-Pass location. A chicken barbecue will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Emig said, with tickets costing \$1.

In kicking off the bull height and weight judging contest, Emig told the audience

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FFA Hog Show Set For July 26

The Lancaster County Future Farmers of America are planning to hold their Fourth Annual Market Hog Show and Sale at the Lancaster Stock Yards on Tuesday, July 26. The show will start at 8:00 a.m. and the sale at 1:30 p.m., according to committee chairman Lewis C. Ayers.

Approximately 200 head of hogs has been entered. Henry Gruber of A & B Packing Company, Allentown, will serve as official judge.

An added feature of this year's show will be a fitting and showing contest sponsored by Eby's Feed Mill, Lititz. The Lancaster County Swine Breeders Association will again donate trophies for the

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AW! C'MON, CY, DRINK SOME MILK — lovely area Dairy Princess Carol Ann Hess seems to be saying to ABC's dapper symbol Cy R. King as she offers him a container of nature's perfect beverage following the Twilight Meeting of dairymen at Atlantic Breeders Cooperative. ABC Photo