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COUNTY PLOWING CHAMPION Marvin Zimmerman, East Earl R1, receives permanent possession of the rotating trophy following the plowing contest held on the Isaac Geib farm at Manheim R3 Tuesday. Area Dairy Princess Carol Ann Hess of Strasburg R1 was on hand to congratulate the champ and present him with the trophy on behalf of the Conservation District. L. F. Photo

Zimmerman Retains Plowing Title And Retires Rotating Trophy At Annual Conservation Field Event

When the dust generated by the seven contestants in Tuesday's county plowing contest had settled, the judges declared the champion plowman from East Earl, Marvin Zimmerman, had retained his crown and won the \$25 State Conservation Dept. award. Zimmerman scored 174 of a possible 200 points, and according to one observer, clinched the win on the turn of the last furrow.

Placings were extremely close, judges reported, with only 17 points separating the

first and last place operators. Second place developed into a tie between Ivan Yost of Narvon R2 and John Campbell of New Holland. Each received second-place ribbons and awards of \$12.50. Finishing fourth was level land plowing champion Robert Groff, Lititz R3. Fifth place went to Loren Zimmerman, East Earl R1.

County champion Marvin Zimmerman won the top trophy with his skillful operation of a 20-10 John Deere tractor (Continued on Page 8)

Honan To Speak At All-Day Dairy Meeting

Dr. James E. Honan, general manager of Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative, will appear at Lenape Park, Chester County, on August 1, to discuss actions taken by Inter-State to divert an expected milk shortage.

Honan will be addressing dairymen from southeastern Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware who will be attending an all-day dairy meeting and picnic.

Inter-State's actions, which resulted in milk price increase of 40 cents per hundredweight to Delaware Valley dairymen, were taken because of the rising cost of producing milk and the present drought conditions that exist throughout (Continued on Page 5)

ASCS Committeemen Now Being Nominated

It is time once again to choose nominees to serve on the Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation committees in the 16 county communities, according to ASC committee chairman Fred G. Seldomridge.

Any local resident who is eligible to take part in an ASCS farm program may vote, and he may hold office as a committeeman.

Farmers who are eligible to vote in the community committee elections also have the right to nominate any other eligible farmer as a candidate for committee membership.

To nominate a committeeman, a petition, signed by six or more eligible voters, should be filed at the county ASCS office any time before August 15. Eligible voters may sign as many petitions as they wish, ASCS says.

Election of committeemen (Continued on Page 13)

Bob Fisher Scores Big At 4th Annual FFA Hog Show

Adding the music of his fitting and showing skill to the words of an essay, Bob Fisher of East Earl R1 came up with a champion-producing combination at the 4th annual FFA hog show, held at the Lancaster Stock Yards Tuesday.

Fisher took the grand championship of the show with a 200-pound York-Duroc barrow which he won several months ago as first prize in an essay contest sponsored by the New Holland Jaycees.

He then bounced back with a 210-pound Hampshire-Landrace gilt to wrap up the reserve title. Next, he put three crossbreds through their paces, taking the Pen of Three class. Then, still rolling, Fisher showed the hog judged best-fitted. He may have relaxed just a little in the showmanship contest, and the judge gave the nod in that event to an outstanding performance by Ronald Mull of Ephrata.

Fisher, the 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fisher, and a senior in vocational agriculture at Garden Spot High School, entered eight different breed classes and a pen of three. He came out of the contest with ribbons for five firsts, one second, and one third-place. In addition, he accumulated three trophies — grand and reserve champion trophies were presented by Warren Leininger on behalf of the Lancaster County Swine Producers Association; the fitting and showing trophies were awarded by Joel Habegger for Eby's Feed Mill, Lititz.

A rotating trophy goes to the highest-scoring chapter each year. For the first three years of the show, Cloister Chapter retained possession of the trophy, but this year it was all Grassland, led by Bob Fisher's record-breaking sweep

of top awards. The rotating trophy was donated by Baum's Bologna, Inc., Groff's Meat Market, and Hershey Quality (Continued on Page 8)

ABC "Parade" Day Set Aug. 4

Atlantic Breeders Cooperative general manager David Yoder announced this week that the second annual "Atlantic On Parade" will be held on Thursday, August 4, for dairymen throughout the service area.

Beginning at 10:30 a.m., there will be tours of Atlantic's facilities at its Lancaster headquarters on the Route 230 By-Pass. This will be followed by a chicken barbecue, beginning at 11:30 a.m., and the afternoon program.

Sires will be paraded and breeders of recent additions (Continued on Page 3)

Danger! Nitrate Poisoning

Don't graze or green chop your forage for feeding this weekend, warns Lancaster County agent M. M. Smith. The danger of nitrate poisoning is very high for 3 to 5 days following a soaking rain on drought-stricken forage crops, Smith said.

Almost any weather condition that upsets the normal growth of a crop may result in nitrate accumulations in the plants, he said. But the most dangerous situation involving excess nitrates is in drought- (Continued on Page 5)

Holstein Field Day Hosts 600 Countians; Frey Top Judge

by Everett Newswanger, Staff Reporter
Although it didn't rain Wednesday at the Lancaster County Holstein Association Field Day, much of the conversation among the 600 persons gathered under the maple, cherry and pine trees on the lawn of Trout Spring Farm, 523 Willow Road, Lancaster, was re-

lated to rain—or a lack of it. Even the speakers on the afternoon program included comments about the dry weather. Obie Snider, official judge and main speaker from Imler, Pennsylvania, said that out in Bedford County they have had only one-fourth inch of rain since the middle of June. At one time while telling of the growth of his Singing Brook Farm, Snider interrupted himself to ask, "Was that thunder I heard? I hope so!"

Associate Lancaster County agent Victor Plastow told the Holstein breeders assembled in front of the John Kreider family's 112-year-old brick farm house, "I wish I could make it rain right now. The corn is at a crucial stage. If (Continued on Page 4)



IT'S WINNERS NOSE TO NOSE for Bob Fisher at the 4th annual FFA hog show! Shown above giving a pat on the back to his grand champion York-Duroc barrow which brought him \$142 at the FFA sale which followed the show. At left is the trim 210-pound Hampshire-Landrace gilt with which Fisher took reserve honors. The Hamp sold for 41 cents per pound. L. F. Photo

Farm Calendar

August 1 — All-day, Inter-State Milk Producers Co-op picnic and dairy meeting at Lenape Park, Chester Co.
August 2 — 2nd and 3rd. 4-H County Dairy Roundup at Guernsey Sales Pavilion, Route 30 East, Lancaster. (Continued on Page 5)