



SO NEAR, YET SO FAR — With a look of sheer desperation at the height of the truck tailgate, and at the pig that was nearly as big as he was, young Burnell Buchen paused for an instant's reflection — wondering if he could actually get the pig up there to win the pig chase, or whether he'd fail, and have to liberate his prize. Following several futile efforts, the 14-year-old heaved with all he had, and he and the slippery pig both landed across the finish line!

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"WONDER WHAT ALL THE EXCITEMENT'S ABOUT?" — This could come under the category of "famous last words" for this 50-pound Yorkshire gilt who, although she didn't know it for about five seconds, soon discovered that she was the object of the boys' enthusiasm. She put on a brave run, but her sense of direction led her astray in short order.

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● FFA Hog Show

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Meats, all of Elizabethtown.

In another major event, Robert E. Zimmerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zimmerman of Stevens R1, defeated a field of 50 contestants to win the special hog judging class. He was awarded a 130-pound Yorkshire gilt from the George Cogley Yorkshire Farm, Ronks Rob-

ert is a member of the Grassland FFA Chapter.

Another Grasslander, Kenneth Zimmerman took the Landrace breed championship, and followed up with a reserve win in the Pen of Three contest.

Judge Henry Gruber, of the A & B Packing Co., Allentown, told the boys just before the fitting and showing events that those two factors

were "one of the most important parts of livestock show work." Gruber complimented Bob Fisher and others on bringing well-fitted animals to the show, adding that how they showed them accounted to a large extent for their blue ribbons.

Climaxing the day's 197-head event was a sale of all animals. Both of Fisher's top animals were bought by Penn

Gathering Trophies At FFA Hog Show



SHOWMANSHIP TROPHY, presented at left by Joel Habegger for Eby's Feed Mill, Lititz, went to Ronald Mull of Cloister FFA Chapter in what judge Henry Gruber of A & B Packing Co. described as a real close contest. **BOB FISHER**, Grassland FFA Chapter, center, shown receiving grand and reserve champion trophies and congratulations



from Warren Leininger on behalf of Lancaster County Swine Producers Assn. **BEST FITTED HOG** trophy was also added to Bob Fisher's growing collection at this week's FFA event. At right he is shown receiving the fitting trophy from Habegger for Eby's Mill.

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● Plowing Contest

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pulling an Oliver 2-bottom roll-over plow. The trophy became his permanently by virtue of his two, consecutive wins. He will represent the county at the state contest on August 26 at Belleville, Mifflin County. In last year's state event, Zimmerman placed fifth.

A crowd, estimated at close to 500 county farmers and their families, turned out for the annual conservation-activities day. They enjoyed wagon tours of the Homer Graybill and Isaac Geib farms in the Manheim R3 area, seeing various demonstrations and exhibits, including a fish casting demonstration staged by Sam Hill, State Fish Commission warden.

Graybill, himself a flying farmer, made several flights over the area, including one during which SWCD director Aaron Stauffer took some aerial photographs. Several other area flying farmers "dropped in" for the festivities.

Pig Chase

The highlight of the day for at least 50 farm boys was the afternoon pig chase. A 50-pound crossbred gilt, donated by Eby's Feed Mill of Lititz, was just a split-second slow in recognizing that he was the target of those "ten-thousand" frantic youngsters thundering in his direction. When he did realize that the slippery pigskin they were after was his, he made his move. Unfortunately, he elected to skirt left end, although he had plenty of running room on the right side — or, better, in the opposite direction. He was unable to turn the corner for a sprint down the sidelines, and was almost immediately smothered under a blanket of enthusiastic tacklers. Like a true "pro," however, the pig regained his feet several times, but just couldn't break into the daylight.

It looked momentarily as though a time limit imposed by referee Forney Longenecker — a minute and a half for one player to gain undisputed possession of the pigskin or the critter gets a fresh start — might make a brand new ball game out of it. But Burnell Buchen, Manheim R3, got under the deadline and "carried" his prize toward the finish line, a pickup truck. Both captor and captive were pretty well pooped, and the truck tailgate may have been a welcome sight for the pig, but seemed about two-stories high to young Buchen. However, he made it, and the prize was his.

When asked later what he was going to do with the gilt, the dairyman's son said he planned to keep it and start a pig project. The official time, from release of the pig to the finish line, was just under four minutes.

Last year's pig winner, Eugene Bollinger of Denver R2, though ineligible for this year's competition because of age, was on hand to see whether his record of one and a half minutes would hold up. Bollinger commented that he was well pleased with the nine pigs his gilt had presented him with nine weeks ago. She was the purebred Yorkshire he won in last year's chase. He added that he will also save gilts out of this litter to build up his herd.

DOOR PRIZES

While awaiting announcement of the plowing contest winner, a drawing for door prizes was held. The ten winners were: Dean Brubaker, Manheim R3; John L. Hovning, Lititz R2; Charles Bailey and Marlin Hosler, both of Manheim R4; Douglas Breneman, Millersville R1; Claudia Miller and Isaac Garman, both of Manheim R2; David Shelly, Manheim R3; Mrs. Elmer Good, Lititz R1; and Chester Sensesen. (Continued on Page 9)

Packing Co. The champion brought 71 cents per pound, and the reserve, 41 cents. The total sale average was \$28.24 per hundred weight, with weights averaging 213 pounds.

These prices were somewhat better than last year's FFA sale, perhaps reflecting a stronger general hog market. Last year's average was \$26.86, with Ken Martin's champion bringing 50 cents per pound and the reserve 37 cents.

Following are the complete show results:

BREED CHAMPIONS

Yorkshire — Barry Alexander, Grassland; **Spotted Poland** — Jesse Balmer, Warwick; **Hampshire** — Robert Fisher, Grassland; **Duroc** — Larry High,

Grassland; **Chester White** — Ronald Mull, Cloister; **Landrace** — Kenneth Zimmerman, Grassland; **Crossbreed** — Robert Fisher, Grassland; **Open Class** — Robert Fisher, Grassland.

YORKSHIRE CLASSES

Lightweights (180-200 lbs.) — 1, Ronald Mull, Ephrata; 2, Larry Groff, Grassland; 3, Robert Fisher, Grassland; 4, Clarence Ludwig, Grassland; 5, Jay Fisher, Manheim; 6, Barry Alexander, Grassland; Barry Nickel, Pequea Valley; Galen Yoder, Grassland.

Mediumweights (201-220) — 1, Barry Alexander, New Holland; 2, Robert Fisher, New Holland; 3, Thomas Zartman, Ephrata; 4, Kenneth Nissley, Penn Manor; 5, Barry Garber, Manheim; 6, Galen Yoder, New Holland.

Heavyweights (221 & Over) — 1, Tom Risser, Warwick; 2, Larry Groff, New Holland; 3, Earl Hertzog, Ephrata; 4, Eugene Brendle, New Holland; 5, Charles Harting, Ephrata; 6, Marlin Shearer, Manheim.

DUROC CLASSES

Lightweights (180-200 lbs.) — 1, Carl Martin, Grassland; 2, Kenneth Weber, Grassland; 3, Ronald Mull, Ephrata; 4, Robert Fisher, Grassland; 5, Mike Smucker, Grassland; 6, Raymond Bollinger, Ephrata.

Mediumweights (201-220 lbs.) — 1, Larry High, Grassland; 2, Earl Stauffer, Ephrata; 3, Tom Zartman, Ephrata; 4, Clarence Ludwig, Grassland; 5, Robert Fisher, Grassland; 6, Kenneth Weber, Ephrata.

Heavyweights (221 lbs. up) — 1, Earl Stauffer, Ephrata; 2, Leon Seitz, Elizabethtown; 3, Ronald Mull, Ephrata; 4, Raymond Bollinger, Ephrata. (Continued on Page 13)