

Reflections

(From the files of Lancaster Farming)

One Year Ago July, 1966

Zimmerman Retains Plowing Title — Marvin Zimmerman, East Earl R1, retained his crown as county plowing champion by out-plowing six other contestants this week (July 30).

Competition among the top three contestants was so close that one observer figured Zimmerman didn't clinch the title until he'd turned the last contoured furrow. Having won for the second successive year, he retains permanent possession of the trophy, which is donated by the sponsors of the event — the Lancaster County Soil & Water Conservation District.

Tying for second place were Ivan Yost of Narvon R2 and John Campbell, New Holland.

Miss Hess Named Dairy Princess — After being selected as

"Miss Personality" by the other five contestants, Carol Ann Hess of Strasburg R1 went on to win the county dairy princess title this week (July 2).

First runnerup was Nancy L. Risser, Leola R1. Miss Risser is a graduate of Manheim Township High School, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen K. Risser.

Miss Hess, a graduate of Lampeter-Strasburg High School, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Hess, Jr., has a long record of 4-H activities. In addition to her work in the baby beef and Holstein clubs, she has held the county senior 4-H posture queen title.

Glenn Weber, State FFA President — The 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Weber of Mohnton R2, Glenn capped a highly active Future Farmer career this week by winning the

persidency of the state FFA chapter.

He has been president of his local chapter at Garden Spot High School and of the Red Rose county chapter. He was earlier named 1966 Region II Star Farmer, and later, State Star Farmer. He presently operates the home dairy farm.

4-H Queens Chosen — As dusk descended over the 4-H county field day at Long Park Thursday, (July 14), the spotlight shone on two young ladies who will wear the crowns of junior and senior 4-H queens for this year.

Judy Buckwalter, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David E. Buckwalter of Lititz R3, has been active in 4-H work for seven years; she is currently president of the county council.

Junior queen, Marilyn Krantz, twelve, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin B. Krantz, New Providence R1. A 4-H'er for four years, she has been active in horse and pony and cooking clubs.

Fisher Tops FFA Hog Show — Robert Fisher walked off with most of the honors at the annual FFA hog show this week (July 30) at the Lancaster Stock Yards.

He took the two top titles — grand and reserve champion — bounced back to win first in the Pen of Three class, then, still going strong, he showed the hog judged best-fitted. He did lose one event, dropping the showmanship title to Ronald Mull of Ephrata.

Fisher, 18, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fisher of East Earl R1, and is a senior at Garden Spot High School.

Five Years Ago July, 1962

Dairy Breeders' Role Outlined — Some 600 people attending the Lancaster County Holstein Field Day Thursday (July 26) heard the dairy breeders' role described by a well-known dairy judge.

Donald Seipt, manager of Keystone Farm, Easton, Pa., noted that with service now available to almost any bull in the U.S. and Canada via frozen semen, there is a great temptation for dairymen to breed cows to "the hottest bull to come down the pike".

He said he did not mean to condemn artificial breeding, or detract from the gains in herd averages it has brought about. He believes a sounder breeding program can be built around the use of fewer herd sires.

Through the indiscriminate use of AI, breeders may bring entirely too many different genes into their dairy herds, he stated.

County Plowing Title To Kreider — Nearly 200 spectators saw the gleaming moldboards of Everett Kreider's three-bottom plow turn over the dusty soil to win the 1962 county plowing contest Monday, (July 23).

Kreider out-pointed nine other contestants to win the annual event, held this year on the Roy H Garber farm at Lititz R3.

Finishing second was Mervin Shelly, Lititz R1, while Forney Longenecker, Lititz R3, plowed-out in third place.

Scattered Showers Fail To Break Drought — Thursday (July 12) brought the first measurable rain to Lancaster County in more than three weeks, but it failed to break the deepening drought conditions.

Although local farmers fail to see yields affected seriously at this point, most note that crop growth in the past month has been badly set back.

A soaking rain during the next week would still save the

day, several farmers observed.

County 4-H Livestock Judges Top District — A three-man, 4-H livestock judging team from the county took the second leg of a three-year challenge trophy Wednesday (July 11) at the Southeastern Pennsylvania judging competition.

The team of Darvin Boyd, Ephrata R1, Donald Trimble, Quarryville R1, and Wilbur Hosler, Manheim R3, beat out teams from eight other counties in the district to move within one win of retiring the trophy.

Peifer, Best Holstein Judge — Melvin Peifer, Willow Street R1, was high scorer in the cow judging contest held in conjunction with the annual Lan-

caster County Holstein Field Day Thursday (July 28).

In the close contest, held at the Red Rose Research Farm of John W. Eshelman & Sons, Lancaster, Raymond Hoover of Gap R1 placed second. Third place went to Mervin Hershey, Ronks R1.

Last year's top scorer, Mrs. Robert Kauffman, Elizabethtown R1, took the honors in the ladies' division. She was followed by Mrs. Richard Hess, Strasburg R1, second; and third, Mrs. Kathryn Frey, Manheim R2.

Ten Years Ago July, 1957

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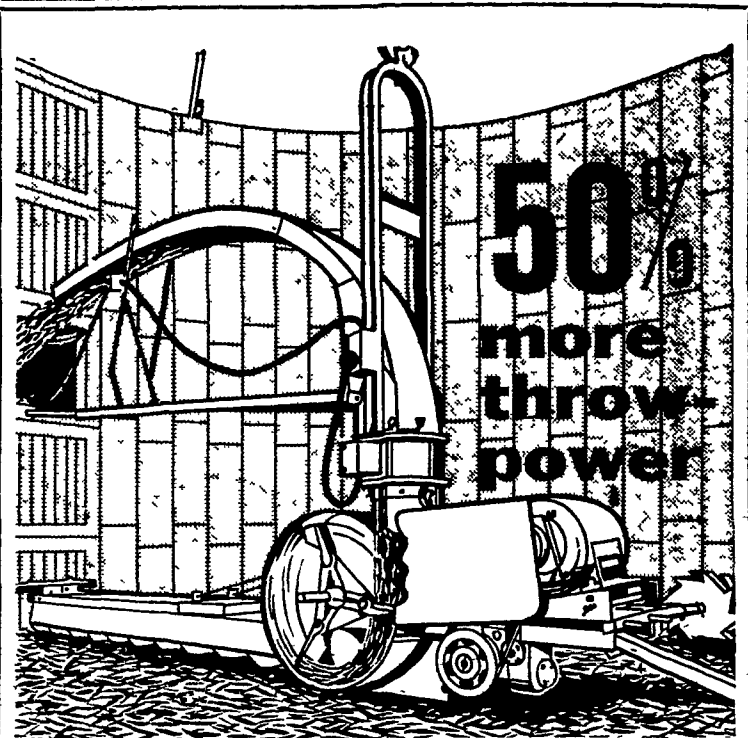
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