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gree, and was a member of the school basketball and softball teams. He showed dairy and beef projects at local, county, state and district shows, and was named champion tractor driver at the 1967 Solanco Fair.

Clair L. Erb

Clair Erb, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Erb, Columbia R2, is a senior at the Penn Manor High School. He is president of his local chapter and has been County Corresponding Secretary and chapter reporter.

Erb's farming program centers around 5 acres of corn, 2 acres of tobacco and 2 acres of alfalfa hay. His plans for the future are not decided but he wants to do something related to agriculture.

Erb is the third brother to receive the Farmer Degree.

LeRoy Eshleman

LeRoy Eshleman, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester L. Eshleman, Willow Street R1, is a senior at Penn Manor High School. He is chapter corresponding secretary and a member of the school wrestling team. Eshleman was also a member of the Pennsylvania Poultry Judging team at the Eastern States Exposition.

LeRoy's farming projects include 5 acres of corn, 6 acres of hay, 2 acres of tobacco, 4 steers and 21 sheep. He plans to be an Agriculture business salesman.

Christmas Tree People Bidding For National Contest Privilege

HARRISBURG — There will be a contest within a contest for exhibitors of Christmas trees at the 1968 Pennsylvania Farm Show with the winner privileged to enter a national contest.

Members of the Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers Association winning blue ribbons at the show will have their names dropped into a box, and a drawing of one name will determine the supplier of Pennsylvania's entry in a national Christmas tree contest.

Farm Show competition in the Christmas tree department is open to all Pennsylvania growers. A blue ribbon is awarded to the trees judged to be the best in each species.

The national contest will be held in conjunction with the 1968 convention of the National Christmas Tree Growers Association next Aug. 15-17 at Indiana, Pa. It will be the first convention of the group to be held in the Commonwealth. Twenty-six states will be in competition in the national contest.

Farm Show officials reminded growers that their entries must be delivered to the Farm Show Building by 9 a.m., Sunday, January 14. Premium lists containing entry rules may be obtained by writing to Horace L. Mann, Farm Show Director, Farm Show Building, Harrisburg, or from the offices of county agricultural agents. The 1968 show, the 52nd in the annual series, will be held Jan. 15-19.

DID YOU KNOW

That elk still roam certain portions of Pennsylvania. The Elk State Forest, in Cameron, Elk and Potter counties, still contains a small herd of elk in the Hicks-Dent Run Area (Dept. of Forests and Waters).

Premiums For 52nd Farm Show Total \$69,121; A New High

Approximately 43 percent of the wage earners in Pennsylvania now derive all or part of their income from Agribusiness. An estimated production value of \$13 billion is placed on the vast combine of manufacturing plants and wholesale and retail distribution systems that are almost wholly dependent on agriculture as a source of supply, or as an outlet for goods they produce and sell. Cash receipts from farm marketings have reached the \$900 million mark. Economists predict even more important strides for the future.

Is it any wonder that the Farm Show attracts more and more people with each passing year? Last January an estimated 710,000, the highest of record, came to see the best of Pennsylvania's diversified agriculture. Competition, the inspiration for the individual exhibitor, becomes more challenging with each show. Premiums for the 52nd Farm Show total \$69,121.75, a new high.

Totals for the various departments are: Horses, \$3,900; Sheep, \$5,704; Swine, \$3,362; Beef Cattle, \$12,226; Dairy Cattle, \$20,640; Corn, \$565; Small Grains, \$312; Potatoes, \$339; Hay, \$658; Tobacco, \$312; Apples, \$2,713; Edible Nuts, \$450; Vegetables, \$1,264; Maple Products, 348; Apiary Products, \$1,183; Entomology, \$107; Christmas Trees, \$262; Wool, \$296; Eggs, \$651; Dressed Turkeys, \$180; Poultry, \$6,698.50; Home Economics, \$3,058.25; Tractor Driving, \$160; Folk Dance, \$750; School Demonstration Contest, \$1,040; School Exhibits, \$910; Potato Grading, \$108; Horse Pulling, \$800; Sheep Blocking and Grooming, \$25; Good House-keeping, \$100.

You can tell a child is growing up when he stops asking where he came from and starts refusing to tell where he's going.

1,983 Animals Competing In Harrisburg Exposition

If the popular song, "Talk to the Animals," were applied to the 1968 Pennsylvania Farm Show, there would be lots of chatter. By total count, 1,983 head of dairy and beef cattle, horses, sheep and swine will be available for "conservation" when the giant exposition opens its doors on Monday, Jan. 15.

All livestock entered in the Pennsylvania Farm Show are subject to strict livestock and dairy health rules and must conform with all such requirements for exhibition purposes. Livestock exhibitors are not permitted to bring non-exhibit animals into the Farm Show Building.

Horace L. Mann, Farm Show director, said 140 animals had to be turned away for lack of accommodations. Most of these, as in past years, were in the

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