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Zimmerman Is Conservation 4-H Winner

The annual 4-H Soil and Water Conservation Clubs Roundup was held in the Farm & Home Center Monday night, with 28 exhibits on display. People at the roundup were impressed at the number of entries and their quality.

First place winner was Jay C. Zimmerman, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Zimmerman, Ephrata R1. His display showed the value of contouring rolling land.

Second place went to Leon Martin Stevens R1, for his ex-

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hibit on lumbering practices, and third to Ricky Pfautz, Stevens R1 on planting recommendations for slopes too steep to farm.

In special recognition, Aaron Z. Suffer, Ephrata R1, was presented a colored aerial photo of his farm for his outstanding service in Lancaster County Conservation. The presentation was made by Amos H. Funk, Chairman of the local conservation district.

Lloyd Welk, president of the Southern 4-H Soil and Water Conservation Club, presided at the roundup.

Furrow Queen Applications Available Now

The National Plowing Contest at Hershey Aug 27, 28 and 29 is going to have a queen.

Her title will be Queen of the Furrow and she will be crowned the first day of the event.

The queen will be selected from statewide contests being sponsored by the Pennsylvania Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Inc.

Donald Stevens, chairman of the queen contest, said contestants must be single, between the ages of 16-21 and come from rural Pennsylvania.

He said they will be judged on beauty, grace, personality and poise.

County elimination contest will be held prior to July 27. The winners will be eligible for six regional eliminations with the six regional winners competing for the Queen of the Furrow title.

Queen of the Furrow applications may be obtained from county offices of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Stevens said.

Farm Calendar

Monday, April 15
8:00 p.m. - Manheim Young Farmer meeting. (What you should know about traffic safety), School Vo-Ag Room.

Tuesday, April 16
16-18 Swine Building Conference
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CALLING THE FOXHOUNDS. Walter Watson, night watchman at Vintage Sales Stables, uses the call to bring his other dogs home. Lancaster Farming's Editor reports on experiences Monday morning. L. F. Photo

Fox Hunting With Walter Watson Is Very Exciting

by Everett Newswanger
Lancaster Farming Editor

We left Strubel's Restaurant in Strasburg, Monday morning at nine o'clock and took Bunker Hill Road, south to the top of the rise. In last year's corn stalks, below us, a ring-necked cockbird crowed his morning greeting and a ground hog tried to make himself small as he ran down the hill.

At the hilltop we turned into the lane that is the western extension of Hill Road and drove back to the woods. Several pieces of abandoned farm machinery and a partly dismantled junk car came into view as we parked our cars.

Incidentally, we were not looking for pheasants or ground hogs. We were looking for foxes, animals which the encyclopedia calls "carnivorous mammals belonging to the dog family." You know they steal chickens and eat game animals such as rabbits, muskrats and other rodents.

Our party numbered six — Walter Watson, night watchman at Vintage Sales Stables, his four foxhounds Spotie, age 6,

Dick 3, Annie, 3 and Salties 4; and this reporter (weighted down with a focused shutter box set on fast speed to catch the action as it occurred).

Walter Watson is a medium-tall man with a deep love for his dogs and an instinct for knowing where foxes are and where they are going. He both traps them and hunts them with his dogs.

Foxes are, by nature, very cunning in avoiding traps and breaking the line of scent when dogs are in pursuit. A fox will walk along the top of a fence or follow a stream to hide his trail. He often back-tracks on his own trail, leaping to one side before taking off in another direction.

Watson explained that his dogs find it hardest to trail foxes in a field which has a heavy manure coating. And although it wouldn't bother the canine members of our party, the fox has a loping speed of at least six miles an hour. They have been known to accelerate up to 45 miles an hour if necessary.

Reference books say "Few of the older and experienced foxes are ever caught." But, of course few encyclopedia writers have ever met Walter Watson or his dogs.

Walter opened the car trunk and released the four dogs. Immediately they surveyed the old tractor tire and little woodshed beside our parked cars. Then, quickly, the pack is off, "tonguing" their hearts out on the trail of a fox visitor to the area the night before.

Watson says it is nothing to (Continued on Page 8)

County Fruit Growers And Honey Producers To Hold Banquet

The Lancaster County Fruit Growers and Honey Producers will hold their annual banquet, Monday night, April 22 at the Meadow Hills Dining Hall. Time is 6:30 p.m.

The featured speaker will be a graduate student at Penn State who comes from the country of Iraq. His name is Wail S. Tikity, who will give an illustrated talk on his native country. This presentation should be quite timely in view of more recent events occurring in that part of the world.

Milk Prices To Farmers Will Increase 28 Cents On April 15

The Pennsylvania Milk Control Commission recently released new Official General Orders for six of the thirteen Milk Marketing Areas in the State. The six areas include: Lehigh, Area No. 6; Harrisburg, Area No. 8; Johnstown-Altoona, Area No. 9; York, Area No. 12; Lancaster, Area No. 14; and Reading, Area No. 15. The effective date of the orders is 12:01 a.m., Monday, April 15, 1968.

J. Lin Huber, Chairman of the Commission, announced that the price producers will receive for fluid milk will increase 28c per hundredweight. This increase reflects the recent action taken by the United States Department of Agriculture in increasing the dairy support prices and overall increases in the Federal Milk Orders throughout the country. Also, the accounting method of determining dealers' obligations to producers will increase producer returns for milk sold for fluid uses in the six markets ranging from 12c to 30c a hundredweight.

"In addition, milk dealers have experienced increased labor costs and operating expenses. These factors, together with the producer price increases, make it necessary to increase minimum resale (consumer and wholesale) prices," Chairman Huber explained.

"The new schedules of mini-

mum resale prices for milk delivered to homes and for out-of-store sales encourages economies in distribution. The new Orders, for the first time, provided a consumer quantity discount of 1c a quart for 6 or more quarts delivered to the home at one time in Quart, one-half Gallon, and Gallon containers. The discount is applicable to the par-

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Farmer Boy and His Ribbon

Editor's Note: Farmer Boy And His Ribbon is a parable — a story with a moral. It reveals the great paradox that sometimes the winner loses and loser wins. Your comments and/or suggestions for other Farmer Boy subjects are invited.

Once upon a time, a farmer boy got a calf ready for the show. He led him daily and fed him well. He kept the pen clean and was scored high on his project book.

The day before the show Farmer Boy was heard to say as he led his calf and compared it with others on the farm: "If I don't win this year I never will."

A large crowd was on hand under the show ring tent. Farmer Boy had one of about 34 calves entered in his class. But he was still confident. He had a very fine typed calf.

Sure enough, the judge picked him out right away. Time and again he came back

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Swine Producer Has Close Call With Fumes

A Lancaster County swine producer recently had an experience with the fumes caused by stirring manure in a pit that should give a warning to other farmers.

Roman Beiler, Paradise R1, built a 26'x82' farrowing house about a year ago, with a manure pit around the outside edge. The pit is five feet wide by five feet deep and is covered with slats.

The day was clear, the doors of the house were open and a good wind was blowing. But, just a few moments after he had started agitating the manure in the pit to clean out the pen, pigs started squealing. He quickly turned off the motor and threw the little pigs out into the middle entry. The little pigs were gasping and he gave some artificial respiration. "I worked fast," he said. "It happened in a very short time."

About 30 of his 300 pigs were affected. However, only one was lost — because he had been unnoticed in a back pen.

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