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SHOW CHAMPIONS. Both the champion and the reserve champion of the 4-H Swine Show held Tuesday morning, at the Lancaster Stockyards was shown by Richard Buckwalter, Lititz R3. The champions were crossbred barrows and moved to the

top of the show from their champion and reserve champion breed wins. Buckwalter also had the champion Yorkshire and won the best showman and fitter contest.

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Richard Buckwalter Has Top Wins At Annual Swine Show

A pair of crossbred barrows gave the way for Richard K Buckwalter, Lititz R3, to capture both the championship and reserve championship ribbons and trophies at the Annual 4-H Swine Show held Tuesday at the Lancaster Stockyards. The champion was the top heavyweight crossbred in the breed show and the reserve was the best mediumweight. Both hogs came from Dutch Valley Farm, Manheim R3.

In the afternoon sale, the champion sold for 71 cents a pound and the reserve champion went for 40 cents a pound. Both were bought by Penn Packing, Philadelphia. The 140 head averaged 21.38 cents a pound including the champions and 20.85 cents a pound without them. Total dollars from the sale was \$6,654.67 from a total weight of 23,315 lbs.

Beside the show and crossbred wins, Richard had the champion Yorkshire and was the best showman and fitter. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Buckwalter.

In the Berkshire show, Martin Bollinger had the champion and Eugene Bollinger had the reserve champion. Both are from Denver R2.

John Roop, Christiana R1 had the champion Chester White and

Dennis Shoemaker, Bainbridge R1 had the reserve champion.

In the Duroc-Jerseys division, Franklin Ruoss, Ephrata R2 had the champion and Scott Heisey, Elizabethtown R1 had the reserve champion.

Kerry Boyd, Ephrata R1 had the champion Hampshire and

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DHIA High Herds And Cows Reported

The highest monthly DHIA herd average for June was completed by the Red Rose Research Farm, 226 Pitney Rd. Lancaster, according to Wilbur Houser, Head Tester. Their 262 cows with 89.3% cow days of milk averaged 53.1 lbs. of milk, 3.7 percent and 1.96 lbs. of butterfat per day.

Second high herd for the third consecutive month was Stanley G. Cremer, Manheim R4. His 23 cows with 82.6% cow

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Earl Stauffer Is Selected FFA Co. Star Farmer

An Ephrata High School FFA Youth entering the 12th grade next month, was selected Lancaster County Star Farmer of 1968 at an interview session held Tuesday afternoon at the Farm and Home Center.

Earl Stauffer, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stauffer, Ephrata R1, won the honor and a trip to the National FFA Convention, Kansas City, Mo., in October over three other rep-

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This American Farmer Likes To Be Versatile

This 21-year-old farm youth likes versatility. "My goal," he says, "is to be able to do what ever my hand turns to." And his large diversified farm enterprise should give him plenty of experience to reach his goal.

The big problem facing Jim Esbenschade and his family on their Quarryville R2 farm this day morning, was where to go with the produce from their 22 acres of tomatoes. They have their own tractor trailer trucks so they have been peddling tomatoes from cannery to cannery in Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Northern Pennsylvania, etc.

But sometimes they have to call their pickers out of the field. Normally, they wouldn't be going half that far, but the Campbell Soup Co. strike has them in a bind, along with all other tomato farmers.

Jim, nominated for the American Farmer Degree, estimates one-third of the crop is going to waste and some farmers are plowing them down. "If the strike would end in 10 days we could save half the crop," he said. "But when tomatoes are left in the field to rot they start all the good ones rotting, too."

The Esbenschades cover their fields three times every two weeks.

Jim doesn't think the Campbell Company is really trying to settle their labor dispute because they can import tomatoes from other sections of the country at a lower cost. And his father, Milton, summed up the situation for them by saying, "We have had tomatoes for many

years, but we raised them one year too many."

The 1965 graduate of Solanco High School has made his favorite hobby of fixing old or wrecked farm machinery into a profitable farming asset. One of his bigger overhaul jobs is on the two 98 diesel Massey Ferguson tractors he bought on trips to Texas and Oklahoma and trucked back to his farm workshop.

He completely renovated the

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Farm And Home Debt Reduced

The debt on the Farm and Home Center property valued at more than half a million dollars was reported reduced to \$190,000 Tuesday night at the Foundation's board of directors meeting in the Farm and Home Center. The reduction was due largely to the application of the money recently obtained from the Esbenschade Estate fund toward payment of the bank note.

Also reported was the final \$6,000 payment to the contractor Buckwalter Construction Co. and board action called for another \$1,000 to be paid to the architect, Haak and Kauffman, leaving a \$2,000 balance.

Other discussion centered around the attorney's fee for collecting the Estate fund and the air-conditioning system at the Center which needs adjusting before the hot weather ceases.

Snavely Garber presided at the meeting.



HUGE WESTERN-TYPE TRACTOR. James Esbenschade, the American Farmer Degree-Nominee from Quarryville R2, prepares to start one of his 6 ton, 110 horse power tractors he trucked to his farm

workshop from Western Texas. Esbenschade over-hauled the two big tractors and now has like-new power to farm his 750 acre farm operation.

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Farm Calendar

Saturday, August 24 (today)
3:00 p.m.—Crowning of State Poultry Queen, Hershey Park Bandshell.

Monday, August 26
8:00 p.m.—DHIA Directors meet, Farm and Home Center.

Tuesday, August 27
27-29—State and National Plowing Contest, Hershey. (See (Continued on Page 8))