

● **Ohioans**
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championship in the afternoon match. Runner-up was Terry Bender, of Prole R1, Iowa.

In the morning match, Kruckeberg captured the small plow title with second place honors going to Dale R. Rebert, 26, of Spring Grove R3, York Co., Pa.

The margin of victory was only seven-twelfths of a point. Kruckeberg scored 82½ points to 81¼ for Rebert.

Speaking at the Plowmen's Banquet, Herb Plambeck — recognized as the founder of national plowing matches — indicated that this year's contest may be the last. "If this is the case," he told an audience of more than 300, "then the 1968 match held here in Pennsylvania will close the book in a blaze of glory."

This was the second national contest for Pennsylvania. The first was held at Hershey in 1958.

Sponsoring agencies of the 1968 contest were: The College of Agriculture of The Pennsylvania State University; the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, the Milton Hershey Farms, the Pennsylvania Grassland Council, and the Soil Conservation Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Seventeen-year-old Deborah E. Smith is having the time of her young life reigning over the 1968 National Plowing Contest as Queen of the Furrow. With dark eyes sparkling, "Deb" — as she prefers to be called — greets everyone with a bright, happy smile.

Standing off to the side is someone else with an even bigger smile, Mrs. Arthur M. Smith, "Deb's" mother. "She still can't believe it," Mrs. Smith comments as she watches "Deb" in the midst of her three-day reign. The Smiths, who formerly resided in Boiling Springs, Cumberland County, now are residents of Ickesburg, Perry County.

Eugene Holmes, of Waldorf, Minn., was re-elected treasurer of the U.S.A. Plowing Organization. Virgil Bender, of Prole, Iowa, was re-elected a board member. The election was held in conjunction with the National Plowing Contest now in progress at Hershey.

Plowing Contest Bits and Pieces

The president is John Daniels, of Vandalia, Ill., whose term expires next year.

Camera-bearing visitors took advantage of the clear skies and moderately warm weather Wednesday, traveling over the eight-mile conservation bus tour route at the 1968 National Plowing Contest. Most important, buses were on perfect schedule.

Visitors had an opportunity to note some interesting highlights, such as a visit by Smokey the Bear to the Department of Forests and Waters demonstration area.

Children appeared to be a little awed by a walking, talking "Smokey", but soon warmed to his cheerful greeting and handshake.

In the forage progress area, a mix up in fueling occurred, with diesel fuel accidentally pumped into a gasoline-powered unit. No harm resulted, but there were a few red faces in the area.



ELVIN LAPP, (right), 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lapp, Kinzers R1, was recognized for being the youngest plowman at the State Horse Plowing Contest held Tuesday at Hershey. William Howard from the Pennsylvania Horse and Mule Association made the presentation.

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Pennsylvania's first lady vocational agriculture instructor was one of several specialized personnel offering demonstrations in the large vocational agriculture exhibit area.

Miss Beverly Buzas, who will teach in the East Montgomery Vo-Tech School, at Willow Grove, this fall, demonstrated floral arrangements.

In the same area, a "road-runner" constructed entirely from scratch by a vo-ag student attracted a great deal of attention.

The pony express rides again at the 1968 National Plowing Contest. The "express" is made up of members of 4-H Light Horse and Pony Clubs, and they are messengers at the plowing contest.

Big advantage, officials say, is that traffic doesn't hold up the "express" as it would an automobile. Tuesday's club was from Lower Dauphin High School, and Wednesday's from Central

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Furrow to reign over the 1968 National Plowing Contest, Conservation Exposition and Forage Progress Days.

The York countians bested 52 other county champion sodbusters to wrap up all three plowing titles.

Two of the state winners are brothers who won both classes of level land plowing. Gerald Rebert, 42, of Thomasville R1, captured top honors in the large plow class, while his 26-year-old brother, Dale R. Rebert, of Spring Grove R3, won the title in the small plow class.

Charles Hess, 30, of Dallastown R1, rounded out the winning York trio by taking the title in contour plowing competition.

Two Somerset countians were Dauphin Lower Dauphin club was on duty Thursday.

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among four top winners in Tuesday's horse and mule plowing competition. Jack Cullen of Somerset R6 was first in the sulky class, while Robert W. Decker of Garrett finished first in the double gang competition.

Earl Yorty, of Hummelstown R2, Dauphin Co., took top honors in the walking plow class, with James Howard of Mt. Pleasant R1, Westmoreland Co., first in the single gang class.

On the distaff side, Miss Carrie Bonawitz, of Harrisburg R1, was the winner in the ladies' competition.

The eldest competitor was John Faidley of Hershey, a 64-year-old plowman, and Elvin Lapp, Lancaster Counties 12-year-old from Kinzers, was the youngest.

Lt. Gov. Raymond J. Bioderick, who cut the traditional ribbon for the official opening Tuesday morning, said the contest "dramatically emphasizes the fact that agriculture is, and always has been, the key industry of our Commonwealth."

● **Glenn Esbenshade**
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crude protein, 103 percent crude fiber and an estimated TDN of 82 percent.

Local placings are as follows: Corn Silage (no additives) 1, Esbenshade, reserve grand champion, 5, Donald L. HERSHEY, Manheim R2, Corn Silage (urea added) 1, Clarence Keener Jr., Manheim R1, Corn Silage (urea & limestone added) 1, Aaron Stauffer, Ephrata R1, Corn Silage (high energy) 2, Preston Newcome, Mt. Joy R1, 4, Donald HERSHEY,

Hay Crop Silage (mainly grass) 2, Carl L. Martin, Ephrata R1, 5, Marvin Nolt, Peach Bottom R2, Hay Crop Silage (small grains) 1, Samuel N. Myers, Elizabethtown R3.

● **Paul Clark**
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their ability to identify many of the weeds common in Pennsylvania and the control measures used for each. About 50 contestants competed in the youth event.

Second place in the FFA division was won by John Heller of Aspers R1, Adams Co., and third by Timothy Heller, John's brother.

Patty Sawzik, of Somerset R2, placed second in the 4-H division and third went to Ned Howard of Northampton R2.