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PEANUTS and Tomey, two tame Pennsylvania White-tailed deer pose on the patio of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Schaffer,

Macungie R1. These doe along with Smokey, the buck, are household pets.

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Peanuts, Tomey & Smokey Are World's Tamest Deer

by Everett Newswanger
Lancaster Farming Editor

A fire is crackling invitingly in the fireplace. It's the day before Christmas and you have just entered the beautifully decorated family room of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Schaffer and are drawn to the wooded view through the picture window. A wide, fast-moving stream passes beneath the window and when you turn to make a comment about the lovely setting to your very gracious hosts, it happens!

Out of the corner of your eye, through the glass patio doors, you see them. A second look reveals two of the most splendid Pennsylvania White-tailed Deer you ever could see. This introduction to "Peanuts" and "Tomey", lying on the doormat like any ordinary pets, is only the beginning of an experience not soon to be forgotten.

It all started five years ago when Schaffer, a contractor from Macungie R1, bought his buck as a fawn. Smokey, as he is affectionately called, is now a huge 10 point buck who lumbers

over his two-acre spread with his mates. A year later Peanuts arrived and Tomey was acquired three years ago.

The deer population at the Schaffer home increased by four each of the last two years when both doe had twins. The fawns are sold to other hobbyists who happen to have a pasture and a stream with a six foot high fence around it. Schaeffer says you can keep a deer on one-half acre of ground and it costs about \$30 a year for the dairy calf starter to feed him. The deer also get apples each day and potatoes are a regular part of their diet. Deer regurgitate like a cow and have a six month gestation period. Fawns are generally born in May.

The real star of the household, proclaimed as the "tamest deer in the world," is Peanuts.

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Tobacco Meeting Set At Martindale

The second in a series of tobacco meetings will be held at the Lincoln Independent School Building near Martindale on Wednesday evening, January 8th at 7:30 P.M. as part of the Eastern Lancaster County Adult Farmer Program. Mr. Mark Hess, Manager of Tobacco Marketing for Agway, Inc., and Mr. Richard Charles, Manager of the Bayuk Tobacco Company, will lead a discussion on the handling and marketing of quality tobacco.

A variety of topics of current interest to local tobacco farmers will be discussed by the two specialists. Among them will be the pricing of tobacco before planting, the drop in local production, the future of tobacco substitutes, foreign tobacco competition, the pricing of tobacco by grade, the orderly marketing of tobacco, a review

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Henkel Elected Chairman Pa. Pork Producers

A Lancaster County Swine Breeder has been elected chairman of the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council according to Mark F. Nestleroth, Manheim R3, Publicity Chairman for the state organization.

John H. Henkel, Willow Glen Farm, Strasburg R1, a Yorkshire breeder, was elected at a recent regular monthly meeting. He is to serve for 1969.

Vice-chairman is Ronald Trostle, 47 Lightner Rd., York and Secretary-Treasurer is Herbert Schick, Kutztown R2.

Nestleroth also reported 6,511 hogs were checked off in Pennsylvania during November to bring the total of 50,719 hogs deducted for the first 11 months in the "Nickels for Profit" program.

Also, two new organizations have been accepted into the state council: Tri-County Pork Producers with Charles H. Masser, Klingerstown R1, as president; and Center Susquehanna Pork Producers with William Geiss, Northumberland R1, as president.

Tobacco Imports Gain

The world's biggest producer and exporter of tobacco, the U.S., is also the third largest importer. Imported tobacco will account for one-sixth of all tobacco consumed in the U.S. this year.

Most of the imported tobacco is unmanufactured cigarette leaf and scrap tobaccos, which U.S. cigarette makers blend with domestic tobaccos. The important feature of the imports is their low price.

Imports of cigarette tobaccos rose 26 million pounds to 172 million pounds last year, and

another large gain is expected in 1968, as cigarette makers attempt to stabilize their prices.

Smoking tobacco imports are increasing by one-third this year, and are expected to gain further in 1969. Imports of this kind have gained steadily for years. Totalling an estimated 5 million pounds for 1968, they are equal to about 7 percent of our domestic output of smoking tobaccos.

Imports of manufactured cigars are increasing by an estimated one-third this year, but

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Elizabethtown FFA Purchases New Truck

by Paul Swanger
Chapter Reporter

The Elizabethtown FFA Chapter recently purchased a 1969 Dodge Custom Sportsman. The new truck replaced the four-year-old truck that traveled several times to the west coast. Local dealers placed bids for the new truck. Petticoffer Dodge won the contract. The new truck is equipped with air conditioning. The truck will be used for field trips. The seniors will take the truck out to the west coast this summer. Funds for the truck were raised from the Bologna campaigns the chapter has in November and March.

Mystery Farm Contest

The Mystery Farm Contest continues this week in Lancaster Farming with the seventh in the series of eight County farm photographs to be published

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