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Women's Event Added To State Plow Contest

Pennsylvania's top 42 plowmen — all winners in county competition — will be vying for state championship honors in the State Plowing Contest to be held August 27 in Towanda, Bradford County.

The plowing championships will be one of the feature attractions of the 1969 Agricultural Progress Days scheduled at Fox Chase Farms adjacent to the Towanda Airport.

Agricultural Progress Days, which will also feature three dairy shows, forage and forestry field days, and a women's program, is being sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Services of Pennsylvania State University and Cornell University, Pennsylvania Grassland Council, and State Plowing Contest Committee.

"Plowmen will be competing in three divisions again this year," said Charles Slaton, of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service, Harrisburg, contest chairman. "These include small plow, level land (two and three bot-

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Visiting Doctor Schmuck And His Family At Their PineLane Farmstead Home

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Take the road West at the junction in Wakefield, go exactly two miles, turn in the shaded farm lane and you have arrived at the 112 acre farm of Dr. & Mrs. Larry Schmuck and family.

Dr. Schmuck is a well-known large animal veterinarian in southern Lancaster County working with Dr. McMullen and Dr. Cox out of Quarryville. He was still out on a call Wednesday afternoon when this reporter arrived just before supper, so Mrs. Schmuck suggested the children give a tour of the farm. Karen 6, Sandra 7, Ellen 10, and Warren 11, (a lively group) showed the animals. There was Warren's 4-H Ayrshire calf, the Hereford steers, the Holstein heifers, and the quarter horses in the barn yard. The pure white cat played

with the three colored cat while the black cat with a white bib slept on top of a barrel. And the friendly German shepherd shared the farm with the poodles and helped introduce us to the pigs.

Now the pigs are really what makes this farm. Each member of the Schmuck family, including Mrs. Schmuck, bought a Registered Yorkshire from Willow Glen Farm at Strasburg.

"You can't have a farm for a hobby," the doctor said. (He arrived during the middle of the children's tour.) "You have to prove to the Internal Revenue Service you really farm so we got into the swine breeding business in a small scale and depending on the family we may have 50 sows in the future."

And already there are 17 more pigs on the Pine Lane Farm than

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EACH MEMBER of the Schmuck family has Registered Yorkshire swine projects. The children of Dr. and Mrs. Larry Schmuck, Peach Bottom R2, are (left to right), Sandra 7, Karen 6, Ellen 10, and Warren 11. The sow and 11 little pigs in the LANCASTER FARMING photo belong to Karen.

Up The Silo . . .

The camera is up the silo looking down as John S. Yost, Kinzers R1 works the power-take-off, self unloading wagon to fill his new 20' x 60' silo with alfalfa. Tuesday morning Yost was wilting the grass to 40 percent moisture to make haylage for his 80 head Registered Holstein herd of dairy animals.

John said the alfalfa was in the bud stage with only a few flowers visible. The alfalfa weevils were reported not too serious to date with spittle bugs more numerous than the weevils. Yost hadn't sprayed his alfalfa.

Mr. & Mrs. Yost and their three children, Debbie 4, Beth 3, and Lori 1, live just north of Spring Garden on Springlea Farm.

Many farmers in the County were mowing grass and making hay this week with bales seen

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Dairy Issue Next Week

The annual salute to the Lancaster County dairy industry in the form of a special Lancaster Farming issue, is coming next week. We'll have reports from DHIA and the Breed Associations; interviews with top local dairymen and their families; articles written by leading dairy representatives, scenic dairy pictures and advertising of special interest to the dairy farmer. We hope you enjoy it.

Potato Growers Testify At Public Hearing

Pennsylvania potato growers testified at a public hearing held here today (Tuesday) that they favor a self-assessment plan of one cent a hundredweight for potato research and promotion.

The self-assessment plan, if approved by the majority of growers, will apply only to potatoes produced for human consumption by growers of 10 or more acres of the vegetable.

State Agriculture Secretary Leland H. Bull is expected to send ballots to growers on June 6. Ballots must be returned by noon June 20.

A Wayne Readinger, Fleetwood Berks County master of the Pennsylvania State Grange

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Regional Show Hosted By Lanchester Club

A regional horse and pony show is scheduled to be held June 16-22 at the John Gibson Farm, Drumore, according to Mrs. George Hassler, Chairman. Teams of youth from many clubs through southeast Pennsylvania and New Jersey, will gather at the Lancaster Pony Club's headquarters to compete and earn the right to go to the National Rally to be held in Nashville, Tenn. during the week of July 24.

Representing the local club

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Farm Calendar

Monday, June 2
 1:30 p.m. — 4-H Capon pick-up at Mevin Peifer Farm, Manheim R1
 7:30 p.m. — Penryn 4-H Community Club meets, Penryn Fire Hall
Wednesday, June 4
 7:30 p.m. — Lancaster County Soil and Water District D-

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