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TOMATOES PICKED MECHANICALLY last fall run into bins on a wagon pulled along beside the machine. Harold Martin (driving tractor) Mt. Joy R1 Tomato Farmer and Richard Forry, 2020 Horseshoe Rd., Lancaster, check the operation.



SORTERS riding along on the locally manufactured tomato harvester pick out the green and unusable culls. The machine is designed to use an electronic device in place of hand sorting when the mechanical sorter is perfected.

Martin And Stauffer Win Pennsylvania FFA Offices

Two local boys became state officers of the Pennsylvania Association of Future Farmers this

week at the 1969 mid-year convention at University Park in conjunction with FFA Activities week on the Penn State campus. They are Linford Martin, Grassland Chapter, who became first Vice-President and Vice-President of Region II and Earl Stauffer who became state treasurer.



Linford Martin

Martin son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Martin, East Earl R1, is the out-going president of the Red Rose FFA Chapter and has served as vice president and president of his local Grassland Chapter. His farming program includes dairy, hogs, beef, sheep, corn and tobacco and he has work experience in carpentry, masonry and farm markets.

Active in FFA, Linford attended the National FFA Convention and the State summer and winter conventions. He was a member of the chapter parliamentary procedure team and scored well in livestock and dairy judging at Lampeter Fair. In local activities, Martin scored 1st in chapter meat, dairy, and sheep judging and was second in public speaking. He presided at the area leadership training conference and working for a livestock farmer on a 120 acre farm.

County Losing Scabies-Free Sheep Status

Lancaster County is losing its sheep scabies-free status following a recent scabies outbreak, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reports.

Program officials explain that the change in status means that sheep cannot be legally moved outside of Monmouth or Lancaster Counties unless they have been dipped in a USDA approved insecticide bath or are being taken directly to slaughter. The dipping must be supervised by an accredited veterinarian or USDA or State animal health official. Proper dipping of the sheep kills the tiny, parasitic mites that cause scabies.

Dr. J. B. Stauffer, local Veterinarian with the Bureau of Animal Industry at the Lancaster Stockyards said Wednesday that only a small flock of four sheep being used to trim weeds around a junk yard were found to have the disease. "These sheep have been dipped twice," he said.

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He is also president of the New Holland 4-H Baby Beef Club; sang in the Garden Spot Senior Chorus and is a member of the Weaverland Christian Ambassadors' high school youth group.

Stauffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stauffer, Ephrata RD 1 (Continued on Page 6)



Earl Stauffer

Local Men Win Triple Hunting Trophy

Two local men were among 39 hunters winning the Pennsylvania Game Commission's coveted Triple Trophy Award during the 1968-69 seasons according to an announcement this week by Roy W. Treoxler, Information and Education Chief. They are: Emory H. Herr, Ronks R1 and Gerald D. Heilner, Elizabethtown R2.

The Triple Trophy Award is available to hunters who take a wild turkey, an antlered white-tail deer and a black bear during the 1968-69 seasons.

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Farm Calendar

Tuesday, July 8

6:00 p.m. — Silver Spurs 4-H Club Grooming and Showmanship Competition, John Glick Stables.

7:30 p.m. — Manheim Young Farmer Corn Field Workshop, Vo-Ag room.

Wednesday, July 9

1:00 p.m. — 4-H Public Speaking and Demonstration Contest, (Continued on Page 5)

Harvesting Machine Idea Given By A Local Tomato Farmer

A new attempt to make tomato picking under local conditions a mechanical process is succeeding. The idea of building a picker around a central power unit was originated locally by Harold W. Martin, a tomato grower near Mount Joy. And now the Graybill Tomato Harvester is being produced commercially by Graybill Machines Inc., Lititz R2. Used limitedly on 18 acres last fall,

the harvester is ready to go again when the tomatoes are ripe.

"The main objective of our mechanical harvester is to get the job done," says Wilbur Graybill. "With good help to pick tomatoes almost non-existent, growers may need to go to mechanical picking or we may not be growing tomatoes around here."

"We don't have the same con-

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Sub Sale July 12

The Lancaster County 4-H Council is sponsoring a Sub Sale Saturday July 12, to raise \$1000 or of their exchange trip to Iowa.

Subs will sell for 50 cents each and orders are being taken until July 7. To place an order contact a council member or the County Agent's office, 1353 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, or Phone 394-6851.