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**GENTLEMEN START YOUR ENGINES!** The Lancaster County Plowing Contest finally got underway Friday morning after many postponements due to several weeks of unusual wet weather. In the photo above, the contestants get their final instructions before the contest.

Along with the plowing contest was the FFA Land Judging in which about 20 boys were ready to participate. The 4-H Tractor Driving Contest usually held with the field day was cancelled. Winners were to be announced in the afternoon awards program and the top plowmen in Level Land (small plow), Level Land (large plow) and Contour Land are eligible to go to the State contest to be held Aug. 26-28 at the Agricultural Progress Days, Fox Chase Farm, Towanda.

**Late News Bulletin — Plowing Contest winners:** Level Land — 1st. Richard Groff, Lititz R3, 520 points; 2nd Merle E. Groff, Lancaster R4, 518 points; 3rd Frank Burkhardt, Silver Springs Road Lancaster, 505 points; 4th John C. Campbell, New Holland, 470 points.

**Contour Land Winners — 1st., Marvin E. Zimmerman, East Earl, 540 points; 2nd Ivan Yost, Christiana R1, 535 points; 3rd John E. Campbell, New Holland 462 points.**

**F.F.A. Land Judging winners — Rick Fenstermaker, Manheim Chapter, 363 points; 2nd Ronald Stauffer, Ephrata Chapter, 360 points; 3rd Lloyd Welk, Solanco Chapter 350 points; and 4th Leroy Welk, Solanco Chapter, 335 points.**

John C. Campbell, 4th in the Level Land contest, is eligible for the big plow competition in the State contest.

## Manheim Youths Take FFA Hog Championships Home

A pair of Manheim FFA Youths showed litter-mate barrows to the championship spots, Tuesday, at the 7th Annual Lancaster County FFA Hog Show held at the Lancaster Stockyards.

Gary Buchen, Manheim R3, showing a light-weight cross-bred pig for his brother Burnell, was given the grand championship of the show over all breeds Gary accepted the trophy from Mark Nestleroth, representing the lo-

cal swine producers because Burnell was at Penn State as part of a 4-H demonstration team. Both boys are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Buchen.

The reserve champion followed the champion from the Cross-bred division for Ed Donough, Manheim R1. This pig was a heavyweight Ed is the 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs Paul Donough.

Both champions were three way crossbreds having Yorkshire, Hampshire and Duroc breeding. They came from Nestleroth's Dutch Valley Farm, Manheim R3.

Clark Stauffer from the Cloister Chapter captured both ends of the showing and fitting contests and was presented trophies from Eby's Mill, Lititz. Clark is the 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs Aaron Stauffer.

### Sale

In the afternoon sale, Buchen's  
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## 4-H Livestock Team Wins 2nd Consecutive Year

For the second consecutive year, Lancaster County's 4-H Senior Livestock Judging Team topped all competition in the State at the contest held each year at Penn State. Putting together a total of 1172 points out of a possible 1350, the team consisting of Marvin Nissley, Mt Joy R2, Barry Longenecker, Lititz R2, Donna Hess, Strasburg R1 and alternate Karen High, Leola, brought home the news Wednesday afternoon when they returned to the County from the three-day affair.

As individuals, the team placed high also, with Nissley 2nd, Longenecker 3rd, Miss Hess 11th and Miss High 13th.

The 1969 team members were Larry Herr, Larry High, Richard Buckwalter and Michael Smucker. Miss Hess and Miss High were members of the first place Junior team that also won last year.

In the demonstrations, local boys also won Ray Brubaker, 206 Rohrerstown Rd., and Burrell Buchen, Manheim R3, teamed up on their livestock conservation demonstration to take first in the state. Their title was Better Care—Bigger Profits.

And the Consumerama Team of Sheryl Weaver, New Holland R1 and Darlene Neff, Mt. Joy placed first. This event was new and the competition is in making consumer buying decisions. The girls received blue ribbons and a medal. Another local team of Ann Nissley, Mt Joy R2 and Audrey Yunginger, Marietta R1 also won blue ribbons in the same competition.

## Egg Damage System Assists Pa. Poultrymen

FORT COLLINS, COLORADO — Pennsylvania's new egg shell damage classification system is proving to be instrumental in solving many breakage problems encountered by state poultrymen.

This was reported recently by A Kermit Birth, Extension poultry marketing specialist at The Pennsylvania State University, who presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Poultry Science Association at Colorado State University.

"This classification system," the marketing specialist said, "was developed as a result of questions pertaining to the causes of shell damage. The program is conducted in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Bureau of Markets."

The system was developed from a study of damaged shells of eggs he said. The poultryman records the type and area of shell damage, location of the impact area, if such exists, and location of damaged surface of the egg. The system includes six types of damage to be recorded.

"Keeping the percent of eggs with damaged shells at a minimum is a never-ending challenge," Birth said. "It takes constant checking of eggs for shell damage to pinpoint and determine the cause."

## ASCS Tour Announced For Aug. 21

The Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service announced plans this week for their annual farm tour to leave Penn Manor High School Thursday, August 21 at 9 a.m.

The schedule calls for stops at the D M Stoltzfus Farm to see a 700 head steer and 200 head hog operation with automatic feeding; the Robert Martin Farm at Goodville for observation of waterway and drop inlet conservation work, noon lunch at the New Holland Park where lunch will be available from the park's refreshment stand; an afternoon tour of New Holland Machine Company and back to Penn Manor by 3.30 p.m.

Bus fare for the tour is \$1.00 for adults and \$0.50 for children under 12. Reservations for the tour should be made by Aug 15 to the ASCS Office in the Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster.

## Poultry Assn. Now Recommends Upgrading Harrisburg Laboratory

In a letter distributed at the board meeting Thursday night, the Lancaster County Poultry Association recommended the diagnostic laboratory at Harrisburg be upgraded. The letter from the local Association and addressed to Claude Hess, local representative of the state committee to investigate State laboratories and the future needs, said, "We have favored a lab for the county and still would favor this move in

view of the high percentage of the cases that have been diagnosed at the Harrisburg lab from Lancaster County. However, in view of the recent road improvements and the very costly equipment necessary for efficient and complete diagnosis of poultry cases, we are thinking in terms of possible upgrading of the Harrisburg Laboratory.

"In reviewing the services available  
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The Junior Livestock Team was fourth. Team members are Ed Hess, Strasburg R1, Gary Dean, Strasburg R1, Marlin Bolinger, Denver R2 and John Fisher, Manheim R. D #1.

In dairy judging the local team of John Kurtz, Elizabethtown, Raelene Harbold, Elizabethtown R1, Carol Groff, Quarryville R3 and Wayne Yost, New Holland

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## Referendum On Milk Set December 17

State Agriculture Secretary Leland H Bull today announced that a referendum will be held Wednesday December 17, on a proposed milk marketing development program for Pennsylvania.

Key feature of the program is a self-assessment plan to raise funds for promoting the sale and use of milk. The proposed program would assess dairy farmers one-half of one percent of the gross value of milk sold less hauling costs.

Details of the plan were discussed at a public hearing July 15. Secretary Bull said examination of the testimony indicated a strong preference for the referendum.

All milk producers who sell milk commercially will be eligible to vote for or against the proposal, Secretary Bull stated. Ballots, which will be mailed to producers later, must be returned to the Agriculture Department on or before December 17.

Under the Pennsylvania Agricultural Commodities Marketing Act of 1968, approval of such a program requires favorable votes from two-thirds of those casting ballots and must represent at least 50 percent of the voters' total production.

## Farm Calendar

Wednesday, Aug. 13

10:00 a.m. — Manheim Young Farmer Picnic, Longs Park.

10:00 a.m. — Penn-Jersey Hi-Moisture Corn Clinic, New Holland Fire Hall.

7:15 p.m. — Garden Spot 4-H Community Club Meets, Dwight Hauser's Home, Lampeter.