

Plowing Contest, Conservation Reminder at District Field Day

# Richard Groff Gets Himself a Pig

To most of those who attended the annual Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District field day Tuesday at the Eugene Eberly farm across from the New Holland airport, the day consisted of things like airplane rides and plowing contests

But to some, and particularly to young Richard Groff Jr of Lititz RD3, it was the day of the pig chase.

Richard was one of five out of a pack of about 30 boys and girls who got a grip on some part of the pig the first time the Yorkshire was turned loose

But nobody saw who grabbed the animal first. So the kids were lined up a second time. This time, Richard got there first and the others had to stand around and hope the animal got away from Richard.

Richard had to lift the animal and carry him a few steps to the nearby pick-up. With the pig, which was nearly as big as Richard, struggling and Richard out of breath after the chase, it was a slow and painful job.

But the muscular 12-year-old farm youth grabbed the pig by the hind legs, slowly got to his feet and heaved the pig into the back of the pick-up.

It was a hard day for both boy and animal, which Richard "wants to feed till it's fat and sell it," reports his mother, Mrs Richard G Groff.

Richard's father already has seven Hampshires.

The pig was donated for the chase by Stauffer's Homestead Farms, East Earl RD1.

### Contour Plowing

An old rivalry was renewed in contour plowing when Marvin Zimmerman, East Earl RD1, and Ivan Yost, of Chistiansa RD1, met.

Zimmerman took first ahead of Yost's second and moved into a tie with Yost for permanent possession of the trophy awarded each year. Both men

have now won the trophy twice, and if either should win it a third time, he would keep it.

Both Yost and Zimmerman are eligible for the state contest in Hershey August 26. It was learned late this week from the Conservation District office

### Level Land Plowing

In level land plowing, Frank Burkhardt, of 1030 Silver Spring Road, Lancaster, outdistanced six other contestants. He was driving a four-bottom plow, also classified as a large plow.

Taking second was Richard G Groff, Lititz RD3, who used a three-bottom plow.

Both Burkhardt and Groff will represent the county in the state contest.

Third was Merle E Groff, Lancaster RD4, who also used a small plow.

Other plowing contest en-

trants were Nelson Weaver, East Earl RD1, Harvey Sauder, New Holland, and John Campbell Jr., New Holland.

### 4-H Tractor Driving

In the 4-H Tractor Driving contest, Clark Stauffer, of Ephrata RD1, took first in the senior division and became eligible to enter the State Tractor Driving contest at State 4-H Days, August 10-12. He is the son of Mr and Mrs Aaron Z Stauffer.

Second in the senior division was Darryl Bollinger, son of Mr and Mrs Elam Bollinger, Manheim RD1, and third was Lynn Royer, 2025 Oregon Pike, son of Mr and Mrs Herbert Royer.

In the junior division of the tractor driving contest, Dudley Rohrer, son of Mr and Mrs

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Untangling kids and pig after the first chase.



Who had the pig? Five hands, or was it six, go up. The pig, unaware that more hard times are ahead, goes

about his business as the adult judges consider and finally decide to do all over again.



His youthful competitors surround him, waiting for a slip, as Richard struggles mightily to lift the pig



And Richard limps away, hurt perhaps more than the pig. But both, being young, make a fast recovery.

### U.S. Congress Delays Wheat Producers Vote

The national wheat referendum which was to be held this week has been postponed. The vote was to have been held July 27-31.

Congress authorized the delay to allow time for new farm legislation to be worked out.

The postponement permits the USDA to delay holding the referendum not later than Oct. 15, or 30 days after Congress adjourns, whichever date is earlier.

The USDA has notified all Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service offices across the nation to withhold ballots and other referendum materials so local farmers will not be receiving expected forms.

Basic farm legislation requires a vote for wheat marketing quotas. The Agricultural Act of 1965, however, suspended the vote requirement from 1965-1970.

Unless new farm legislation, now pending by Congress, is adopted basic legislation will again go into effect and a referendum will then be held this year for the 1971 crop year.

### 4-H'ers in Small Towns

According to recent statistics compiled by the Cooperative Extension Service, towns of less than 10,000 claim about 42 per cent of the national 4-H enrollment.