

Directors Elected, Awards Presented at Annual Swine Banquet

Mark Nestleroth, president of the Lancaster County Swine Producers Association, served as toastmaster at its annual banquet at Blue Ball last week.

The James Z. Martin Award, a memory fund in charge of the Lancaster County Swine Producers, was presented to Mike Grube, Elm. The award is presented to a youth for outstanding work in the swine industry.

Grube is a member of the Elm-Penryn 4-H Club and also a junior FFA member at Warwick High School. His achievements during the last two years included 4-H grand champion hog, FFA champion and reserve champion hog, and a member of the winning livestock team. Presenting the award to Grube was Warren Leininger, director of the Swine Producers Association.

Three directors were elected to



Max M. Smith, left, Lancaster County ag agent, presented trophies to winners of the carcass show at the Swine Producers Association banquet last week. Shown accepting his trophy is James Horton, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

three year terms as follows: Earl Fisher, East Earl RD1, reelected; John Henkel, Strasburg RD1, reelected, and Barry

Haldeman, Manheim RD3, elected to his first term.

Max M. Smith, Lancaster County ag agent, presented trophies to top winners in the carcass show (see page 1 of last week's Lancaster Farming for details).

First place trophy for fall carcass show was presented to John Strawbridge, Stewartstown, for the champion hog with a ham loin per cent of 43.2, and runner up was Dutch Valley Farm, represented by Carl Nestleroth, Manheim RD3, with ham loin per cent of 43.14.

Evaluation contest winners receiving recognition were Mark Nestleroth, first, and John Henkel, Strasburg RD1, second.

Local activities listed by the Association included the carcass show, pork barbecue, Cook-Out King Contest, and a new group which was organized locally in November, the Porkettes.

Mrs. James Horton, Elizabethtown, reported the Porkettes are a part of the

national and state organization to promote pork. The job now is promoting pork in schools, using pork cuts other than the familiar loin and ham.

A new activity to be initiated by the local Association this spring was announced by president Nestleroth. The Swine Producers Association announced the first 4-H and FFA Feeder Pig Sale to be held April 15 at the Black and White Farm, Lancaster.

It was reported that from the five-cent check off money, 90 per

cent was returned to the State.

John Henkel reported on the National Pork Producers Council. He said promotion material from radio, TV and newspapers in two major cities is being reviewed. Several promotions are being prepared in conjunction with national food companies.

Henkel also reported the national pork consumption last year was 72½ pounds per person. The goal set by the Council is a gain of two additional pounds per year to reach eventual consumption of 100 pounds per person per year.

Musical entertainment was provided by the Chiques Male Quartet. Members of the quartet include Harlan Shelly, Barry Haldeman, Henry Faus and Dave Shenk.

A slide commentary was presented by Earl Groff, Lancaster, on an agricultural trip to the Soviet Union last summer with a church group.

Groff reported most family farms in Poland are privately owned family farms. There are some collective farms.

Hay-making time was pictured being brought in loose and stacked, sometimes in sheds, sometimes in open areas. There are some balers in Russia.

Cities in the Soviet Union were rebuilt following destruction by war. The new areas are well planned in the redevelopment. Open areas include a profusion of trees, flowers and grass areas. All areas seem to be well landscaped — cities, towns, a sanatorium, and hydro-electric plants.

Russian women are engaged in and all jobs as men are

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Earl Grube, speaker at the Lancaster County Swine Producers Association 15th annual banquet, appears to be deep in thought before his part in the program last week.



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