



Robert Zook, Oxford, testing his skills in the agronomy judging event.

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Buckwalter, gold, Dennis Lesterman, silver, and Curt Strohmaier, bronze.

In Livestock judging, Gordon Hoover, Pequea Valley, earned a gold medal and placed third in the state. Robert Strauss, Ephrata, also a gold medalist, placed fourth. A silver medal went to Tom Denlinger, Pequea Valley, and a bronze went to Carl Gerlach, Penn Manor.

A pair of gold medals also came to the area from public

speaking contestants. Ray Martin, Garden Spot, placed fifth in the state, and Manheim's Bob Hershey also got some gold.

Ron Hunt, Penn Manor, took a gold medal for his second place finish in poultry judging. Jerry Long, Garden Spot, captured a bronze medal.

Other prizes were:

Ag mechanics - Gold, Wayne Martin, Garden Spot

Interview - Silver, Gregory Martin, Garden Spot.

Floriculture - Gold, Sandy Ginder, Mt. Joy

Horticulture - Gold, Randy Firestone, and Jeff Risser,



Ruby Ginger, left, Sharon Henly and Mike Buckwalter were all entered in Thursday's

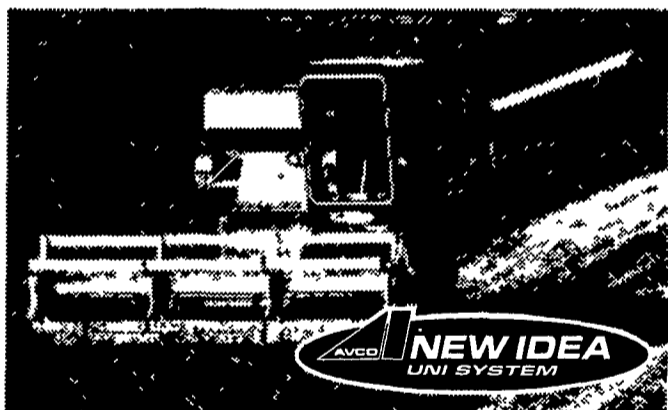
dairy judging contest at Penn State. Ruby is a student at Manheim, Sharon is from Octorara and Mike is from Oxford.



Randy Firestone, left, Ray Erb and Al Lutz tried their luck at ornamental horticulture judging on Thursday at Penn State.

Firestone and Lutz are from Brownstown Vo-Tech, Erb is from Mt. Joy.

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Brownstown; Silver, Ray Erb and Gene Bruckhart, Mt. Joy; Al Lutz and Ray Lefever, Brownstown; Bronze, Craig Becher, Brownstown.

Oil

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Larson commented that his remarks were tempered by the fact that conditions in the past few weeks were changing so rapidly that what was true today might not be true tomorrow. He said, in fact, that a major policy decision from Washington was imminent, it could change everything, and it could come as early as Monday, July 2.

"The feedgrain industry is almost afraid to trade," Larson said. "Dealers are wary of high price grain, high interest, high shrinkage, hedging losses, and the unpleasant possibility of customer defaults and bankruptcies. Every day, some country mills are closing their doors."

"Costs aren't headed down, though we're going to see high costs for the rest of this year and all of the next. And the American consumer is never again going to be able to buy food at very low prices."

Larson went on to say that the administration had to pick its way to a reasonable agriculture policy, taking into account the needs of American consumers and farmers, and the desire to keep up a viable trading position with our foreign customers.

He said that the dollar would suffer if foreign customers lost faith in the U.S. ability to supply their needs. "But maybe the balance of payments will have to go down the drain if the govern-

ment is to fulfill its obligation to feed the people at home," he concluded.

Prior to Larson's speech, Donald W. Parke, the association's executive vice-president addressed the group, saying that the 60-day freeze on prices has farmers and grain mills caught in a financial web.

The 60-day freeze on prices has farmers and grain mills caught in a financial web, according to Donald W. Parke, executive vice president of PennAg Industries Association, Ephrata.

According to Parke, mills are going broke paying premium prices for grain on existing contracts, but being unable to raise prices.

Parke said one local mill operator, when confronted with a loss situation, asked the Internal Revenue Service for help.

Parke said the miller was told he had three choices: Roll back prices to the June 1-8 level; disregard the order and take a chance on getting fined \$5,000, or shut down the mill.

"If the industry is not to be labelled wolf crier," said Parke, "it must be prepared to document its fears."

Parke urged farmers or millers forced out of business, or who have altered their production, to submit their names, addresses, size of operation and their production numbers to their congressman, PennAg and James McLane, director, Special Freeze group; Cost of Living Council, 2025 Mt. St., N.W., Room 5308-D, Washington, D.C. 20508.



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