

# Homestead Notes

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Mrs. Mark Nestleroth . . .

## Enjoys Promoting Pork, Clerking at Manheim Fair Swine Show

Heigh, ho! Let's go to our County Fairs!

The first Fair in Lancaster County will be next week, followed by two the last week in September and two the first week of October, so that all five Fairs will be over in three weeks time. Manheim Community Farm Show will be held October 3, 4 and 5. This will be their 20th annual Fair since reorganization.

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Surely by now many county women have made garments, done fancy work and canned lots of vegetables and fruits to exhibit. Yes, men, women and young people are looking ahead planning what nice animals, vegetables, farm crops, woodwork, eggs, flowers, fruits, nuts, arts and crafts they will have by the first day of the Fair. One thing that especially appeals to people everywhere this year is meat, be it in the markets, on the hoof, or to those fortunate enough to have it in their freezers. So let's look in on one of the top swine producers in Lancaster County, Mark Nestleroth, Manheim RD3, chairman of the Swine and Sheep department of the Manheim Community Farm Show. This is Mark's fifth year as chairman of this committee and his fourth year as a fair director.

Mark and his committee, Barry Haldeman, Wayne Hess and Dale Nolt, will be in charge of the Fair hog sale Friday, October 5 at 8 p.m. Mark's wife, Hazel, does the clerking for the sale and his father also helps. All the FFA



Mrs. Mark Nestleroth keeps the farm records. Daughter Stacy is her right hand helper. Jasper (pig) is one of the Porkettes' projects.

and 4-H hogs exhibited will be sold then. Last year there were 55 hogs and 30 sheep entered at this Fair. They have prizes offered in each class listed for both swine and sheep. Classes for swine are Berkshire, Chester White, Duroc, Hampshire, Poland China, Spotted Swine, Yorkshire, others and cross breeds. Two hogs is considered a pen for an exhibit in market hogs.

Sheep classes are Cheviot, Corriedale, Dorset, Hampshire, Merino, Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk and others. With this many classes there are many prizes available and there is a growing interest in exhibiting. Another factor to encourage exhibiting is the \$2 FFA and 4-H boys and girls receive for each



Hazel Nestleroth puts a pork roast into her oven and says "The new pork is nutritious and an exciting taste treat."

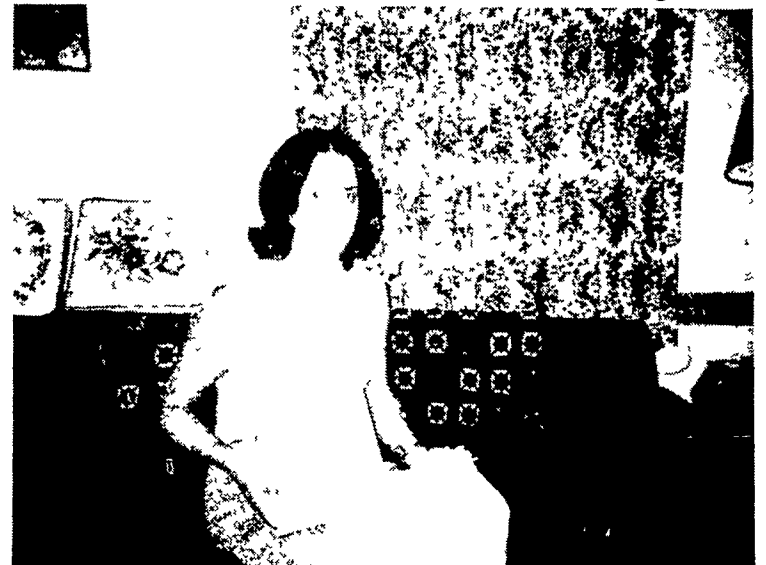


Mark Nestleroth, Manheim RD3, tends one of his pens of Duroc cross breeds.

entry in addition to any prize money they receive.

The Fair office as well as arts will be located in the Old Fire Hall on High Street. Spahr's garage on North Main Street will house baked and canned goods, eggs, fruits, vegetables, farm crops, nuts and flowers. Sewing, needlework, models and woodwork will be in Scout Hall. The livestock tents will be on the school grounds near the Junior High School. Two commercial tents will be on Wolf Street. Farm machinery and autos will be displayed outdoors in the same general area.

Mrs. Nestleroth, like many area women, will bake pies for the Fair committee's food stand in Spahr's garage. This is a big financial help to the fair.



Mrs. Nestleroth shows a 4-H "Start Stitching" booklet and one of the club's sewing projects. She made the drapes in the background.

A new feature which will be handled by the Manheim FFA Chapter this year will be a pelting with a variety of farm animals such as a cow and a calf, goat, ducks, a pony, rabbit, chickens and sheep. This will be located in the tent area, near the Junior High School.

The program committee will provide a full program of entertainment as well as parades, selection of a Fair queen, contests and the county FFA events this year. Many worthwhile prizes are offered for the street parade and the baby parade.

Wednesday at 5 p.m. will be the FFA and 4-H Baby Beef Show. The fair parade will move at 7 p.m. from Memorial Park. There will be the selection of the Fair Queen during the parade. After 8 p.m. a tractor pull will take place to the rear of the Junior High School.

Thursday the nine County FFA Chapters, with between 700 and 800 ag students, will converge on the Junior High School grounds at 10 a.m. when their judging events will be held. This is an annual affair rotating among the County Fairs. They will judge beef, poultry, sheep, swine and dairy cattle. Individual and school winners will be selected. A plaque will go to the school with the largest number of winners.

At 11:45 a.m. there will be a contest for tenth grade FFA students. The boys entering it will be judged on their breed calf notebook which gives pedigrees, feeding practices and pictures as well as their FFA project book. Three Holstein, three Guernsey and possibly three Ayrshire breeders will judge the entrants' books in their respective breeds and the winners will each be given a dairy calf of their chosen breed. At noon the boys of the nine County FFA chapters will compete in a tug of war contest.

The annual baby parade will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday. In the (Continued On Page 31)