

Mrs. Mark Nestleroth

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event of rain it will be postponed until 6 p.m. Friday. This always creates much interest among participants, grandparents and spectators.

Friday, the FFA tractor driving contest will be held at 10 a.m. at Memorial Field and the adult tractor driving contest at 2 p.m.

At 8 p.m. Friday the swine sale will take place, followed by the FFA baby beef sale. Meat at its best, folks!

Pennsylvania produces and markets around 800,000 hogs a year. Of this amount Lancaster County produces and markets

200,000 hogs a year and is among the top 70 counties in the United States in hog production.

Nestleroths play no small part in this production of pork. They market 1100 to 1200 pigs a year. They had 75 sows last year and had 150 litters for the whole year. Twenty-six of those litters were purebred Durocs and the rest were crossbred litters. They will have one purebred Yorkshire litter in October which they will use for breeding stock.

They intend to expand next year to 95 sows. Of that amount 20 to 25 will be purebred Duroc instead of 13 they have now. They are just starting to sell for

breeding. Last year they sold 200 commercial gilts for breeding. This year they will probably have 40 purebreds, gilts and boars to sell. They have 25 Duroc boars to sell now. They sell Duroc purebred bred gilts, open gilts and boars, also crossbred open gilts.

They also sell market hogs to Hatfield Packing Company in Lansdale and to Pennsylvania Agricultural Commodity Marketing Association through Paul Z. Martin, near Intercourse. They will employ a swine herdsman in October to take care of their herd expansion.

Mark also exhibits purebred Durocs, market stock and crossbred market barrows. He had the grand champion Duroc carcass at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition last November.

Three weeks ago Mark showed at the Pennsylvania Duroc Fall Show and Sale at Paul Z. Martin's near Intercourse. He had the grand champion bred gilt which sold for \$410 and the reserve champion boar which sold for \$460. They were top selling in their classes. He also had an open gilt that placed third in her class. The show was at 4:30 and the sale at 7:30 p.m. They have a spring and a fall show and sale. He also shows at the Keystone International Live Stock Exposition at Harrisburg.

Mark is president of the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council, on the board of directors of the Lancaster County Pork Producers Council, having also served as their president two years, and attends the National Pork Producers Council, congresses and a couple other meetings. They meet about six times a year. He is on the swine committee of Keystone International Livestock Exposition which meets at the Farm Show Building, Harrisburg November 8-13. He is also a member of the National Duroc Association and the Pennsylvania Farmers Association. His father also belongs to the swine organizations and the P.F.A.

Hazel and Mrs. Carl Nestleroth are members of the National and State Pork Producer Porkettes. Hazel is secretary of the state council which just organized last year. They have 58 members. There are 2000 Porkettes in the nation. Their purpose is to supplement the work of the Pork Producers Council. Their main goal is to promote pork. Ann Norman, who is in the national office in Des Moines, Iowa, sets up guidelines for the Porkettes. They are sending brochures to each general practitioner in

Pennsylvania. They will send four letters to them which will be hand addressed every three months. The brochures are put out by the National Pork Producers, each one on a golf theme. The first one is "Tee Off For Pork." Their big October promotion is called "October Pork Fest." Each Porkette will give recipes and brochures about pork to a couple stores. Last year they sent a thousand or more brochures to all the restaurants that were members of the Restaurant Association in Pennsylvania. They are selling "Jaspers" (plastic pigs) at \$4 apiece to make money. Every good pork producer should have a Jasper.

Another way Mrs. Nestleroth is helping pork promotion will be her preparation of pork loin Lahaina for a luau which the Women's Club of Lititz is having for its members September 17, 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church social hall in Lititz. They expect about 120 women. The purpose is to introduce them to facts and ways to prepare pork. After the meal she will talk to them and show the film "Pork an Exciting Taste Treat." She will give each one a recipe booklet and will give away a loin roast as a door prize.

Besides clerking at the Manheim Farm Show hog sale Mrs. Nestleroth helps her husband by helping to show his swine at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition. She also keeps most of the farm financial records and does the banking. Mark keeps strict records on his livestock which she helps with.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Nestleroth live in the farm house of his parents' 147 acre farm on Airy Hill Road, near Penryn, in Penn Township. They named their farm "Dutch Valley Farm". Mark and his father, Carl, operate this farm and 46 acres of two small neighboring farms on a partnership bases. They till 98 acres of the home farm and use some as pasture and rent some of

the pasture. They grow 113 acres of corn, 17 acres of barley, six acres of grain sorghum and no-till soybeans after the barley, five acres of soybeans and two acres of hay which they sell to neighbors. They keep 10,000 layers a year on contract but after November will have their own chickens and sell their eggs to Producers Pride at Coatesville.

Mark was born and raised on this farm and is at least the fourth generation to live there. He took a college prep course and graduated from Manheim Central High School. He took Animal Science and graduated from Penn State University in 1966 and has been farming ever since. He was in the 4-H Swine Club seven or eight years. He was also in tobacco, corn, strawberries and sweet corn 4-H clubs.

Hazel, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Balmer, Lititz RD2, grew up on their farm. They have 24,000 chickens in a cage operation. They are putting in a beef operation now. They did have a Holstein dairy and usually raised eight acres of tobacco. One year they had 16 acres of tobacco. Hazel helped with the tobacco but usually did the house work while her mother worked outside. Hazel took a college prep course and graduated from Manheim Central High School and from Millersville State College in 1965.

She taught second grade at East Petersburg Elementary School one year before marriage and for three and a half years afterward. This is her third year to teach nursery school at Penryn Lutheran Church. Her school will start September 24 and she will teach two mornings a week.

Mark and Hazel have two daughters. Stacy is three and one-half years and Beth Ann is eight weeks old.


Nestleroths are members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Lititz. Hazel has taught third and fourth grade children in the Sunday School for six years.

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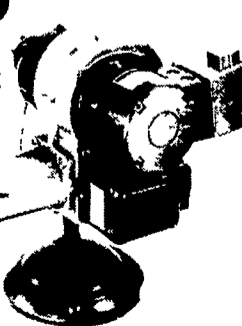

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