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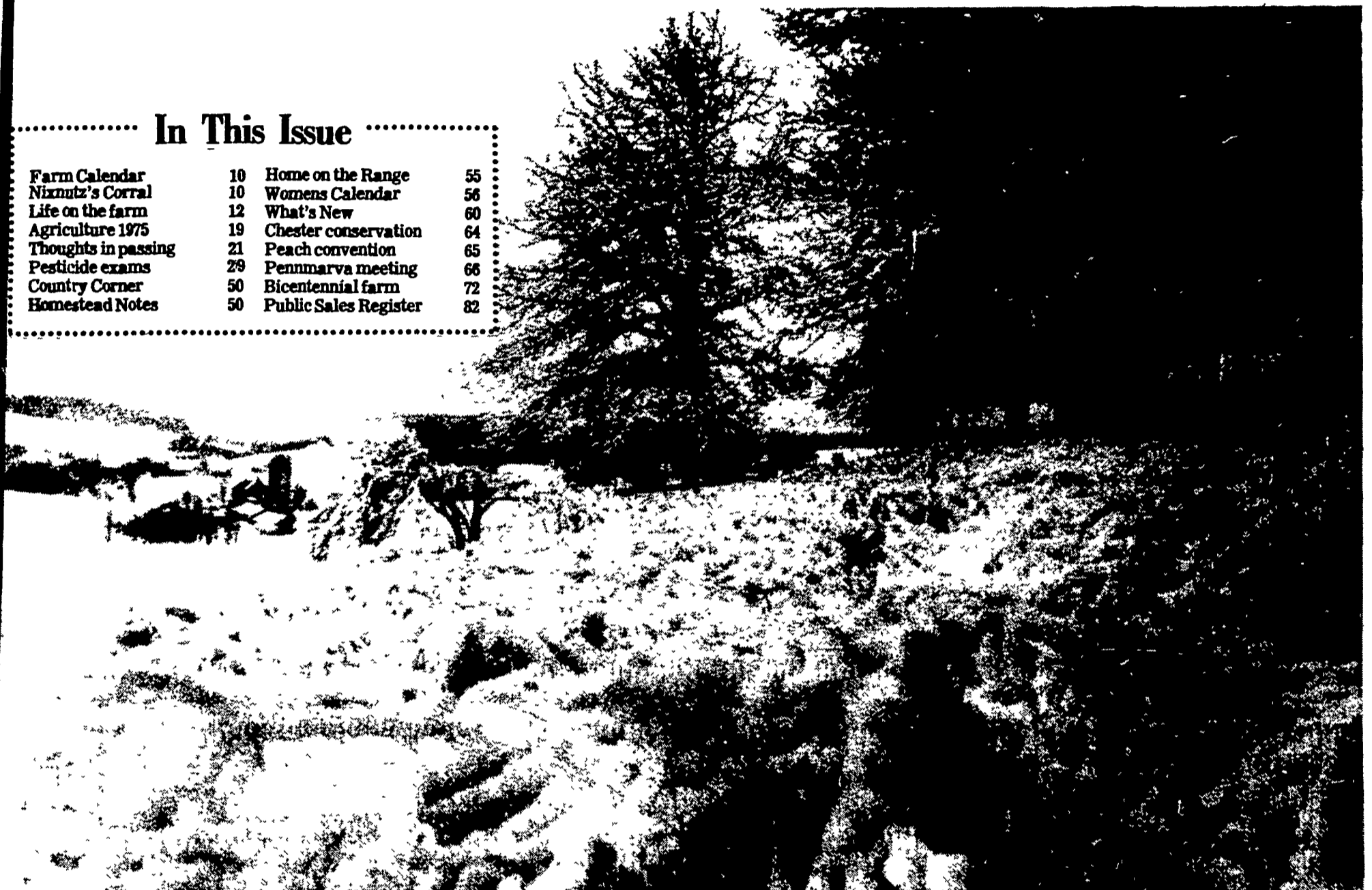
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Frosted fluffs of snow beautify a pasture near Woodbine, York County.

Lancaster Farming Photo by Dieter Krieg

Manheim farmer is Pork All-American

By MELISSA PIPER
LANCASTER — When the National Pork Congress convenes in Indianapolis early next month, 32 swine producers will be honored as Pork All-Americans. One of the producers who will receive the honor is Barry Haldeman, Manheim R4. Haldeman was selected as the outstanding young pork producer in the southeastern area late last year and was recently chosen by the Pork Producers Association to represent the state as an All American. Chosen for his outstanding contributions to the pork industry along with activities in the community and in agricultural functions, Haldeman will receive a \$300 award from Shell Chemical Company - Animal Health division along with receiving recognition at the Pork Producers Banquet March 10.

Haldeman grew up on a farm near Mastersonville and while attending Manheim High School, took swine fattening projects for 4-H and FFA. His interest in the enterprise carried over into his farming career and today the producer markets

about 3000 slaughter hogs per year.

"We never had a pig on the farm until I started raising them for FFA," Haldeman explained. "I decided that I

liked working with them and kept up with the operation when I went into farming."

The Manheim area producer did not begin farming directly after

graduating from high school, but attended McPherson College in Kansas majoring in sociology and also served as a volunteer in the Brethren Service working

with Indian children in the southwest.

In 1965 Haldeman bought his farm near the Elm-Penryn area and converted several of the poultry houses

which dotted the acreage into farrowing and finishing facilities.

The producer keeps 200 sows which farrow twice [Continued on Page 26]

Tobacco market stalling, prices hazy

By DIETER KRIEG
LANCASTER — An estimated 25 percent of the 1975 tobacco crop has now been sold, and according to some sources, a few purchasers are done buying. The most frequently quoted price continues to be 58 cents per pound, which has been the case for the past two weeks since buying started.

Observers of the scene - including buyers, growers, and neutral onlookers - all have different things to say, but there is one area with which they're totally unanimous - this year's quality is leaving something to be desired.

One company spokesman described the year's harvest as "a mixed crop." No significant change in quality has been noticed so far as

more and more tobacco leaves the sheds.

Although the quoted price continues to be hovering around the 58 cent mark, there is some indication that

it may go down. This would be unwelcome news for those growers who have continued to hold onto their crops in hopes of higher prices, but nevertheless, that's the word

from several sources of information.

A ray of hope remains, however, as all seasoned tobacco growers themselves would realize. One

representative of a company, who himself raises tobacco each year, said that "a wise man reserves the right to change his mind." [Continued on Page 22]

Dairy situation encouraging

By DIETER KRIEG
QUARRYVILLE - Imported dairy products are pretty well under control now, and all things considered, dairying in the near future looks good. Things look so promising for now, in fact, that those dairymen who can economically afford to produce more milk are being encouraged to do so. That's the message which members of District 12, Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative, heard last

month from their president, Lester Jones.

A prominent dairyman with a 400-cow herd in New Jersey, Jones assured his audience that Inter-State is

in a position to handle an increased flow for milk - especially during the base building period - because of an expanding Class I market in Order 4. Inter-State's

policy is to maximize Class I sales, and we've been expanding that, the president said. [Continued on Page 18]

Red Rose 4-Hers honored

By MELISSA PIPER
LANCASTER — For a number of county beef and lamb club 4-Hers, Thursday evening marked the end of a successful season. The annual awards were

presented at a banquet held at the Farm and Home Center here, with local agribusiness firms sponsoring the trophies. Jim Greider, Columbia R2, garnered two armloads of

trophies during the presentation. Greider had shown the grand champion junior steer at the State Farm Show in January and was presented with an [Continued on Page 23]