

Maryland hog producer is named 'All-American'

COLLEGE PARK - This year's fifth Pork All-American for Maryland is Paul L. Shortall, Jr., who operates a grain and hog farm about two miles east of Easton on the upper Eastern Shore.

His father, Paul L. Shortall, Sr., still produced grain and broilers in the Miles River Neck area northwest of Easton. The home farm also had a dairy operation in former years.

The younger Shortall got interested in swine while he was an FFA member at Easton Senior High School. He now produces 800 to 900 feeder pigs per year of Yorkshire crossbred breeding. Nearly all are marketed through the two Eastern Shore feeder pig auction sales held regularly at Denton and Eden.

Maryland's new Pork All-American and his wife are the parents of a nine-year-old girl and a boy, 14. Their son, Keith P. Shortall, is a 4-H member.

Keith won the youth division of the Talbot County Corn Club contest for 1975 with a yield of 157.51 bushels per acre - bettering his dad's mark in the adult division of the same contest by more than 9 bushels per acre.

Paul L. Shortall, Jr., is in his second year as feeder pig committee chairman for the Maryland Pork Producers Association, Inc. And he was re-elected for a third three-year term on the board of directors at the association's annual meeting last month in the Tidewater Inn at Easton.

Shortall received his Pork All-American citation from last year's winner, Franklin E. Feeser of Taneytown. The award carries with it an expense-paid trip for Shortall and his wife to attend this year's American Pork Congress on March 9-11 at Indianapolis, Ind.

Also at last month's meeting in Easton, the MPPA presented its fifth annual James R. Ferguson memorial award trophy for superior production of feeder pigs to J. Quinton Johnson of Salisbury, a Duroc breeder and former president of the state pork producers association.

The MPPA service award was presented to George B. Roche of Colesville (Montgomery county), a market development and promotion specialist for the Maryland state Department of Agriculture in Annapolis.

Roche has coordinated arrangements for the annual

Porkcucue Cook-Off contest each year since its inception in 1971 at the Maryland State Fair. And he helped to establish in Maryland the three-year voluntary nickel check-off program of the National Pork Producers Council which led to passage of a compulsory check-off in a statewide referendum on Nov. 14, 1975.

Aimed at promoting and strengthening the pork industry, the compulsory nickel check-off program went into effect in the Old Line State on Jan. 1, 1976.

Named as Maryland's new pork queen was Sandy Gladhill, an 18-year-old graduate of Damascus high school. Miss Gladhill is currently attending the Maryland Medical Secretarial School in Hagerstown.

She has been an active 4-H and FFA member, involved in sewing, cooking, camping, crocheting, knitting, ice-skating and raising swine, beef and poultry. Several breeds of hogs are raised on her father's 1,500-acre farm near Damascus.

John E. Strawbridge of Stewartstown, Pa., was presented the 1975 Maryland State Fair carcass award. And Donald E. Morrison of



Award winners comprised the new state pork queen's coterie following last month's twenty-first annual meeting of the Maryland Pork Producers Association. The event was held Jan. 29 in the Tidewater Inn at Easton. Shown are (left to right): J. Quinton Johnson of Salisbury (Wincomico county); Paul L. Shortall, Jr., of Easton (Talbot county); Sandy Gladhill, 18, of Damascus (Mon-

tgomery county); George B. Roche of Colesville (Montgomery county); John E. Strawbridge of Stewartstown, Pa. (Harford county, Md.), and Donald E. Morrison of Dayton (Howard county). Strawbridge is a purebred Hampshire and Yorkshire breeder with farming operations on both sides of the Mason and Dixon Line.

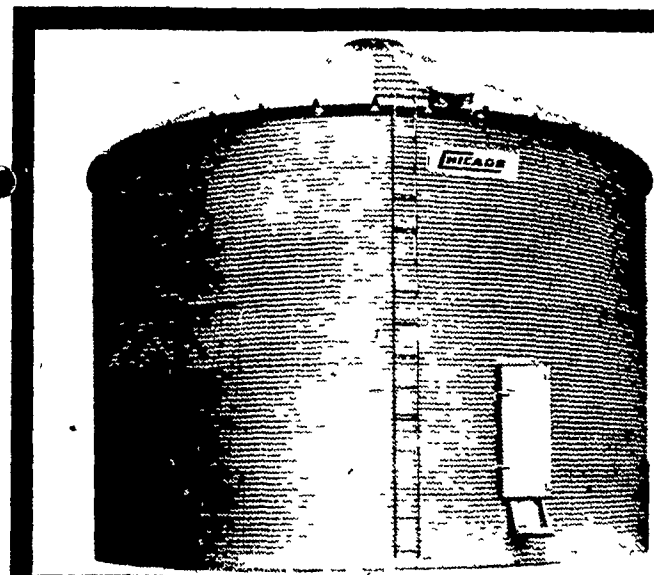
Dayton received a special booster's award for long-time participation in pork promotion activities. Morrison has served the past year as MPPA Newsletter editor. And he was re-elected

as association treasurer. Other MPPA officers were also re-elected. They include Franklin E. Feeser of Taneytown, president; William C. Malkus of Cambridge vice-president

for the Eastern Shore; Russell G. Watson of Brandywine vice-president for the western shore, and J. Gordon ("J. G.") Warfield, Jr., of Marriottsville, secretary.

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