

4-H'er hopes to repeat grand champion victory

By MELISSA PIPER
LITITZ — Just before Christmas last year, Betty Reiff took a short vacation from her studies at Lancaster Mennonite High School to spend one of the most exciting moments of her life at the Lancaster County Beef Round-Up. As

many will remember for some time, Betty was the petite young lady who guided her 4-H steer to the grand champion spot in the show. And even though four months have passed since then, Betty's vivacious nature and brown pigtails

are still the talk of the county.

This coming spring will mark the young lady's sixth year as a member of the Red Rose Baby Beef and Lamb Club and the 4-Her has already purchased her steer for this year - that's right another Simmental-Hereford cross!

Betty is the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Reiff, Lititz R1, to have shown baby beef steers. Previous to Betty's championship, sisters Marion and Ida also participated in shows. And this year, Betty's young brother will be taking up the trade also.

Betty's noted efforts in the show ring took a lot of work at home and the youth explained that primping her animal wasn't always the easiest task. "Sometimes I just didn't feel like doing all that work," Betty admitted, "but now I realize that you have to put forth effort to really expect to win."

Betty wasn't always at the top of the line with her steers, in fact she spent the first few 4-H seasons near the bottom and middle of the pack, but a sense of good sportsmanship really gave

the young lady patience. "When we tell the younger 4-Hers that good sportsmanship is important, it sounds so everyday flat and dull but when you are involved in something like showing you learn the true value of the word."

Along with her busy 4-H schedule, Betty is also an active member of the Hammer Creek Church youth group and spends much of her time helping with service projects.

An avid sports participant, the sophomore enjoys playing hockey and swimming. And when at home, Betty takes time to play the organ and cook.

Betty has another two years in high school and while laden with activities, some of the 4-Her's time will be spent on deciding a career for the future. While no plans are definite, Betty would enjoy a career working in another country. "I'd like to be able to help other people," she explained, "but the next two years may see changes in my plans."

Whatever the young lady decides to do, success will not be far behind, for her warm personable smile assures her readiness to take on any task.



Betty Reiff is preparing for her sixth year in 4-H. The young lady is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Reiff Lititz R2.

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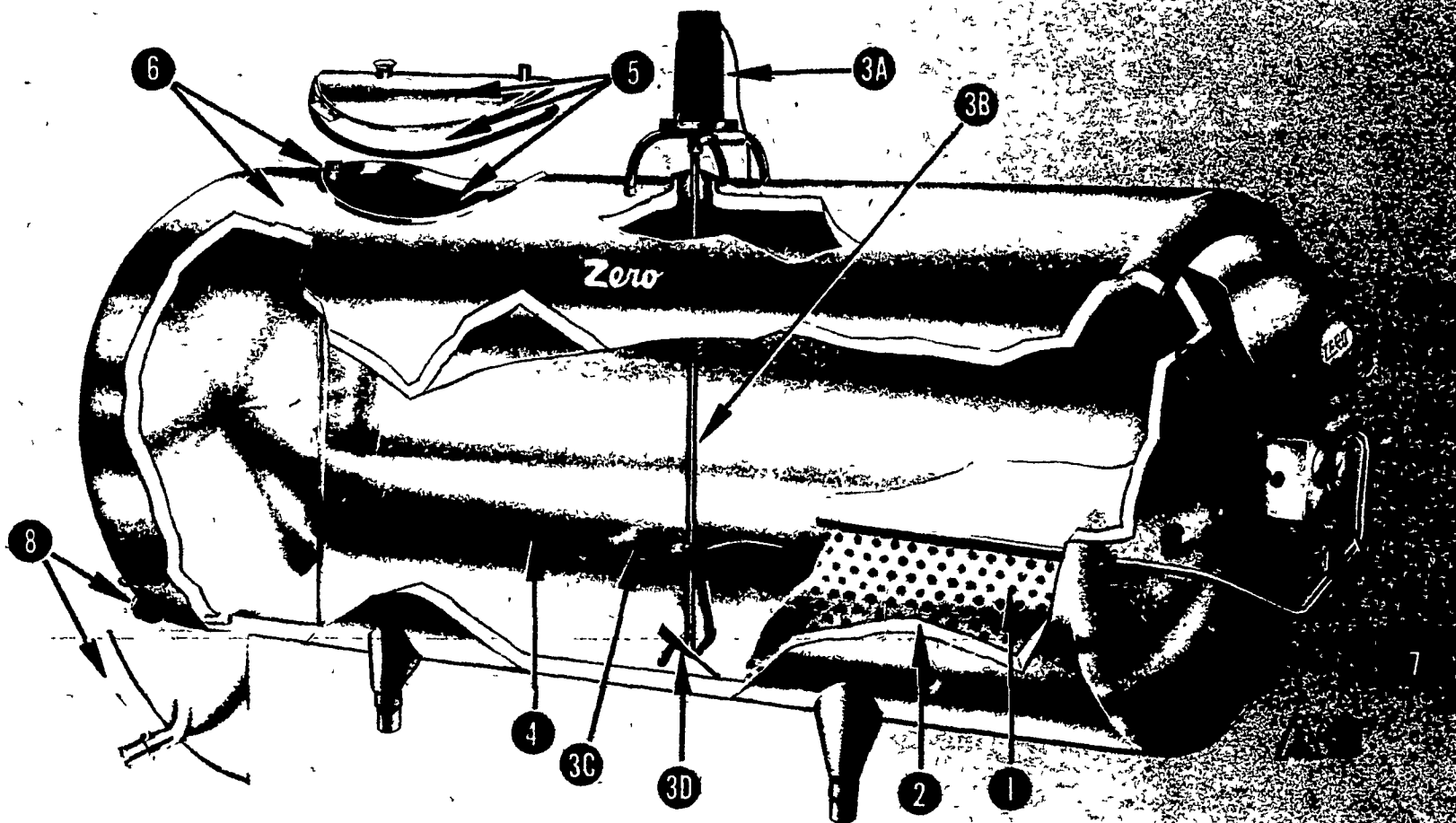
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Hog embargo modified

HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture modified its embargo against New Jersey, Massachusetts and Rhode Island swine effective March 18, it was announced Wednesday.

After an outbreak of hog cholera in the three states, the Pennsylvania Agriculture Department clamped an embargo on New Jersey swine Feb. 28 and on swine from Massachusetts and Rhode Island March 1.

Dr. Everett E. Denlinger, director of the department's Bureau of Animal Industry, said the modification will permit the movement of swine from nonquarantined counties direct to slaughterhouses without permits.

Slaughter swine from quarantined counties, according to Denlinger, may move to slaughterhouses only if they are accompanied by a federal permit that is valid for 24 hours.

Denlinger said the highly infectious disease that affects only swine has not been detected in Pennsylvania herds. The outbreaks of hog cholera in the three states appear to be under control, which prompted Pennsylvania to modify its embargoes.

Hog cholera was confirmed in five herds in Gloucester County, New Jersey. About 9,000 pigs were destroyed.

Hog cholera was also confirmed in two Massachusetts and one Rhode Island herd. These pigs have also been destroyed.