

## Lehigh 4-H'ers rack up awards

READING - Lehigh Valley 4-H members took 31 beef and sheep competition prizes at the Reading Fair recently. Sarah Fretz took top honors with 17 out of the 31. In the beef events, Miss Fretz's entries took third in heavy-medium weight and second in intermediate showmanship.

In sheep judging, her entries won first and fourth in aged Hampshire lamb; first in yearling lamb; first, third, and fourth in ewe lambs and pair of lambs; first and second in Hampshire market lamb; fifth in intermediate sheep showmanship; and reserve champion in sheep blocking.

Entries by Melissa Fretz, Zionsville R1, won second place in heavy-medium beef competition; first in junior beef showmanship; third in Hampshire market lamb; and second in intermediate sheep showmanship.

Other beef judging winners were entries by Carol Krause of Slatington R1, who took first in heavy-heavy steer and Grand Champion of show. Her sister, Diane Krause, took second in heavy-heavy steer and first in intermediate showmanship. Grant Grim of Breingsville R1, took third in heavy-heavy weight, first in medium-heavyweight, reserve and grand champion, and second in senior showmanship.

Entries by Ralph Danner of East Texas took fifth in light-medium and third in junior showmanship for beef.

In sheep judging, Joshua Grim's entries placed first in Dorset market lamb and fifth in junior showmanship.

The following Lehigh Co. 4-H members attended Pennsylvania 4-H Leadership Congress, June 21-24 on the

Penn State University main campus.

Delegates were:

**4-H Club Congress**  
Carol Krause, Slatington R1, Cheryl Sulzer, Schnecksville R1, Susan Young, Schnecksville R1, Marsha Lalo, Schnecksville R1, Nicholas Chylik, Jr., Treichlers.

**Street Campus**  
Nina Handwerk, Kempton R1.

**Leadership School**  
Timothy Geiger and Timothy Grim, Schnecksville R1.

**Campus Counselor**  
Michael Makosky, Allentown R1, for training at Camp Kanesatake, Spruce Creek, Pa.

**ELVERSON** - The awards assembly for Twin Valley High Seniors was held last month. During the assembly the 1976 DeKalb Agricultural Award was given to Harvey Bitler. This award is presented to the senior vocational agriculture student who has demonstrated the most outstanding development in the areas of citizenship, leadership, and occupational experience program.

During his first year in Vo-Ag he participated in the Berks County land judging contest, Berks County public speaking contest and placed second in the County Greenhand quiz contest. In 10th grade Harvey was accepted for Vo-Tech. As a junior he again participated in the county public speaking contest and received the Chapter degree, and was elected vice-president of

VICA at Vo-Tech where he participated on the parliamentary procedure team for three years.

As a Senior he was awarded the Keystone Farmer Degree, earned first place in the county speaking contest participated in small engines contest and entered his project book in the County and State Contests and received 1st in County and Gold in State. He has received the County Production Credit Award for his project book.

Projects are an important consideration in selection the winner of this award and the recipient has had several successful ones. In ninth grade he had field corn, oats, hay, steers and veal calves. In eleventh and twelfth grade Harvey had field corn, sweet corn and tomatoes.

He plans to continue farming in the future expanding his operations to include swine breeding and fattening, and expanding his acreage of crops. As DeKalb Award winner, Harvey's



Harvey Bitler

name will be engraved on a special plaque in the vocational agriculture classroom along with those of past DeKalb winners.

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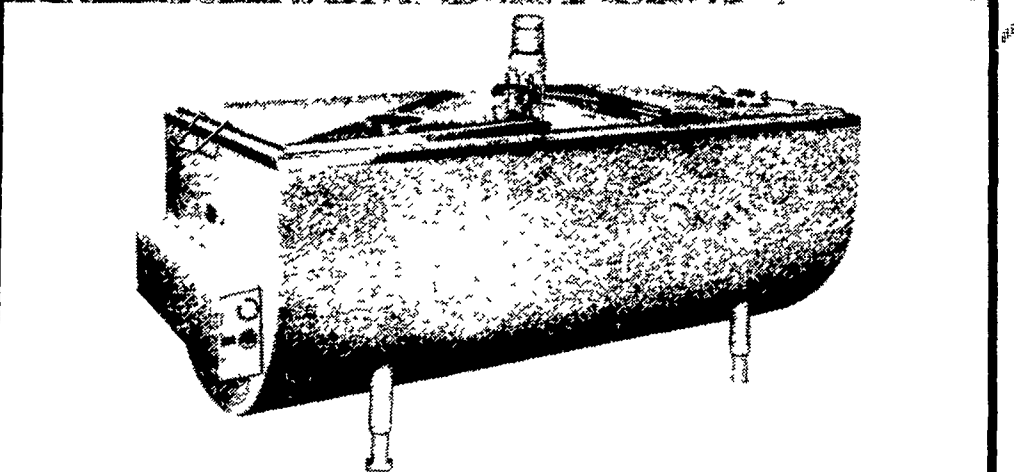


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