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## Progress shows advances

SPRINGS — "I was impressed by the large machinery — the tractors seem to be their biggest stuff, equipment that is not available in Pennsylvania," Dale Bresler, a Lancaster County dairyman and the Ag Progress Days chairman, said.

Noting that the Penn State research farms hosted the annual Summer Extravaganza several years ago, Bresler commented that he believed the 1976 event may have been a bit smaller in numbers of exhibitors and displays, but the sizes of equipment was definitely up. And along with

it the price tags. One big combine now costs more than what a 200-acre farm cost just 15 years ago, this reporter learned. Bigger equipment, bigger farms, greater efficiency, and bigger price tags — they all seem to go hand in hand. "Prices were 'real high,'" [Continued on Page 22]

## County 4-H queens chosen

LANCASTER — Lancaster County 4-H Achievement Day, held at the Home Center, Thursday, August 26, was full of hustle and bustle. A total of over 190 4-H members were present for most of the afternoon's festivities. Exhibits included exhibit and some basic fun

and games. Entries in the afternoon's judging contest well exceeded 200, according to the extension office.

The culmination of the whole day came in the evening with the talent contest, the queen contest, and the presentation of awards.

This year's two new

queens are Robin Esbenshade, 15, and Jodi Zeamer, 12.

Robin, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Esbenshade, Manheim R7, was chosen from five senior division girls to represent the county.

"I'm excited about getting

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Photo by David Hamilton

There was too much to see and the weather too hot for some who visited Ag Progress Days - the largest exhibition of its kind in the East.

## York Countian wins nat. show

DIETER KRIEG MILLE - A York County hog breeder took his animals to a national show and sale and found himself in the spotlight - the first time it happened in seven years.

It was the Chester Centennial Summer

Spotlight, which was held in Sioux Falls, S.D. and the York Countian was James Parlett, who has a 300-head pig operation near here. Parlett exhibited the grand champion boar of the show and also the reserve champion gilt, both of which were sired by the York Countian's own "Super

Boy." The triumphs in the show ring netted the 37-year old hog farmer \$6500 and \$1150, respectively.

Neither the "spotlight" nor the jingling in the "piggy bank" stopped there. Parlett had taken six of his animals to the show to see how he could place nationally, then [Continued on Page 13]

## Agribusinessman honored

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Outstanding FFA members have been named National Officers and a Board of Directors to the Regional Star Agribusinessman of the Year Award for 1976. The award was given to Lynn Ray from the Grassland Chapter. The award

recognizes four members of the Future Farmers of America whose supervised agriculture occupational experience program is in an agriculture related business. To be eligible for recognition as Star Agribusinessman of America, the candidate must also meet the requirements of the American Farmer

Degree, highest degree of membership in the FFA.

Selection of the Star Agribusinessmen of America is based on achievements in one or more areas of non-production agriculture as well as leadership in FFA activities.

## Potato market weak

WARTSTOWN — Potatoes are up in quantity but prices are relatively weak, according to George Wolf, a Lancaster County potato farmer and member of the Pennsylvania Potato Growers Association.

Wolf, who has been growing 150 acres of potatoes

on his farmland near here for the last several years, reports that the quality and quantity of the crop are both above average. Some of his fields, he indicated, are yielding 300 hundredweights per acre.

Earlier this week, he and other potato cooperative directors met near State College where the majority

of attendants submitted observations close to his own. The supply of the crop so far is exceeding the demand.

As of Thursday, Wolf was receiving 57 cents per 10-pound bag of table potatoes. He deals exclusively with the table stock market. By early

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Classified as a thorn between two roses, Bob Malick, master of ceremonies at 4-H Achievement Day, poses with new 4-H queens, Robin Esbenshade, right, and Jodi Zeamer,

left. Malick was honored by the Penn State extension service for his support of extension programs in his capacity as director of a local television show.

## Others show champion pigs

LANCASTER — Stanley Heisey brought a nicely stuffed pig to the Lancaster County 4-H Pig Round-up sale on Tuesday, sold for \$1.70 per pound, and then went with a nicely stuffed pig.

Heisey's grand champion

entry commanded a total of \$382.50.

Stuart Heisey's piggy bank was filled pretty well too — at the rate of \$1.00 per pound for his 215 pound reserve grand champion animal. Like his brother's entry, Stuart's was a Duroc.

Exhibiting the champion trio and pen of ten at the

show, which had 161 pigs and 39 youths entered in competition, was Kerry Boyd. Last year the young farmer from Ephrata exhibited the grand champion market hog, here, and sold it for \$1.16 per pound. The price per pound paid this year for Boyd's

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