

# Youth awards

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Chicago International Livestock Exposition, the Keystone International Livestock Exposition and the Eastern National Livestock Exposition.

The owner of 20 sheep, Linda lives on a 72 acre farm in southeastern York County and expresses strong interest in becoming a veterinarian.

Lancaster Farming featured Miss Ebaugh on a full-age spread of the Oct. 16 issue.

## LLOYD HOOVER

"Success is not what you do, but what you do compared to what you could have done," announced 19-year old Lloyd Hoover while accepting a handsome plaque from the livestock organization. "The important point is to always do the best you can."

It's a way of life which Hoover, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hoover, Leola,

has followed religiously. He further quotes Galatians 6:4 to illustrate his attitude on life: "Let everyone be sure he is doing his very best for then he will have the personal satisfaction of work well done, and won't need to compare himself with someone else."

Although he's not yet 20 years old, Hoover has attained levels of achievement and recognition which many adults can only dream of. He's well underway with his own hog operation on his parents' 50-acre farm, and he's acting manager of Dunlap Cattle Company's hog division at the Lancaster Stock Yards. One of his unique achievements is having developed a swine breeding chart for which he is currently seeking a patent. He has met President Ford three times.

One of nine children to be raised on the 50-acre farm, young Hoover is the first in

the family to have graduated from high school. It was his strong interests in agriculture which drove him towards that goal - even though it meant transferring from one high school to another in order to participate in the FFA program. He graduated from Garden Spot High School in 1975, after having piled up a remarkable string of achievements within the ag curriculum. He is a former vice president of the Pennsylvania FFA organization and served as president of the Grassland Chapter.

While success has been a way of life for the young man, he has not allowed himself to rest on his laurels nor lose his humble attitude. "I still have so much to learn," he said occasionally lest anyone get the impression that he has fulfilled his ambitions. Nothing could be further from the truth. He wants to continue his work with the hog division at Dunlap and has simultaneous hopes of someday purchasing his own

Lancaster County farm. A farrow to finish operation with 40 sows is his ideal. In the past he has worked with a purebred Duroc herd from which he has sold breeding stock to all parts of the Keystone State. He started with a chain gilt from his school and the bulk of the herd was derived from her.

Another one of Hoover's goals is to earn the American Farmer Degree - the highest award obtainable in the FFA program.

The modest young man readily admits that his activities keep him busy. The job at the Stock Yards takes six days a week for a total of around 40 hours. His work at home requires another 40 hours. That doesn't leave much time for girls, but somehow Hoover has managed that part of his life too, and he's presently engaged to Elaine Diefenderfer. Marriage plans are slated for next Spring.

It was about 11 years ago when Hoover first "went into business" for himself. He emptied his piggy bank and

bought a few guinea pigs. Successful with that, he sold them for enough money to buy two Angus heifers. So began a veal calf raising project. His farming operations have always been solvent.

Commenting on the FFA program itself, Hoover says "it turns a person inside out, it gives you a good look at yourself and helps you find out what you want to do." He credits his FFA years in high school as having been very instrumental in putting him on a path which has led to success for him and believes strongly that it can do the same for anyone. "The FFA is there to provide worthy and unlimited opportunities in order for young people to achieve in agriculture and related businesses," he says.

"A youth becoming involved in agriculture today can experience the satisfaction not only through individual achievement, but because of the dependence and respect the American people are beginning to have for agriculture. I feel that people are beginning to realize that the farmer is more than a tiller of the soil. He's a businessman, a veterinarian, a plant scientist, a soil specialist, a marketing agent and a common laborer all in one.

"And as success is achieved by the farmer, he and only he can feel the

## Manor FFA boys given medals

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Four members of the Manor FFA Chapter received medals at the 49th National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo., last Thursday. Rick Falk, Millersville R1, took a bronze in meats judging. Falk is the top Pennsylvania judge in meats.

Craig Harnish, Lancaster R6, won a silver medal in swine showmanship; Kevin Kilheffer, Lancaster, took a silver in sheep showmanship; and John Mylin, Willow Street, took a bronze in sheep showmanship.

In order to take part in this contest, the FFA member had to be one of the top three individuals in the state, and at Kansas City, only the top third of all the state competitors were rated.

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satisfaction because of the actual benefits of the efforts he has made," Hoover concluded.

## Top capon brings \$8.50 per pound

LANCASTER, Pa. - Three capon roundups were held last week in and around Lancaster. Linda Hershey, 304 Newport Road, Lititz, had the grand champion of the Lancaster County roundup held at the Elks Club on Tuesday. Tim Breneman, Millersville R1, was the reserve champion of this particular roundup sponsored by the Lancaster Kiwanis Club.

The Ephrata Area Community Roundup, sponsored by the Ephrata Rotary Club, was capped with an auction. Kerry Boyd, Ephrata R1, exhibited the grand champion bird which brought \$8.50 per pound. A ten pound bird, it grossed \$85.00 for Boyd. Anita

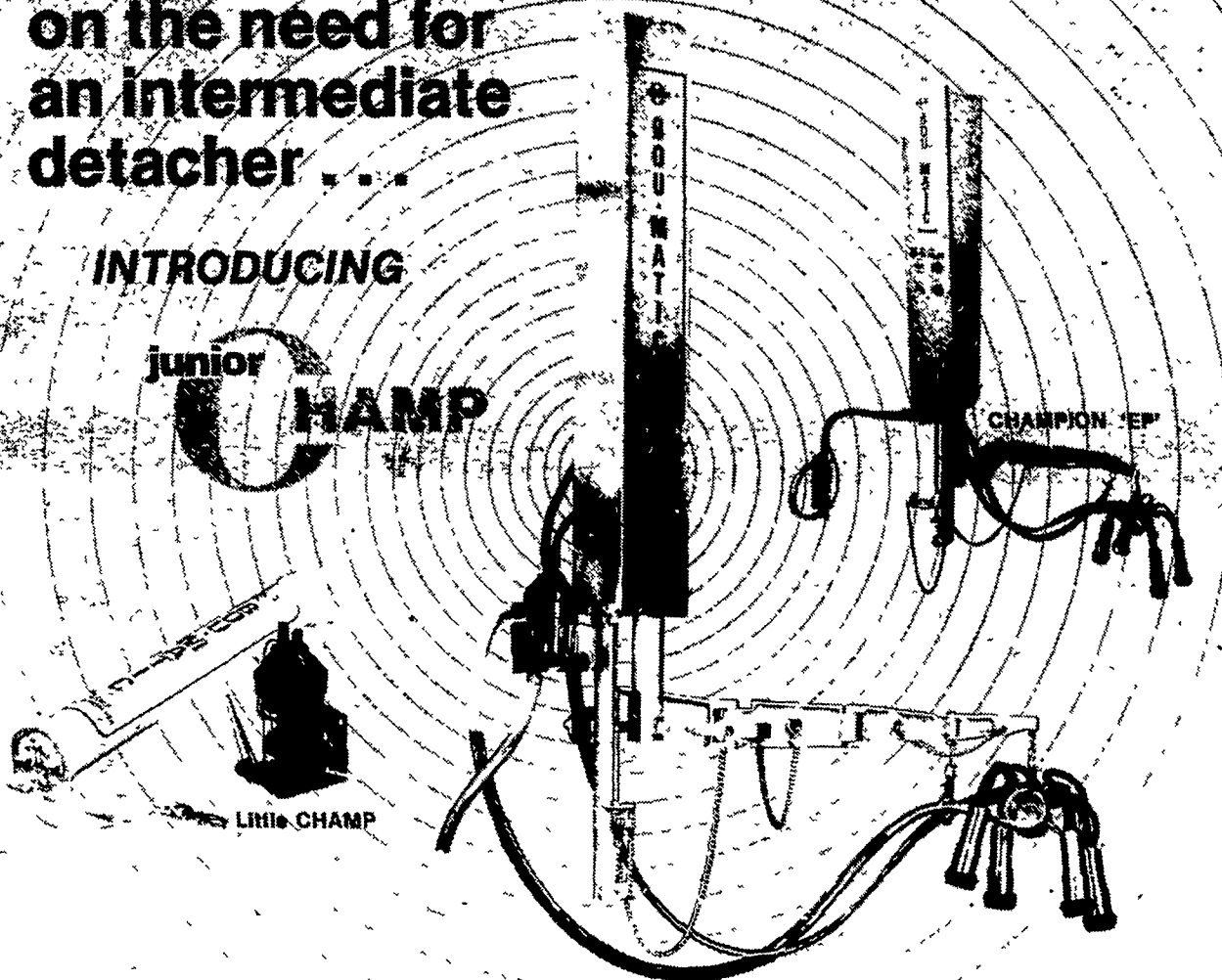
Augsburger, Reinholds, exhibited the reserve champion bird which sold for \$5 per pound. Anita's brother, Scott, had the fourth place capon in the roundup which brought \$2.75 at the auction. Michael Pfautz, Stevens R1, had the third place bird which brought \$2.45 per pound, and Tim Pfautz showed the fifth place capon which sold for \$2.10 per pound at the auction.

The Manheim Rotary Club sponsored the Manheim roundup, and in that competition, Philip Nissley, Manheim R5, exhibited the grand champion bird, and Wendy Huber, Lititz R3, ten pound bird, it grossed \$85.00 for Boyd. Anita

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