

Champions plowed

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72 years young, even managed to come up with a higher point score than any of the other divisions champions. One might say that the old adage "practice makes perfect" holds true here, because Kocevar has had years of experience in plowing. It's interesting to note, too, that his closest competitor in the contest was a 19-year old girl who has a way with tractors and plows.

A brief biography of Kocevar and Miller were given during the Dauphin County program, and highlights of that follow:

Born in 1903, Kocevar began plowing with mules as a boy. In 1920 his father purchased the family's first tractor—an 816 Farmall. Six years later Kocevar purchased the farm from his Dad and kept on working the same as most any other farmer. The veteran plowman got a rather late start as far as plowing contests are concerned, but again, as the old adage goes—"better late than never." The year was 1960

when Kocevar entered his first Dauphin County plowing contest. And he did it somewhat reluctantly, Harris told the group. Not surprisingly, Kocevar walked away with the trophy when it was all over and that automatically make him eligible for state competition. He won that too and went to the Nationals. In 1962 he did the same thing, again making his way to the Nationals. In 1966 Kocevar slipped a little and ended up third in the state. Two years later he returned as state champion for the third time—the first time anyone had ever done that. And so the trend continued until he made it all the way to the top this Summer when his home state hosted the national event on one of the research farms of Penn State University. The contest was held in conjunction with the Ag Progress Days.

Kocevar won his event with a four-bottom mold-board plow pulled by an International 656 tractor. In addition to being the champion in his division, Kocevar also had the high

score for any of the three division champions. Furthermore, the Dauphin Countian was presented with the Sportsmen Award, Safety Award, and All-American Plowman Award. The performance makes him eligible for the World Plowing Contest, to be held in Holland.

Miller has been entering plowing contests since 1967, and has been a consistent winner in county and state competition. In 1968 he captured both the level land and contour crowns in the state. In 1974 he placed fourth in the country. This year he placed first, using a 1953 Case SC tractor and a two-bottom plow.

Miller farms 89 acres near Millersburg and keeps a herd of Guernseys.

"We're tremendously proud to have two national plowing champions in Dauphin County," said Harris, just prior to a burst of applause from the audience.

In other matters made public during the Extension Service's annual meeting, it was revealed that a total of



Dauphin County's two national plowing champions are Frank Kocevar, left, and Robert Miller, center. The two were honored guests last week during the annual meeting

of the Dauphin County Extension Service. With the champions is Sam Williams of the Dauphin County Extension board of directors.

754 educational meetings were held by the staff during 1976. In addition, 467 meetings were held by unpaid volunteer leaders. These meetings attracted a

total attendance of 41,669 persons, the Extension Service publicized. A total of 627 news articles were prepared, and 1083 radio broadcasts went on the air. Television was also used a total of 14 times to bring

agriculture and new trends therein to the public.

The Dauphin County 4-H program has 2,935 members enrolled in 45 different clubs. Summing it all up was the Extension Service's theme for the meeting — "Extension broadens horizons."

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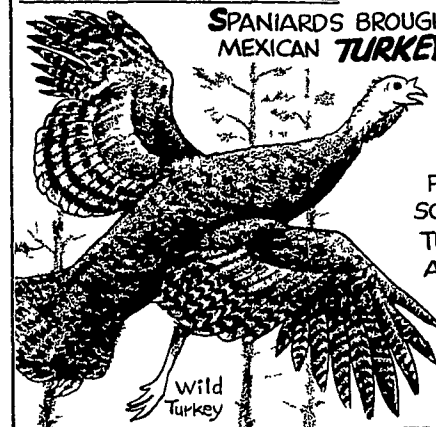
DID YOU KNOW?

BY Jarvis

ONE OF THE WORLD'S RICHEST MEN WAS OIL TYCOON JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER.

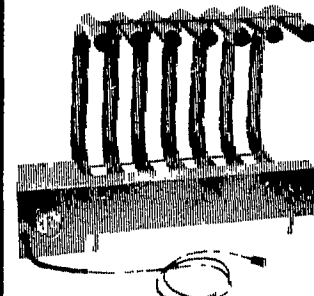
HE WENT TO WORK AT 16 AS A CLERK. HIS DAD WAS A PEDDLER. YOUNG JOHN WAS 23 WHEN HE ENTERED THE OIL BUSINESS. HE SAW A NEED TO ORGANIZE IT. HE DID SO TO SUCH AN EXTENT, HIS COMPANY SOON OWNED MOST OF IT. HE GAVE AWAY SOME \$550 MILLION . . . \$35 MILLION TO U. OF CHICAGO.

HE GAVE AWAY SHINY DIMES TO PEOPLE HE MET



SPANIARDS BROUGHT DOMESTICATED MEXICAN TURKEYS TO EUROPE IN 1519, AND ENGLAND GOT SOME IN 1524. IN 1620, THE PILGRIMS BROUGHT SOME TO AMERICA. TURKEY EGGS ARE ABOUT TWICE THE SIZE OF CHICKEN EGGS. YOUNG TURKEYS ARE CALLED POULTS.

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