



The top four finishers in the first annual Lancaster County FFA agricultural mechanics contest were, left to right, and in order of placing,

Steve Miller, Kevin Smoker, John Zimmerman and James Saylor.

Steve Miller wins mechanics contest

EPHRATA, Pa. — Steve Miller, a member of the Manheim FFA Chapter, won the first annual Ag Mechanics Contest held here at Ephrata High School on Wednesday afternoon.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Miller, he is a junior at Manheim Central High School. The contest was open to all schools in Lancaster County with vo-ag departments, although Ephrata, Manheim, and Penn Manor were the only chapters represented.

Students were tested for their knowledge and skills in

plumbing, electricity, electric arc welding, and building types. Covered areas will vary from year to year in future contests.

A written test and problems in each of three areas were a part of the contest. Skills had to be demonstrated in each.

Miller, who is very highly involved in the home farming operation, has a high degree of capabilities in agricultural mechanics, according to his instructor, Glenn Spangler. Agricultural mechanics is a part of the vo-ag program. At Manheim, students spend half their ag mechanics hours in the classroom, the other half in the shop.

Following Miller in the contest placings were Kevin Smoker and John Zimmerman of Ephrata. James Saylor from Manheim, and Ed Hurst of Ephrata.

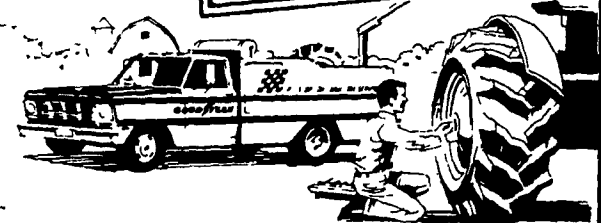
The glamorous myth of rootin', tootin' cowboys strays far from the truth, Reader's Digest says. The real American cowboy was usually a dirty, overworked and underpaid laborer who didn't even own his own horse.

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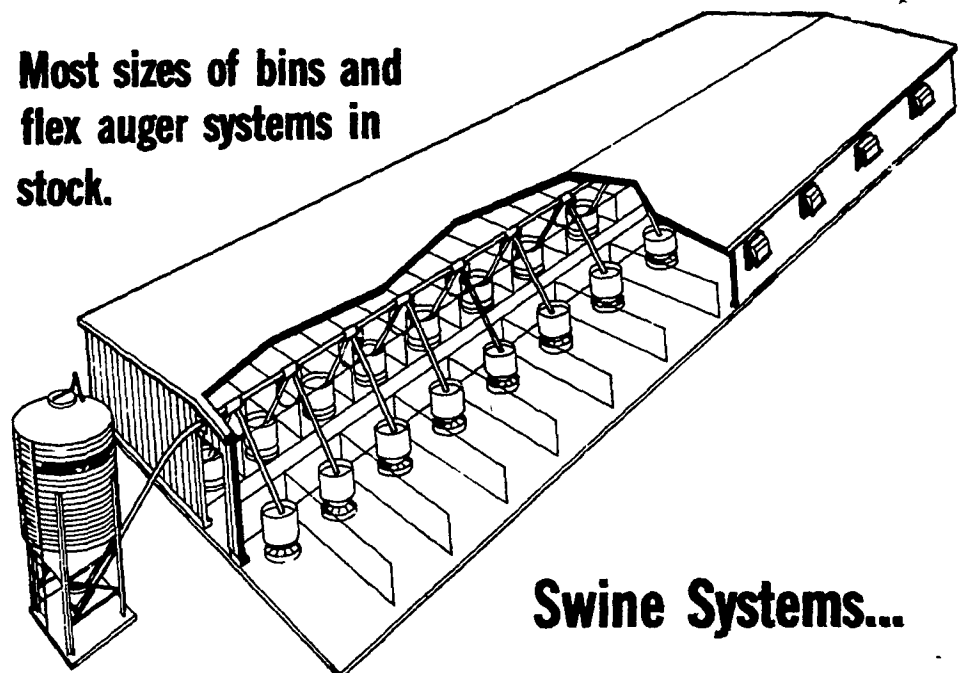
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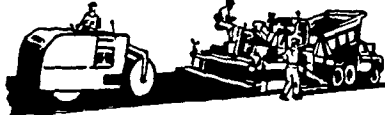
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