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## Herr wins Solanco tractor driving

QUARRYVILLE - This year's grand champion of the 4-H, FFA, and open class tractor driving contest at the Southern Lancaster County Community Fair was Gordon Herr, Quarryville R2. Herr, who has participated in tractor driving contests two times previous to this, taking the championship in 1975, won the title with the low score of 20. His

downfall came when he was one inch off at the wagon. According to tractor driving officials, Herr's score was about 280 points lower than the average for the day at 300 to 350 points.

Second place in the open contest went to William Krantz, Quarryville R1, and third to Mark Young, Peach Bottom.

In the FFA division, first

## Simple fly trap discovered

BELTSVILLE, Md. - Wooden pyramids, painted white, can be used to trap face flies, according to scientists of USDA's Agricultural Research Service.

The pests can transmit pinkeye and an eyeworm and they annoy cattle, causing them to stop grazing and gather in groups. At present, there is no economical means of ridding cattle of these pests. At the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, here, entomologist Lawrence G. Pickens and animal scientist

Richard W. Miller have devised a simple, effective trap for these pests. The trap is constructed of 29 by 39 inch wooden triangles joined at the top to form a pyramid. The pyramid is painted with white latex paint and covered with clear plastic. A sticky substance is spread on the plastic to trap the face flies when they land. Face fly numbers have been reduced as much as 70 per cent in some pastures where the traps have been used.

The scientists have found that the shape and color of

the trap is such that it reflects light at the proper angle and wavelengths to attract face flies. The traps are placed on steel fence posts about 3 feet off the ground. Various heights for the traps are being studied because, when placed nearer the ground, the pyramids also attract stable flies.

Traps are placed near areas where cattle congregate, such as loafing spots and watering troughs.

About one trap per seven head of cattle seems to be effective. Further research is planned to determine if this number is adequate for all situations.

Plans are being made to test the traps on a large number of commercial farms to evaluate the effectiveness of the traps under field conditions. The scientists are also investigating methods of treating the traps with pesticides. Pesticides would eliminate the need to change the plastic and the tacky substance every few days.

## Farm Calendar

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Bill McIntyre Recognition Dinner, Flemington Elks, N.J., 6:30 p.m.

Pa. State Championship Tractor Pulling Contest, Buck Tractor Pulls Stadium, 1 and 7 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 29  
Seedling Display by the Berks Co. Conservation District, opens Berkshire Mall, Reading, display continues until Sept. 24.

Gratz Fair begins Gratz, Pa.; continues through Sept. 24.

Thursday, Sept. 20  
PennAg Convention begins at Host Corral, Lancaster, Pa., 10 a.m. registration.

place winner was Wayne Brian, Christiana R1. Second went to Dwayne Piefer, Kirkwood R1, and third to Les Hershey, Kirkwood R1.

Guernsey State Sale, Guernsey Sales Barn, Lancaster, 12:30 p.m.

Ephrata Fair, Ephrata, Pa., begins; continues through Sept. 24.

Wednesday, Sept. 21  
Penn Ag Convention continues.

Thursday, Sept. 22  
PennAg Convention ends.

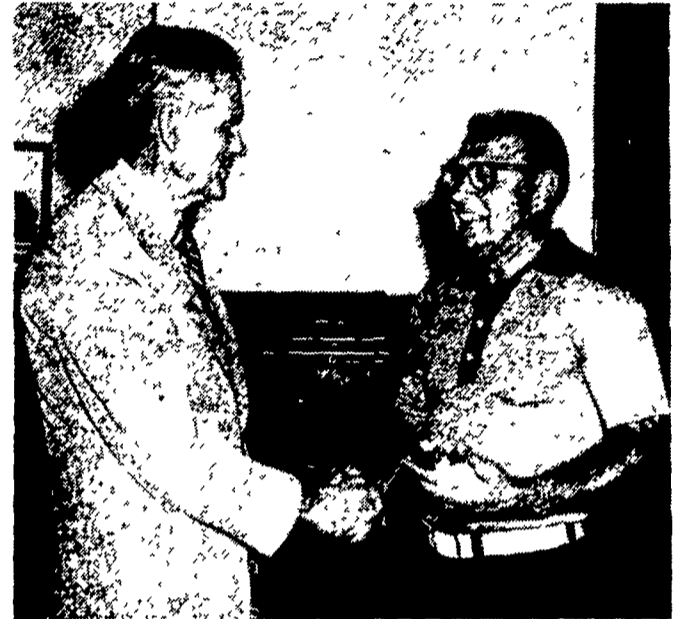
Open House at Atlantic Breeder's Cooperative headquarters, 6 to 9 p.m. three miles west of Lancaster, off Rt. 283.

Public Meeting sponsored by Save Our Soils Committee, 7:30 p.m., Penryn, Pa. Fire Hall. Subject solid waste management.

Turkey Conference, J.O. Keller Conference Center, Penn State, registration 9 a.m.

Friday, Sept. 23  
Turkey Conference ends at Penn State.

## Beacon honors Rudisill



At the annual sales conference of The Beacon Milling Company, Inc. held at Wells College, Aurora, N.Y. on August 21-23, the Golden Eagle Award for the top general manager was presented to S & D area manager Raymond Rudisill of 449 Hill 'N Dale Drive, York, Beacon President Wilbur Townsend, left, made the presentation to Rudisill.

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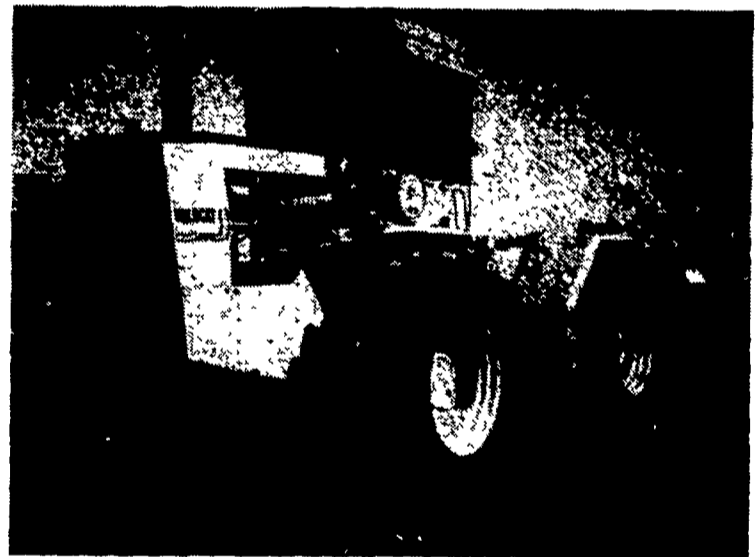
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