

Some of the old tractors are today's classics

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comparison, that new Farmall with its new black tires, silver painted wheels and clean, white lettering was something to see.

We just stood around watching it for awhile as if we were going to do something on its own. Finally, somebody got the idea that we'd have to start it up if we were going to see it perform. So the proud owner hopped aboard and the show was on. Around the circular driveway at an astonishing speed and off to the field where its plow was waiting. Progress had definitely come to the farm.

It's a little sad as I think back — Farmall tractor is probably still doing its thing somewhere — but the farm is gone. Now that's real durability for you. Progress brought us a new tractor,

then it eventually took the farm for its houses and shopping centers.

International Harvester has manufactured a lot of tractors since the last Farmall rolled off the assembly line a quarter of a century ago. No doubt the designers have made improvements and the company is still a giant of the industry. But in my mind those old Farmalls will always be the classics of agricultural technology. And when that Delaware Agricultural Museum is finally opened for business, I hope to see one of those Farmalls (in mint condition) given a place of honor — a silent spokesman for the thousands of its look-alikes that are still on the farm working.

4-H council meets

BAIR — Megan Shaub, a York County 4-H'er, showed slides of her trip to the National 4-H Club Congress at the recent meeting of the York County 4-H Council.

The public is invited to attend a family comedy and cartoon films to be shown on February 3 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the 4-H Center. A 75 cent donation will be collected at the door for the movie

Paul Myers, III, president, announced coming event. They include an officers training meeting on January 21; a roller skating party on January 23; a senior exchange meeting on January 31; and a five-county lock-in on February 17 to 18.

The next meeting of the County Council will be held on February 1. The program will be given by exchangees from Germany and New Zealand.

Steer sells for \$7687

HARRISBURG — The traditional "Farm Show weather" reappeared Friday as snow fell once again in the Harrisburg area. As the snow rose on the ground outside the Farm Show Building, prices were rising in the small arena where the tops in junior market animals were being auctioned off.

The grand champion steer, "Snowball," owned by Brett Holzhauser, 14, of Holtwood, Lancaster County, sold for \$6.15 a pound, for a total of \$7,687.50. The 1,250 pound Angus-Chianina Crossbred steer was sold to Mr. Danny George, owner of George's Foodliner Market in Bethlehem. Mr. George has been attending the auctions

at the Farm Show for several years, buying over \$500,000 worth of top animals at the show.

The bidding on the grand champion steer stalled after moving quickly to about \$5.50 a pound. At that point, Agriculture Secretary Kent Shelhamer stepped into the ring to lead the steer to its final price. Contending bidder was Robert Frame of the Vintage Sales Stables.

At \$6.15 per pound, "Snowball" sold for ten cents more than last year's grand champion, but well below the record price of \$6.40 set at the 1976 Farm Show. Brett, who attends the Swift Intermediate School and is a first-year member of the Red Rose 4-H Beef and

Sheep Club, says that he will save the money.

The reserve grand champion steer, shown by Janice Kaylor of Elizabethtown, was also sold to Danny George for \$1.80 per pound, or a total of

\$1,720. Miss Kaylor had shown the grand champion at last year's show.

Lancaster County's Abe Diffenbach from the New Holland Sales Stables did the auctioneering, with sons Abe J. and Alan taking the bids.

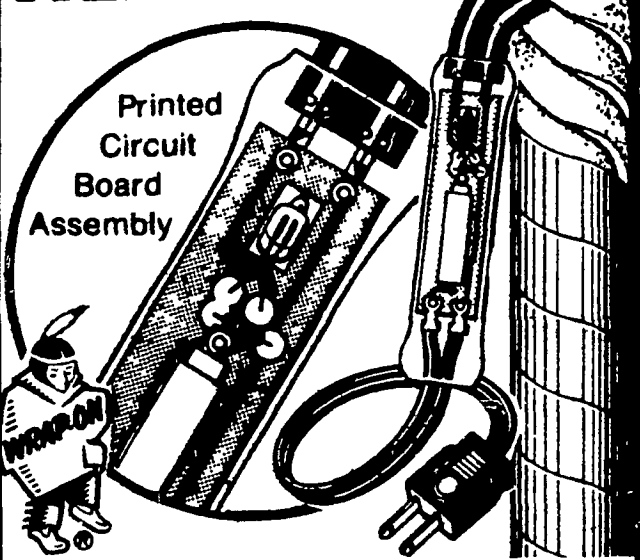
4-H'ers say thank you

LANCASTER — The members and leaders of the Red Rose Beef and Sheep Club are back in Lancaster County from the Farm Show. Before tacking their next projects, they'd like to thank the buyers of their animals. They are as follows: Acme Markets, Philadelphia; Baum's Bologna, Elizabethtown; Belleville Livestock Market, Belleville; Creutzburg Livestock Supplies, Paradise; Walter M. Dunlap Company, Lancaster; Danne George, George's Foodliner, Bethlehem; Green Dragon Farm Market, Ephrata; Groff's Meat Market, Elizabethtown; Hendricks Meat Market, Columbia; Henry's Meat Market, Greencastle; R. E. Hershey Meats, Elizabethtown; Lancaster Farming, Litz; Lauxmont Farms, Wrightsville; McCoy Cattle Company, Lancaster; Myers Black and White Holstein Farm, Lancaster; New Holland Sales Company, New Holland; Stonebridge Farms (John Brubaker), Mount Joy; H.S. Stoltzfus Level Flow Silo Co., Lancaster; Donald Templeton, Ebensburg; and Vintage Sales Company, Kinzers.

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