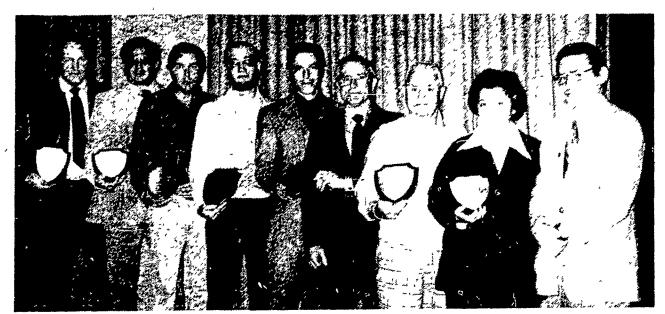
Yields earn state honors for 7 tomato growers



Tomato growing champions for 1977, honored at the recent vegetable conference in Hershey, are from left: Dio Shetler, of Turbotville R1; Allen Smith, of Milton, representating Custom Growers and Harvestors, Inc.; Ronald Dingle, of Turbotville R1; Dennis Benfer, of Milton R1, repesenting

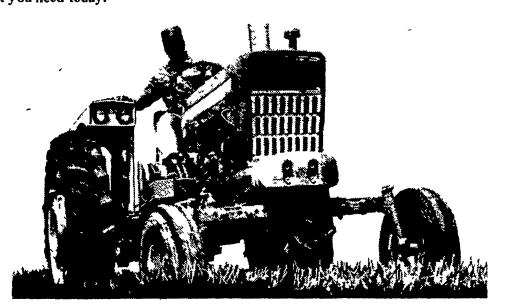
Double B and D, Inc.; James F. Kohl and K. James Kohl, of Furman Farms, Inc., Northumberland R2; Robert E. Schwartz, of Lykens, accepting award

for his son, Robert W.; and Mrs. Marjorie Maurér, of Hegins R2. At right is Dr. R. W. Hepler, head of the Penn State department of horticulture.

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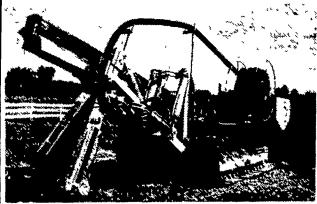
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