

Adams Co. Extension Service Assn. meets

McSHERRYTOWN -- "Cooperative Extension - A Family Affair" was the theme for the 63rd annual meeting of the Adams County Agricultural and Home Economics Extension Association held January 18, at the firehall in McSherrytown.

Elected to the executive committee were Mrs. Dawn Bodenbergh, Gettysburg R4; Daniel Hoffman, Gettysburg R6; Mrs. Kay King, York Springs R1; Teresa Murren, McSherrytown; Wayne Rodgers, Gettysburg R6; and William B. Wilson, Biglerville R1.

The amendment that the "Executive committee may appoint any person, a resident of Adams County as a representative or delegate to any regional, state or national Extension Association" was also passed.

President Daniel L. Winters, Hanover, R5 presided at the meeting and introduced participants.

Harrison G. Fair, president of the Pennsylvania Council of

Cooperative Extension Associations, reported on activities of the council including a workshop in Washington, D. C. and a luncheon with legislators in the state capital. Committees are at work reviewing programs, setting priorities and studying problems of funding and staffing. Fair called for support of the entire budget for Penn State because Extension programs must be supported by strong programs in research and teaching.

Awards were presented as follows:

A certificate of appreciation for nine years service on the Extension Executive Committee presented to Arthur B. Musselman, Gettysburg R3.

Leadership Award presented to Robert C. Lott, Aspers R1.

Distinguished Service Award presented to County Extension Director, Thomas E. Piper from the Pennsylvania Association of County Agricultural Agents - presented by John Z.

Shearer, Franklin County Extension Director and Director of PACAA.

Representing the Administration of Cooperative Extension Service, Penn State, Dr. Helen Bell, Program Coordinator for Family Living program expressed greetings and pledged continued program support for County Extension work.

"Family Life in America Today" was the topic for featured speaker, Dr. Dorothy J. Gish, Grantham, Pa. She cited statistics that one of three marriages today end in divorce, a 700 per cent increase since the turn of the century.

Over 23 million American families have children under 13 years of age. Most are concerned about the role of

parents. Changes in the social environment and the way we earn our living has had a marked influence on the family. Because parents are away from home so much, institutions such as the schools have grown to assume responsibilities once held by parents.

"But parents have special responsibilities today" said Dr. Gish. They are challenged to pass along a value system which children desperately need. They must also serve to coordinate the contacts with institutions and agencies which provide for the needs of growing children. "Today's parents need support to cope with the challenge of raising children in this age of change" concluded the speaker.

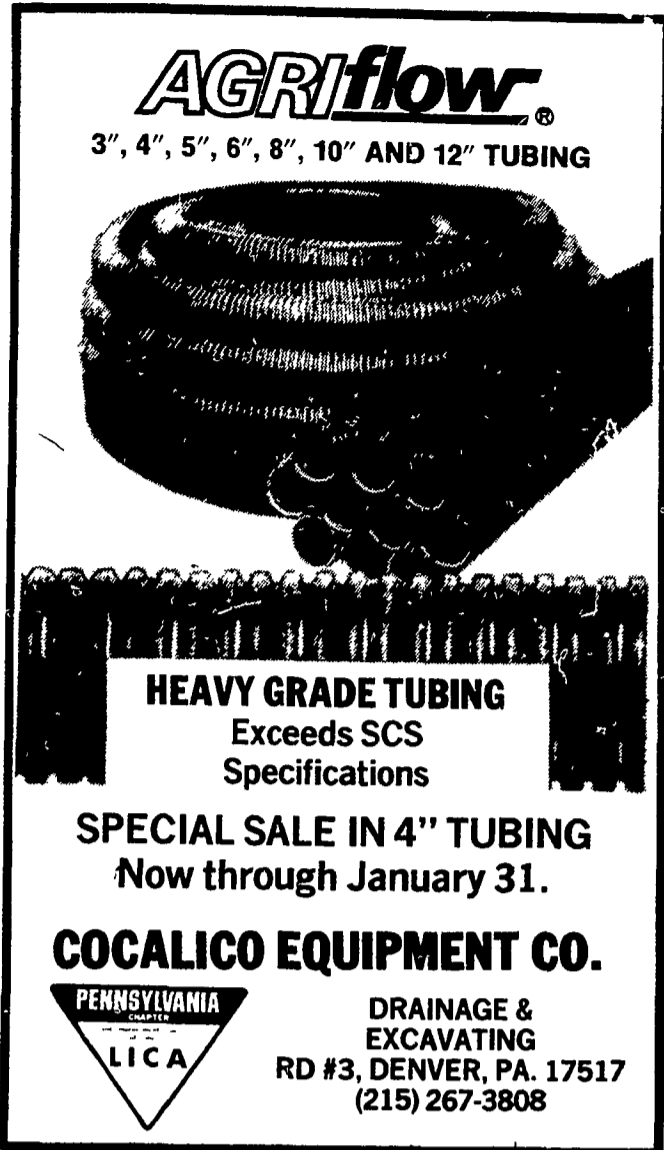
Meat consumption survey shows red meat is down, poultry up

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Per capita consumption of meat was down last year, but consumption of chicken and turkey hit record highs. Preliminary estimates by USDA put per capita consumption of beef at 89 pounds (retail weight), down from 93.2 pounds in 1977 and the lowest since 1975.

Consumption of veal averaged only 2.5 pounds per person, down from 3.2 pounds in 1977 and the lowest since 1975. Though consumption of pork remained at 56.7 pounds per person, unchanged from a year earlier, consumption of lamb and mutton averaged only 1.4 pounds per person down from 1.5 pounds in 1977 and the lowest on records that go back 60 years.

It was the sixth straight year and 11th year in the past 12 that consumption of lamb and mutton has declined. Over-all red meat consumption averaged 149.6 pounds per person (retail weight), down five pounds from a year earlier and the lowest since 1975.

Meanwhile, per capita consumption of ready to cook chicken moved up from 44.9 pounds in 1977 to 47.5 pounds last year - record high for the third straight year. And, consumption of ready-to-cook turkey moved up to a record high 9.5 pounds. This, after first hitting a record high 9.2 pounds in 1976 and remaining at that point in 1977.



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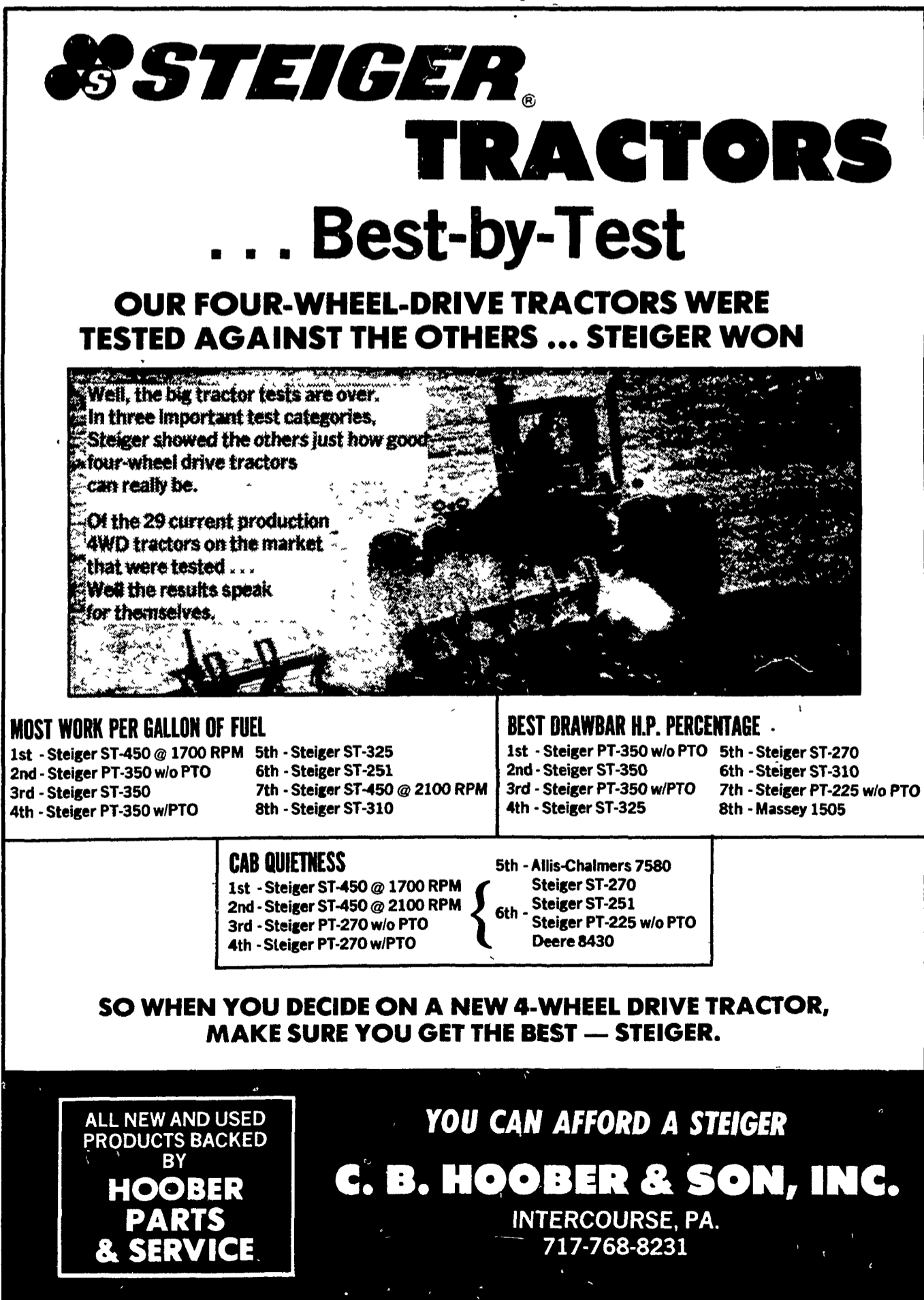
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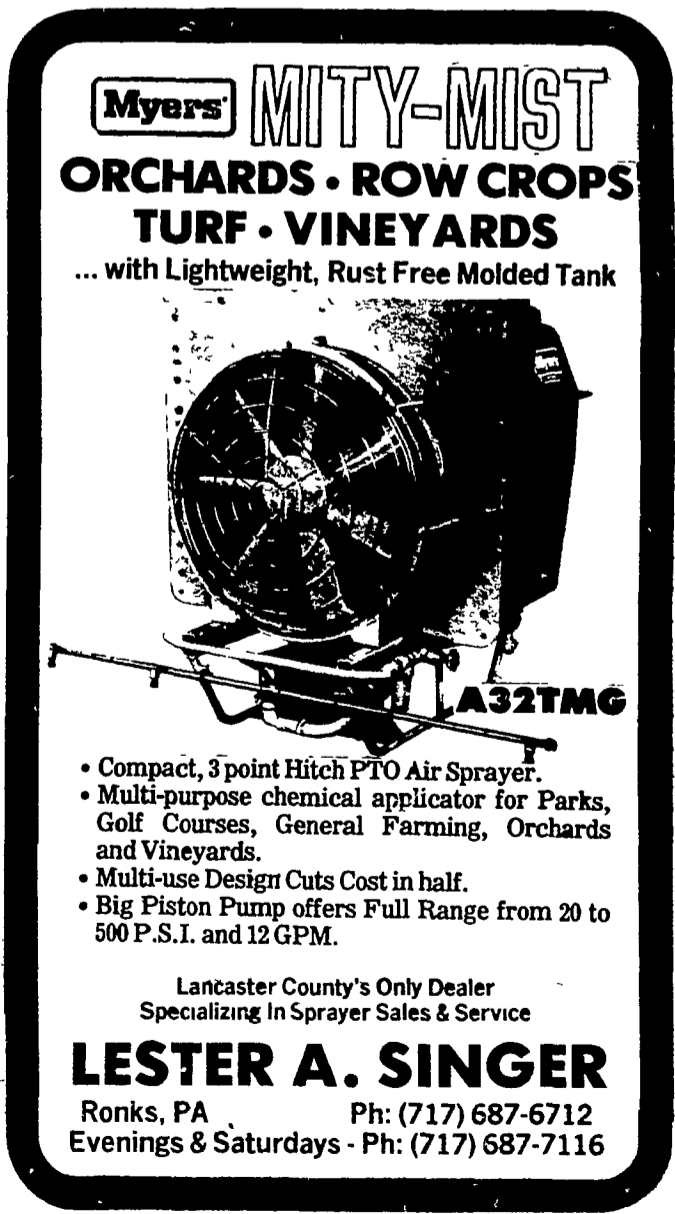
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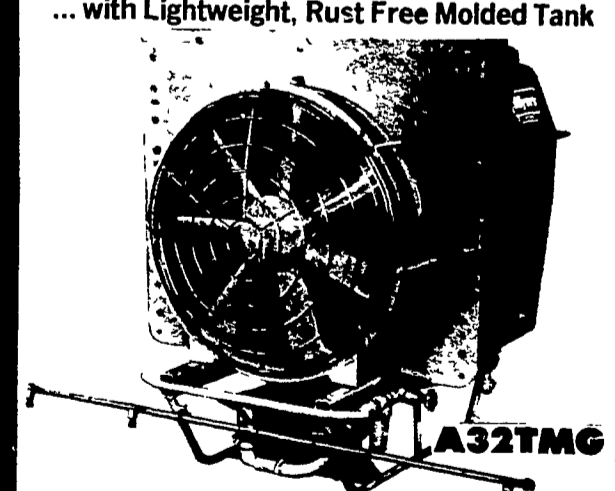
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