



Several dealers were honored at the recent Show-Ease Stall Company dealers meeting, held in Lancaster. From left to right, are John Kreider, owner of the company; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Landis;

Mr. and Mrs. Orlin Saner; and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kreider; and John Moore, sales and service manager, who presented the awards.

## Show-Ease dealers honored

LANCASTER — At the recent Show-Ease Stall Company annual dealers meeting, held at the Willow Valley Restaurant, Lancaster, Lloyd E. Kreider, Cochranville, was named top

volume dealer. For this honor he was awarded a solar watch.

There were three close runner-ups in the contest, including Orlin Saner,

McAlisterville; Paul Landis, Milton; and Nelson Weaver, Dundee, Ohio. They competed with 55 dealers out of the East Coast and mid-west area.

Also at the meeting, new items of the company were introduced, including a new work chute, a detachable free hanging free stall; and a new line of car, truck, and tractor tire chains.

## Pa. farmers to be interviewed

HARRISBURG - United States farmers spent almost \$100 billion in 1977 to produce crops, livestock and poultry, topping the previous year's \$89 billion level, according to the Pennsylvania Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. This averages over \$35,000 per farm, nationally.

Feed, accounting for over \$14.5 billion, was the major expenditure, followed by livestock and poultry purchases at \$10.2 billion; rent at \$8.1 billion; wages at \$7.9 billion; and fertilizer, lime and soil conditioners at \$6.9 billion.

During February and March, enumerators from the Pennsylvania Crop and Livestock Reporting Service will interview a cross section of Pennsylvania farmers as part of a nationwide program to determine 1978 production costs. Along with questions concerning outlays for equipment, services and other production needs, some farmers will be asked about the kinds of places where they buy feed, fuel, fertilizer, pesticides, feeder animals and other major production inputs.

Information about farm production outlays is important in comparing the farmer's well-being with that of other groups in the nation's economy. All responses will be kept confidential and only state and national summaries will be published.

## Lancaster Co. awards given



Gary Dean (left) of Strasburg, and Max Smith, Lancaster County agricultural agent were presented gift certificates as a token of appreciation from the Red Rose Baby Beef and Sheep 4-H junior and senior livestock judging teams. Presenting the award is the Club president Tony Eberly who also served as toastmaster at the banquet which was held on February 1, at the Farm and Home Center, Lancaster.



Christine Greiner, Mount Joy was awarded a 4-H Club jacket by Frey Brothers, Quarryville. Christine raised a steer with the highest daily gain (3.16). Kent Henry, Strasburg won a 4-H pen set from Cope and Weaver Company, New Providence. Kent's steer had the second highest daily gain from all the steers in the County. The youth received the awards at the Red Rose Beef and Sheep Club banquet on February 1.

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