

**H.D. Matz buys pig for \$535**

**Stauffer Homestead shows champion feeder pigs**



Bill Fisher, representing Stauffer Homestead Farm, was victorious at the New Holland Feeder Pig Show and Sale on Tuesday. Judge Ronnie Harrison of Littlestown is at right. Abe Diffenbach looks on from the auctioneer's box.

NEW HOLLAND — A pen of eight crossbred feeder pigs bred at Stauffer Homestead Farms of East Earl R1 was awarded the grand champion trophy at Tuesday's Third Annual Feeder Pig Show and Sale. It was held at the New Holland Sales Stables, here, which co-sponsored the event along with the Lancaster County Swine Producers Association.

Weighing an average of 65 pounds per head, Stauffer Homestead's pigs were also the heavyweight champions. Judge for the competition, which featured close to 300 pigs, was Ronnie Harrison of Littlestown. The champion received a trophy and \$50; the reserve champion was awarded a trophy and \$40. First place entries in their division received cash prizes, and the top five in each weight group were given ribbons.

With hog producers arriving from several counties in Pennsylvania and Maryland, the sale started promptly at 7 o'clock. H.D. Matz, New Holland dairy cattle dealer offered the highest price during the first round of bidding, thus repeating his distinction as buyer of the champion from the previous year. His record bid of \$535 allowed him to have the pig of his choice from the champion lot shown by Stauffer Homestead Farms.

Spirited bidding continued before auctioneer Abe Diffenbach dropped the gavel at \$85. Buyer again was H.D. Matz.

The Cloister FFA Chapter of Ephrata, represented by vocational agriculture instructor Lewis C. Ayers had the next successful bid at \$80. W.E.

Kreider, butcher for Stauffer's of Kissel Hill, was the fourth successful bidder and took his choice. With four champion-pen entries left in the ring, Diffenbach accepted bids rapidly until they stopped at \$75. The Cecil County Livestock Club chose to pay that amount for each of the remaining four.

Showing the reserve champion pen was Bill Smiley of Middletown, N.Y., whose eight porkers were judged tops in the middleweight groupings. They weighed an average of 46 pounds each. Kelly Bowser of Worthington, Pa. paid \$63 for his choice of one of the entries in Smiley's pen. W.E. Kreider purchased the remaining seven at \$57 a piece.

First place in the lightweight division was Little Piggy Hill Farms of Watkins Glen R2, N.Y. Their entries weighed an average of 39 pounds each. Bill Langwise paid \$70 for one of those feeder pigs. Second choice went to Melissa Gruber of Elm. She had bid \$57 for one. The remaining six head went for \$35 each to Henry Zook of Kinzer.

John Lindenlauf, Coatesville R2, had the second place pigs in the heavyweight division. Buying them were Melissa Gruber (one pig for \$54) and Henry Zook (the remaining seven for \$52 each).

Second place in the medium-weight class went to John Groff of Lancaster. The Bucks County 4-H Livestock Club bid \$76 and paid that for each of three of their choice. A fourth animal in the group was sold to the Cloister FFA Chapter for \$61. Alan Risser of

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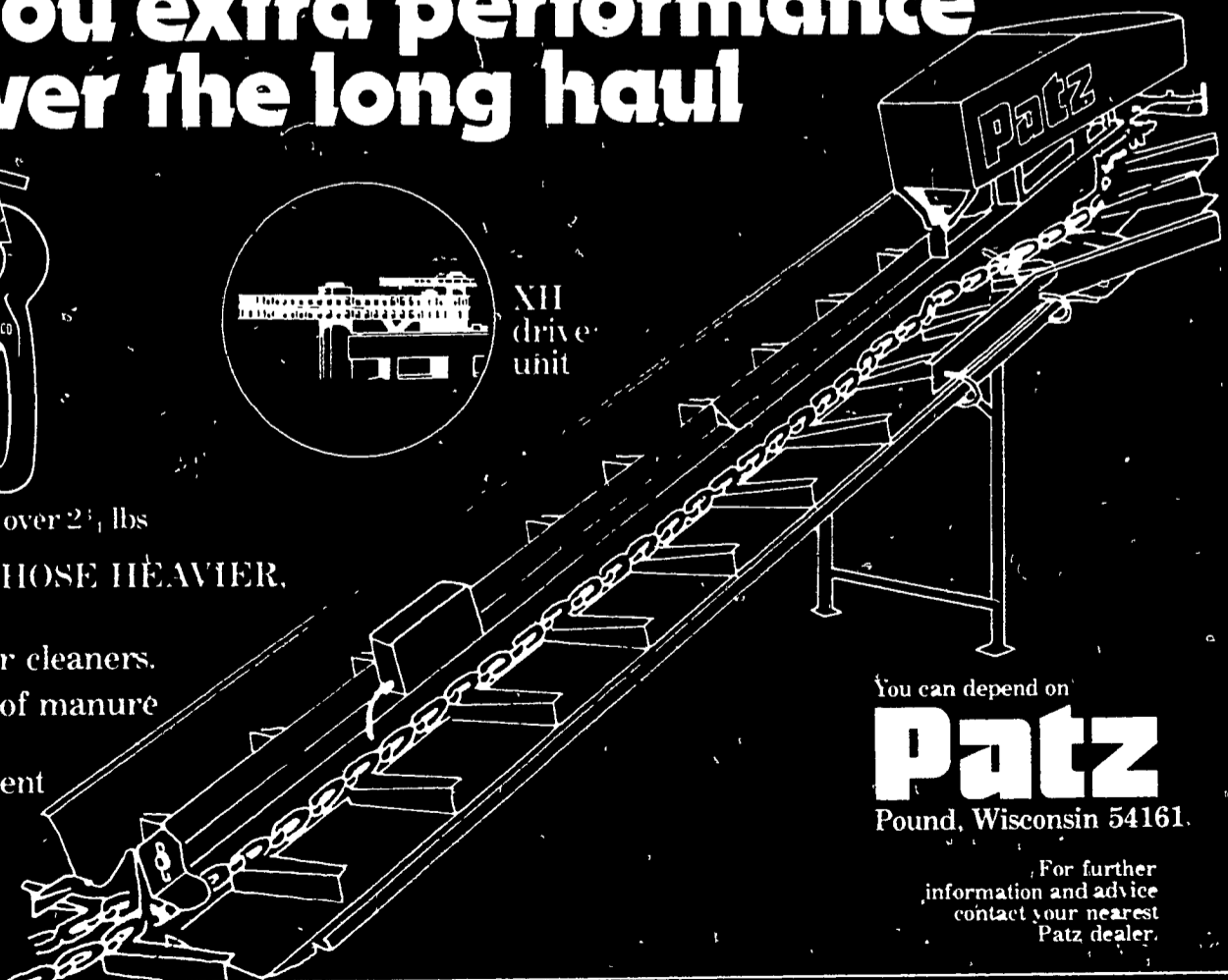


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