

The top placing team at the Lancaster County FFA Land Judging Contest included (left to right)

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David Mull, Sheila Eager, Rodger Weaver, Lillie

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Longenecker, daughter of Dr. Joseph and Mrs. Longenecker, Denver R1; 9. Dennis Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Weaver, New Holland R1; and 10. Mervin Zımmerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mervin B. Zimmerman, East Earl R2.

The top placing team consisted of ninth-graders from the New Holland Production class. They were Rodger Weaver, Jeff Snader, David Mull, Sheila Eager, and Lilly Fisher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Fisher, Blue Ball.

The second place team came from the 10th grade New Holland Environmental class. Along with Wanda and Doug, team members were Darlene Horning, Ruth Cox and Cindy Boyd.

The second team from the New Holland Production class came in third. Team members were: Kevin Martin, Mervin Zimmerman, Gerald Weaver, Dean Nolt, and Dennis Weaver.

The fourth team was the

second New Holland Environmental team. Members were: Janis Longenecker, Reggie Bennett, Scott Buzzard, Matt Schnader, and Daryl Weinhold.

Placing fifth was the Ephrata team consisting of Charles Bewley, Harold Kauffman, Ray Good, Harry Becker, and Ray Good.

Solanco and Manheim Central High School FFA members also took part in the competition, but did not place in the top five.

The FFA members had five sites, four to six feet deep to judge. They determined the slope, stoniness, texture of surface soil, depth of topsoil, depth of soil and internal drainage. They then determined the capability class of the soil for agriculture, identifying natural limiting factors. The land judgers made land use and conservation recomendations for each site. They also evaluated the site for a house, septic tank and disposal field, and lagoon building.

The top land judgers from each school will compete in the state contest this Summer at the Pennsylvania State University. The national competition will be held next Spring in Oklahoma City.

Officiating at the contest was Southeastern Regional Soil Conservation Specialist Albert Backer of Lebanon.

Team coaches included Lou Ayres, Ephrata High School; Philip Ogline, Grassland Environmental chapter, and Robert Woods with the Grassland Production teams.

A special thanks was given to Jay Roy Wise who farms the Zerbe Sister's farm. Wise was instrumental in setting up the judging sites and facilities provided for the FFA members.

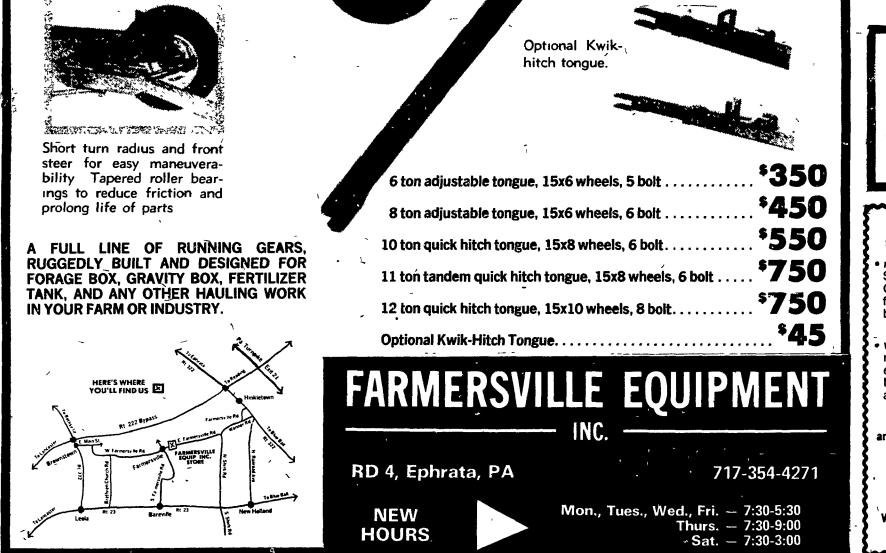


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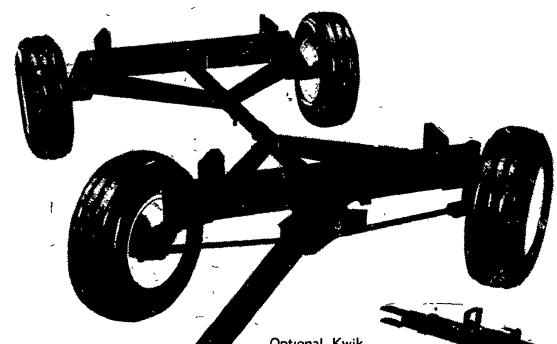


Fisher, and Jeff Snader.

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