

Lancaster 4-H

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tendance, outstanding teen leader, outstanding member in final year, and best project book in the senior division.

The Club also recognized Fred and Pauline Bussell for their outstanding service to the 4-H Club. The Bussells are relocating in another county. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Watts earned the outstanding parent award presented by the Boots and Saddles Club.

The Broken Bit Club awards were presented by Jean Immel. Alida Farrington took honors for perfect attendance, high sponsorship, and best demonstration.

Sally and Martha Gregory were the first and second year most improved members.

Daphne Immel exhibited the best senior division project book and assisted Alida in the best demonstration.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edson were given the outstanding parents award for their service to the Club.

Mrs. Merrill Spahn and Rose Fellenbaum distributed the certificates to the Production Club members. This was the initial year for the Production Club.

Here again, Lashon Bussell was recognized as an

outstanding member in the final year. Jody Henkel and Michael Spahn took the award for best demonstration. The sportsmanship award went to Alida Farrington.

Helen Farrington was recognized as an outstanding parent.

Carol Melasecca and Mary Ann Rohrer presented the Rough Riders Club awards. Three teen leaders were recognized. Hope Ferris took the honor as the most improved first year member. She also won a pillow to protect herself from those frequent falls from a horse. Hope was a good sportsman and also took the sportsmanship honor.

The Saddle Cinches Club awards were presented by Kendy Allen. Allison Heisey and Connie Carr were chosen as the most improved

club members in the past year. Lisa Miller and Lisa Sheneberger were honored for their excellent demonstration. A good sportsmanship award went to Denise Traxiv. Angie and Cathy Myers had the top project books in the Saddle Cinches Club.

The sixth Club to present awards at the recognition banquet was the Silver Shoes 4-H Club. This club is sponsored by the Easter Seals as a rehabilitation measure for local handicapped students.

Carol Henkel and Mary Ann Ferro presented awards to Missey Trumble, Mary Alice Bitts, Michele Althouse and Patty Bitts, of the Silver Shoes Club.

Jane Baker and Randy Glick, Silver Spurs Club leaders, presented cer-

tificates to their worthy club members. Curt Huber took the high sponsorship honor and had the best project book in the junior division. Ken and Maggie Huber were honored as the outstanding parents of the year.

At the conclusion of the awards, Jay Irwin noted that the "horse program has a tremendous input into 4-H in Lancaster County. There are 149 club members and 29 leaders in the county."

Irwin recognized those

parents and leaders who worked to prepare for the District Show, hosted by Lancaster County this Summer.

Nancy Meyers, 4-H extension agent, read a project story from one of the members project books.

The evening was concluded with a "Suggestion and Behavior" program presented by John Shenk of Lancaster. Thirteen volunteers responded to Shenk's suggestions while in a hypnotic like sleep.

Deer weights, racks about normal in 1979

HARRISBURG — Antler sizes and body weights of deer examined by Game Commission biologists during the early part of the state's two-week buck season this year seem to be following a rather "normal" pattern.

Although the total statewide harvest was estimated to be down about 20 or 25 percent the first day of the buck season due to poor weather conditions in the central and eastern parts of the state, the number of deer going through Game Commission check stations was at about the same level as recorded in 1978. Opening day weather conditions also were miserable last year.

Researchers reported antler sizes and body weights this year are just about the same as they were a year ago, following a rather "normal" mast crop in 1977 and poor production in 1978.

Larger-than-average racks were found on bucks harvested in 1977, following a super-abundant mast crop in 1976.

This year there has been good oak mast production and a fairly good beechnut crop, which may produce decent racks and rather solid whitetail bodies in 1980.

Since this year the season opened at one of the earliest possible dates in November, biologists are noting that the necks of most bucks are still swollen, an indication that the rutting period has not ended completely. This tends to be reflected in heavier body weights.

While several bucks in the 200-pound category have been taken this year, none of that size found their way through a Game Commission check station. Most of the big deer checked weighed in at about 170 or 180 pounds. One rack with twelve points and another eleven-pointer were recorded.

A number of bucks weighing less than 100 pounds were checked in the southeast part of the state. These were found to be mostly fifteen months old, indicating later-than-usual births in 1978.

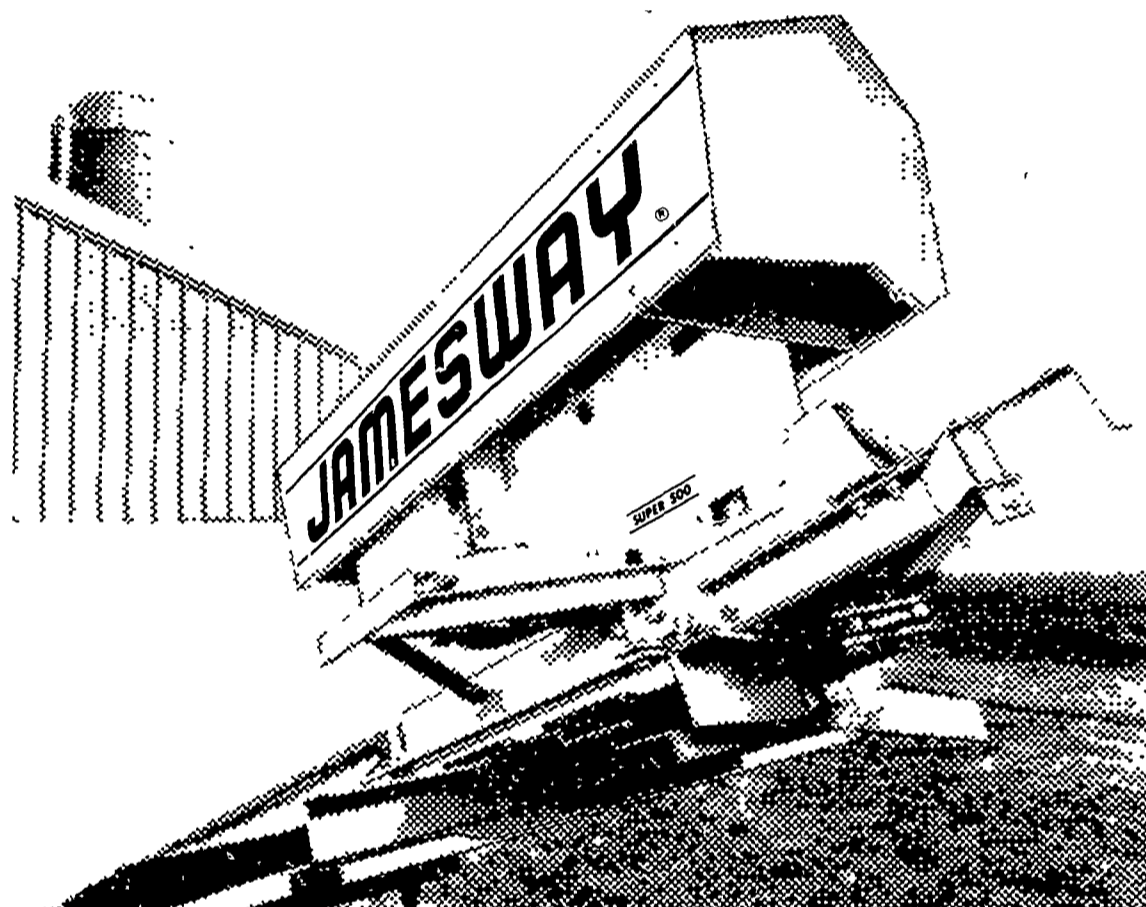


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