



Involved 4-H livestock exhibitor and high school athlete Steve Trostle has amassed a bureau-full of trophies over the past few years. One of his many honors was being named the 1979 Farm Show's champion junior market swine showman.

Trostle

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Trostle, since the doe had been disqualified the year before for a condition labeled "screwtail," in which the tail lists slightly to the side, rather than being held erect with the tip pointing skyward.

"Same rabbit - same tail - different judge," quips Trostle, whose sense of humor is well-known among his friends and acquaintances.

Any conservation with the likeable 16-year-old (he'll turn 17 the week after Farm Show) soon touches on

another of his favorite subjects: sports.

A senior at Dallastown Area High School, Steve is a three-year letterman guard and linebacker on football team and was honorary defensive captain the past season. Both York area daily newspapers named him to honorable mention spots on their county team selections.

Then, the day after football season is over, out comes the basketball, followed seasonally by a baseball. Squeezed in between Spring ball training is varsity track, with Steve having placed well in both county and district competition in the discus and shotput events.

To keep in shape for all these athletic activities, there's a weightlifting session nightly, in addition, of course, to lugging around bags of hog and rabbit feed.

And, Summers he stays in shape doing field work and hefting lots of hay bales on the Lanius farm.

With the end of his high school career in sight, Steve's turned his thoughts toward college, and is eyeing a major in animal reproduction or genetics, probably somewhere like Penn State. Maybe, somewhere in the future he hopes, there might be a place for him to settle into research work in the embryo transplant field.

But for now, it's Farm Show week and everything but swine showing crawls to halt at the Trostle home. And York County 4-H'er Steve Trostle will summon all his athletic muscle, skill and strength to intercept the coveted purple ribbon for a very select and carefully nurtured Spotted pig.

Brief answers to short questions

Sheila's Shorts

By Sheila Miller

Many cattlemen have been asking "Where can I get more information on the beef referendum so that I can make up my own mind about the legislation?"

To help out, I tracked down that the notice and order of the referendum was published in the December 14, 1979 issue of the Federal Register.

For those people who want their own copy, the Federal Register can be ordered from the Livestock, Poultry, Grain and Seed Division, AMS, Room 2610-S, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

The referendum will be voted on in February by cattlemen throughout the state who register with the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office in their county.

Rules of the referendum can be gotten from the local ASCS offices or by writing the Emergency and Indemnity Programs Division, ASCS, Room 4095-S, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.

A quick rundown on the rules, for those of you who are in a hurry:

Only eligible beef producers will be allowed to vote. That means any person, group, association, cooperative, corporation, partnership, or any one else who owned one or more head of cattle from January 1 to December 31, 1979.

One small catch, the cattle could not have been owned

solely for the purpose of slaughtering!

Eligible producers will be allowed to cast only one ballot. If your group or corporation is made up of fifty people, you will get one vote if you registered as a single producer.

The time for registering is from January 28 to February 6. Voting will begin after the Federal holidays and will run from February 19, a Tuesday, until Friday, February 22.

You will be allowed to vote either in person or by a mailed ballot. But, if you decide to vote by mail, the envelope must be post-marked before midnight February 22.

Northeastern 4-H Club meets

MT. WOLF — The Northeastern Community 4-H Club held its December meeting at the home of Lisa and Lori Gross, club members.

Club members are encouraged to think of 1980 project ideas. Club officers will plan the Spring and Summer meetings and programs.

The program for the evening included a scavenger hunt and homemade ice cream.

The January meeting will be a covered dish supper and talent show.



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