

# Championship



Auctioneer Championship R6 Manheim, with their bid launched Stauffer into

calves at about 9 p.m. Since each animal is in the ring a half-minute or less, it's a continuous, fast-paced task for Stauffer. The ringman starts the bid off and Stauffer works the price in 25-cent or even 10-

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Bid is acknowledged by Lancaster County livestock auctioneer John Stauffer, who will be participating in world championship next Saturday.

## Manheim auctioneer

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cent increments, his eyes flicking from buyer to buyer. In addition to the obvious vocal qualities an auctioneer must display, attentiveness is another important attribute.

Each buyer has an individual way of acknowledging a bid, which can range from a slight nod of the head to a twitch of the thumb.

"But you're dealing with professional buyers,"

Stauffer said.

"Once you get to know them and their different gestures to make a bid, it becomes a lot easier."

An auctioneer must also know the value of the item which he's selling in order to get the bidding started in the right price range. This is important particularly in public sales where the auctioneer moves from one item to another rapidly.

Stauffer worked at the recent Mennonite Relief Sale at Harrisburg and enjoyed

helping with the auctioning of the quilts.

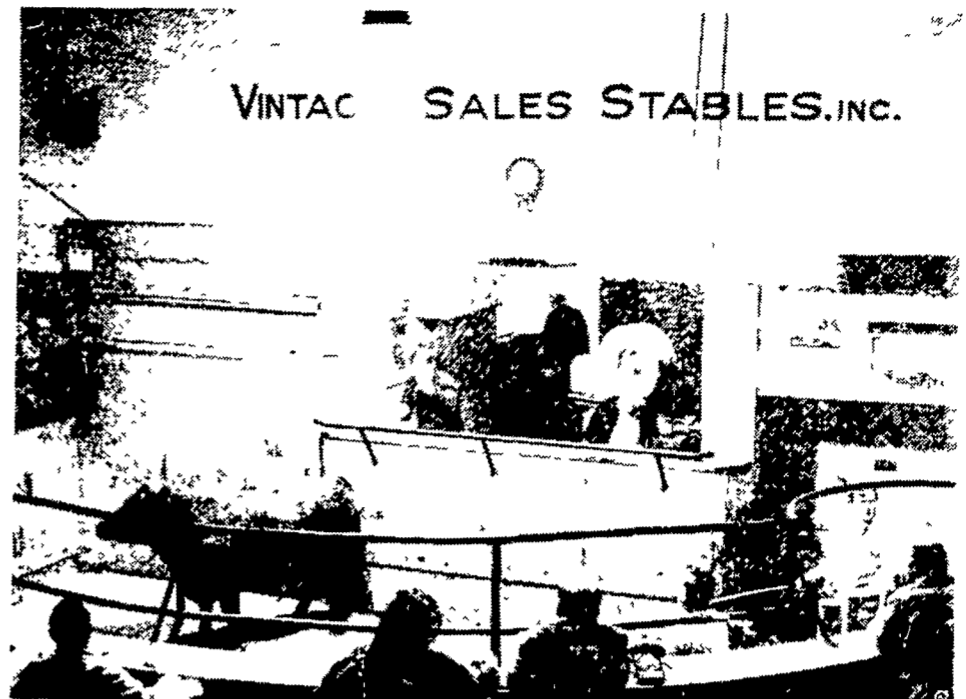
Stauffer will face some formidable competition in the national championship.

Some contestants may have an edge in that they competed in previous championships. But last year's winner was a 24-year-old first-timer, though.

And there has never been a top winner from the Northeast since the competition began in 1963.

But Stauffer is looking forward to the challenge of competing with considerable enthusiasm

And why not. That en-



Overall view of ring shows auctioneer John Stauffer at work at Vintage Sales Stables as he prepares for upcoming competition in California.

## 4-Her named top equestrian

CLEMENTON, N.J. — Nikki Darcy, a seven year 4-H'er from Waterford was chosen Camden County 4-H Equestrian of the Year last Friday evening.

For her selection Darcy

enthusiasm has helped to take her from the top spectator row to the center of the livestock ring in just four years.

received a sash, plaque and corsage. Alpine Florist of Pine Hill, served as official florist for the event.

4-H Equestrian of the Year is selected on the basis of a personal interview, an oral presentation on "their most meaningful 4-H Horse Project experience", and a question about Horse Management.

Darcy, a member of Silver

Sprus, is now eligible to represent Camden County at the "State 4-H Equestrian of the Year" on June 26 held at Cook College in New Brunswick.

MaryAnn MacIntosh, of Long-A-Corning 4-H Club was first runner-up. Judges for the evening were Donald Wickman, Atlantic Co. 4-H Agent and Patricia Mueller former county Equine Princess.

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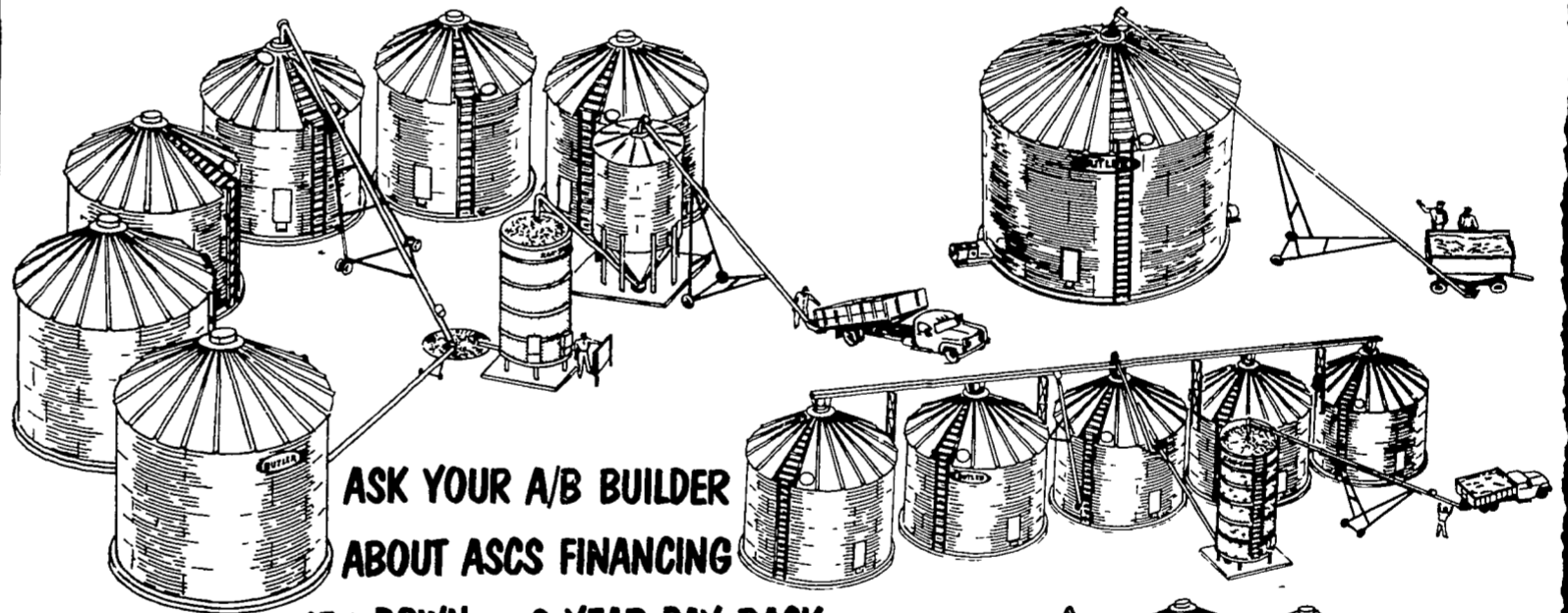
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