

# Fruit growers contribute to 4-H center

LEESPORT — The Berks County Fruit Growers Association recently presented a check for \$900 to the Berks County 4-H Community Center Fund Drive.

George Heckman, president of the Fruit Growers Association and general manager of Ontelaunee Orchards, along with George Perry, vice president of the Fruit Growers Association, presented the check

The amount is from profits received through sales of apple cider at the Fruit Grower's exhibit during the Reading Fair

Four-H members, 4-H leaders, the Extension Nutrition Aides, and members of the association manned the exhibit

The 4-H Community Center Fund Drive is an effort by the Berks County 4-H Development Council to raise \$550,000 towards construction of a Community Center Building and a pole barn on the 4-H Center area.

Also, during the Fair another \$2,200 was raised by



Rick Kauffman, Berks Extension Service receives a check for \$900 for the Berks County 4-H Community Center Fund Drive. Presenting the check are George Heckman, president, and George Perry, vice president of the Fruit Growers Association.

4-H members and leaders through sales in refreshment stands

Mrs George Heckman states that the Fruit Growers fully support the 4-

H project and encourages the Berks Community to also pledge their support.

## Simmental breeders to meet in Denver

DENVER, Colo — Simmental producer from throughout the United States and Canada will be converging on Denver for the Thirteenth Annual Meeting and Convention of the American Simmental Association January 19 and 20.

The Convention,

headquartered at the Fairmont Hotel in downtown Denver, is scheduled to dovetail with the activities of the 75th National Western Stock Show, being held at the same time.

"The schedule is planned so that members attending the ASA Convention can also

participate in some of the National Western Activities", said Earl B. Peterson, Executive Secretary.

Peterson pointed out that the bulk of Convention activity will take place on Tuesday, January 20. "On that day, we'll start our Annual Meeting at 9 a.m. and will follow with the Educational portion of the program at 1:30 p.m. The Convention banquet, awards program, and dance will commence that evening".

It's the first time since 1976 that ASA has met in Denver. A year ago, the annual meeting was in Reno, Nevada and in 1982, will convene at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. ASA selects sites on a rotating basis to allow members from all sections of the country the opportunity to attend and participate.

The Educational Program will feature five outstanding Animal Scientists. One portion of the program, presented by Horst Leipold of Kansas State University and by Jerre Johnson of the University of Nebraska, will deal with "Keeping Simmental Genetically Clean" and "ASA Sponsored Research".

The second portion on the program is entitled "A Realistic Look at Birth Weights and Calving Ease" and will be presented by Larry Corah of Kansas State; Bob deBaca of Ideal Beef Systems, Huxley, Iowa; and Roy Wallace of Select Sires of Plain City, Ohio.

Persons wishing additional information about the Convention should contact the American Simmental Associations, One Simmental Way, Bozeman, MT 59715 406/587-4531.

## Kriese wins Hereford heifer

ITHACA, N Y — Recipients of the first New York Junior Hereford Association Achievement Award contest were recently announced

Joh Kriese, Liverpool, was selected as this year's winner. Kriese was presented with a registered Hereford heifer donated by Ed and Dorothy Huxtable, Clay, N Y. The heifer will be exhibited at a number of livestock shows throughout the state in the coming year.

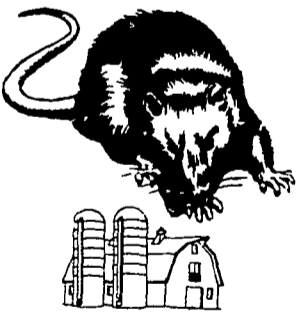
The achievement contest was developed by officers and advisors of the New York Junior Hereford Association. The program will be continued in the upcoming year with the return of the heifer's first progeny to the state Junior association.

In close competition, second through fifth place winners included: Tim Marland, Cazenovia, David Cole, Jr., New Hampton, Priscilla Peters, Hancock, and Laura Dennis, Penn Yan. Semen certificates from top herds in the northeast were awarded to the top finishers in the contest

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