



Beth Holtzinger, the 1980-81 Pennsylvania Berkshire Queen, has come home to York County from the national competition held last week in North Carolina wearing the crown that represents Berkshire swine breeders across the U.S.

## Beth Holtzinger wears nat'l Berkshire crown

KINGSTON, N.C. — For the first time in state history, Pennsylvania's Berkshire queen has been crowned as the swine association's national queen. Wearing the sparkling tiara for all Berkshire breeders in the country is York County's 17-year-old Beth Holtzinger.

Beth has been the state's Berkshire queen for the past two years, however this is the first time she competed for the national title. The 106-year-old contest was held here last week during the Berkshire National Type Conference.

According to Beth, she couldn't believe she had been chosen to

wear the national crown — even when she woke up in her motel room Thursday morning and saw the dozen roses and the national banner draped across a chair. "I thought I woke up in someone else's room by mistake," she laughed.

But the excitement and honors were hers — and Beth will be taking her enthusiasm for the breed to many national shows and type conferences throughout the coming year. She received a \$250 scholarship from the swine breeders to be used toward her education.

Also competing in the national contest were Berkshire queens

from Indiana, Iowa, and Ohio.

Beth is not only a Berkshire enthusiast because she wears the breed's crown, she also raises the swine at her family's farm near Red Lion.

Presently her purebred herd consists of 20 head, stemming from an FFA chapter chain gilt she was awarded in 10th grade plus a bred gilt she purchased that year from Clayton Winebark, Rochester Mills.

Beth, the daughter of Lester and Edna Holtzinger, is a senior at Red Lion High School.

Summing up her feelings about her coming year as National Berkshire Queen, Beth bubbled, "I'm excited and ready to fly."

## Lebanon Co. first in Goodyear contest

LEBANON — The Lebanon County Conservation District has taken first place honors for Pennsylvania in the 34th Annual Goodyear Conservation Program.

The Lebanon District was selected by a state judging committee for its accomplishments in resource management, according to Ray Oviatt, awards program director.

Representing the first place district on the grand prize tour in

December — an expense-paid, vacation-study trip to the Wigwam resort and Goodyear Farms, Litchfield Park, Arizona — will be Boyd Hitz of Lebanon. There he will be joining 52 representatives from other first place districts throughout the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

Hitz was selected as the county's outstanding cooperater for the year and serves as a district board member.

Also receiving a plaque will be the Dauphin County Conservation District, the runnerup contestants. Dauphin's outstanding cooperater is Jean Zell, Elizabethtown.

Clinton Conservation District, a first place winner within the past five years and hence ineligible to repeat, was named Honor District in recognition of its continuing achievements.

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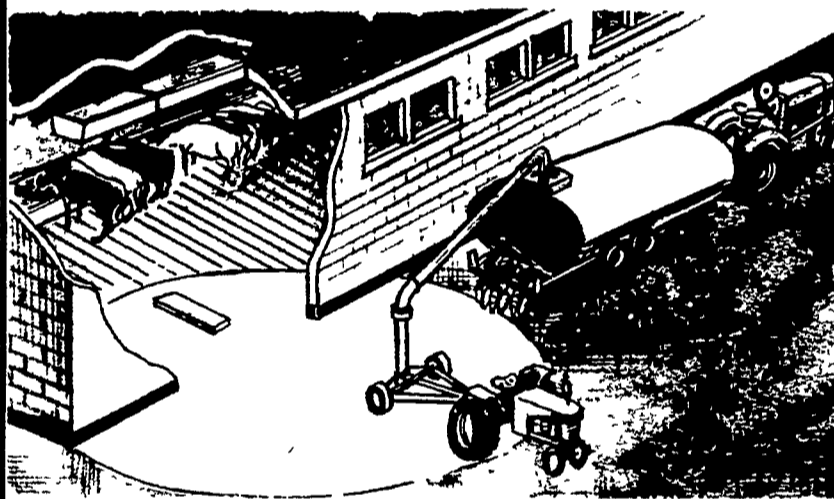
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