

'Computerese' may soon be a farmer's second language

BY GINGER SECRIST MYERS
Staff Correspondent

BIGLERVILLE — They are the latest innovator in the agricultural revolution. Some theories say we can't farm without them while others caution not to be lulled into purchasing one. A major company in the field estimates that it will do \$600 million dollars worth of business this year with half of that

volume dealing with farmers. What are they? Micro computers.

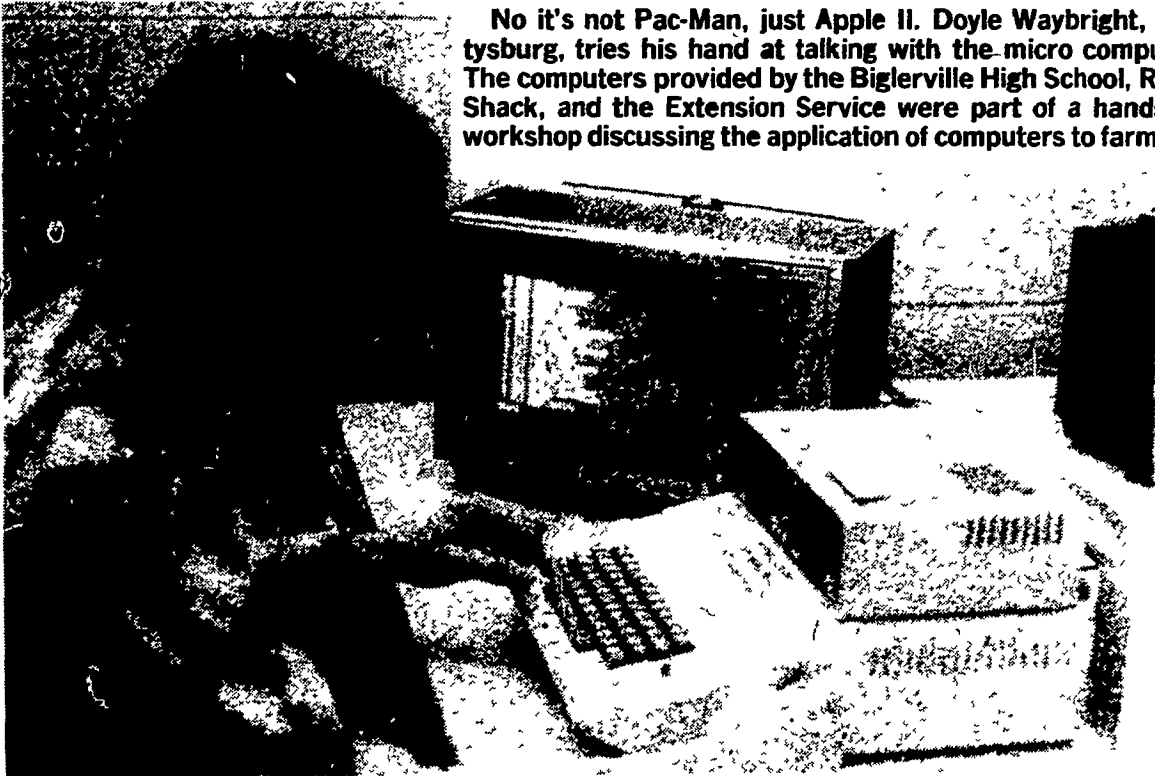
A variety of interested persons ranging from farmers to teachers to agribusiness persons gathered at the Biglerville High School Cafeteria Monday evening, March 15, for a hands on meeting to discuss the application of computers to farmers. The workshop, sponsored by the Adams County

Extension Service, was directed by Don and Tom Mincemoyer, a father and son team from Penn State, and afforded the group the opportunity to discuss computer terminology to actually work with 2 Apple Plus II, Radio Shack TRS 80, and the TI 59 micro computers and programs.

Extension Computer Specialist Tom Mincemoyer told the group since most farmers did not grow up



Don Mincemoyer, PSU ag education explains the calculations of a Radio Shack TRS-80. Mincemoyer told the group to avoid the sales-pitch that a computer will do anything you want. Be sure it suits your needs and your capabilities before you buy.



No it's not Pac-Man, just Apple II. Doyle Waybright, Gettysburg, tries his hand at talking with the micro computer. The computers provided by the Biglerville High School, Radio Shack, and the Extension Service were part of a hands on workshop discussing the application of computers to farmers.

with computers the way they grew up with tractors, they must familiarize themselves with the terminology of computers, what Mincemoyer calls "Computerese".

He listed several questions that potential computer owners should ask themselves before making a purchase.

First, what are you going to do with your computer?

He emphasized that if you can't

list ten good reasons why you should have a computer in your management program, then perhaps you should not purchase one. Micro computers have almost endless capabilities and can do simple things fast.

Secondly, you must define what your role is going to be. Are you a programmer or a user?

Mincemoyer explained, "If you're going to be a user, buy the

(Turn to Page A24)

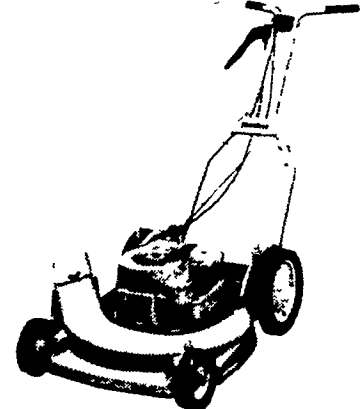
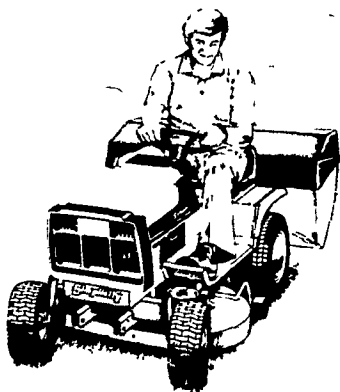
Hollinger's Power Equipment

OPEN HOUSE

MARCH 24, 25, 26 & 27

WED., THURS. & FRI. 8 AM to 9 PM - SAT. 8 AM to 5 PM

SEE ONE OF THE LARGEST DISPLAYS IN LANCASTER COUNTY



- Mowers • Tractors • Riders • Tillers
- Shredders • Chain Saws • Generators
- Carts • Trimmers • Sprayers • Engines

REGISTER FOR DOOR PRIZES:



1ST PRIZE:
6 H.P. TROY
TILLER
\$800 VALUE

★ Plus 6 Other Prizes

★ OPEN HOUSE DISCOUNTS ON CASH SALES ★

WALK BEHIND
MOWERS
\$10 to \$25 OFF
OUR EVERY DAY
DISCOUNT PRICES

RIDING MOWERS
& LAWN TRACTORS
\$30 to \$95 OFF
OUR EVERY DAY
DISCOUNT PRICES

GARDEN
TRACTORS
\$85 to \$225 OFF
OUR EVERY DAY
DISCOUNT PRICES

Extra
Savings On
TROY-BILT
TILLERS
During Open
House Days

PENNZOIL
#30
Reg. \$1.37
\$1.09

Small Engine
SPARK PLUGS

Reg. \$1.25

99¢

SPECIAL
TREAT:

CHICKEN RONDELET
SANDWICH ON OUR OWN
HOMEMADE ROLL
with COKE or SPRITE

70¢

LAWN BOY
TWO CYCLE OIL

6 Pack
Reg. \$4.39

\$3.49

FREE COFFEE
& DONUTS



Hollinger's
717-738-1131 FARM MARKET
1755 WEST MAIN ST
4 mi. west of Ephrata on Rte. 100

