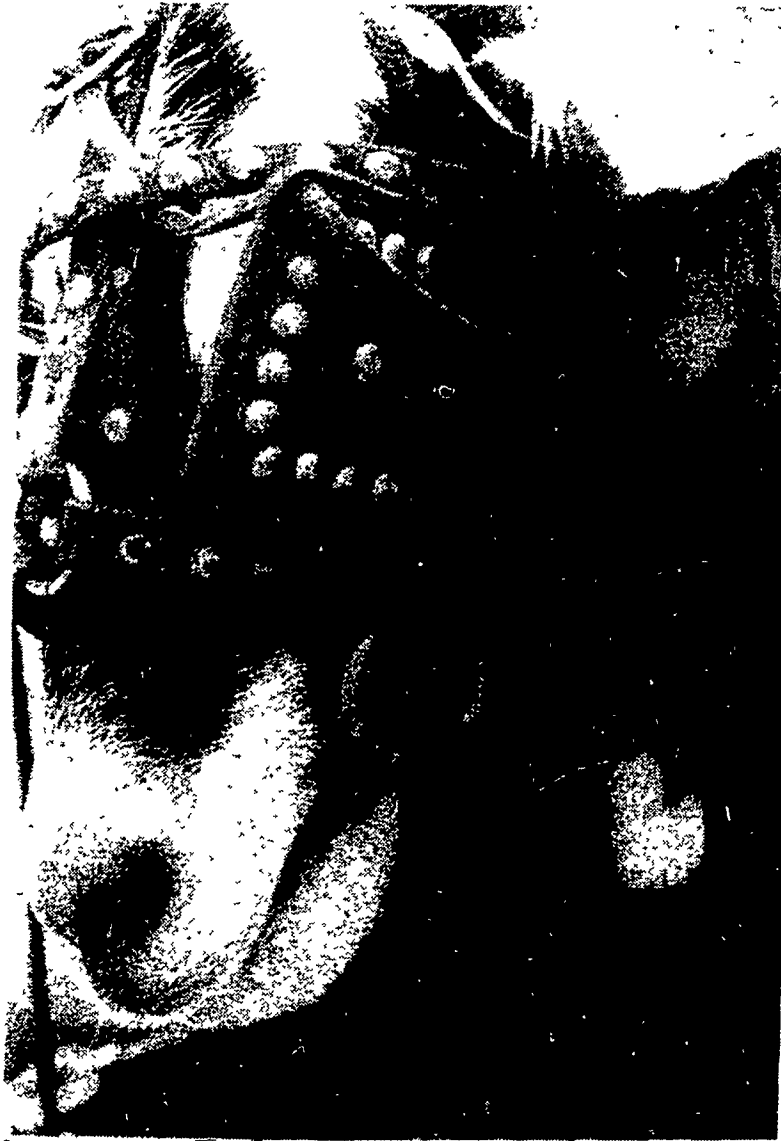


# Alpines team-up in county's first 'goat-cart'



The team's tack is a miniature version of that worn by their equine cousins, right down to the bit.

LANCASTER — When Charlie and Freda Myers visited Nashville, Tenn. two years ago, they saw something which really got their goat.

The Lancaster couple, while attending the 1980 National Holstein Convention, spied a matched pair of goats, trained to pull a small wagon. To Charlie's knowledge, the team is the only broken driving pair in the nation.

Grandpas will be grandpas and Charlie couldn't resist the idea of presenting his grandsons, Charlie Adcock, 7, and Taylor Scott, 17 months, with their very own "goat-cart."

He purchased the team of Alpines and told the ex-owner he'd

send a truck down to pick them up someday. Two years later, Melvin Hostetter was returning from Florida with an empty trailer and stopped off in Nashville to pick up the pair.

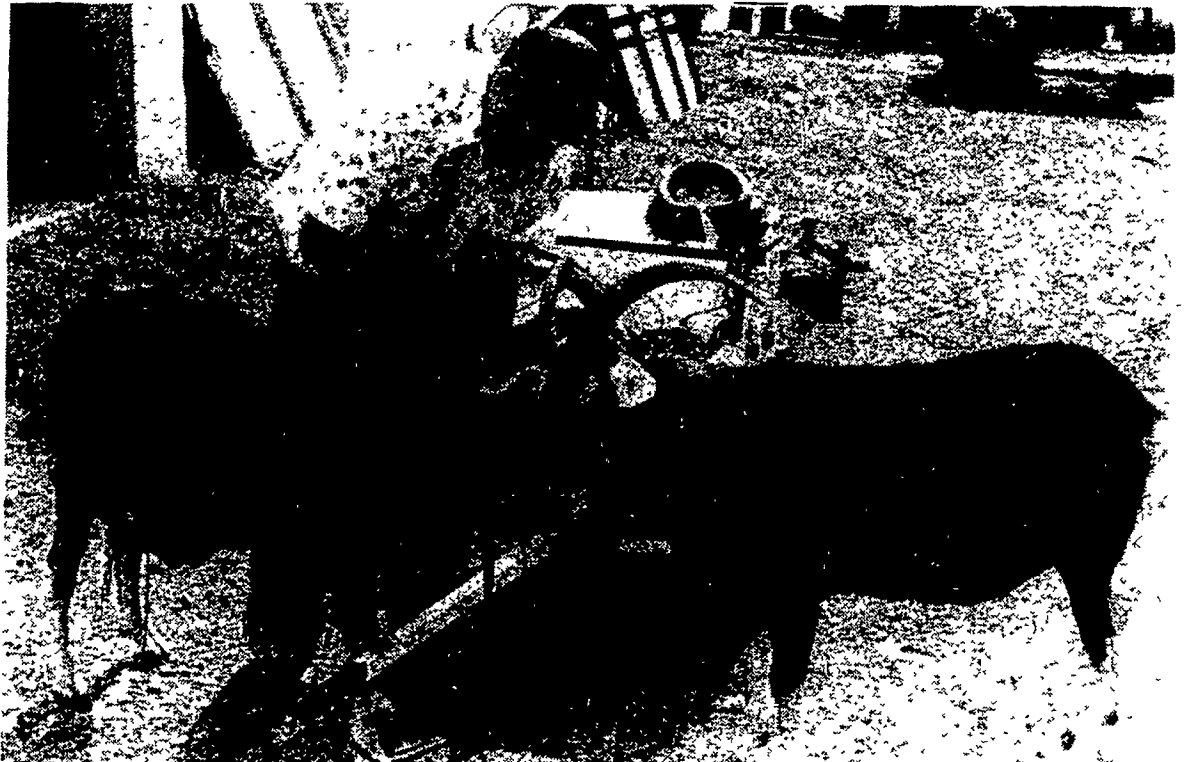
On their first night in Lancaster County, the goats (known to their friends as "Charlie and Freda,") shared accommodations with "Misty," a palomino pony who lives at Hostetter Hauling along the Manheim Pike.

The next day, Hostetter spent about 20 minutes snapping and buckling the miniature yokes, bridles and harnesses. The Myers' grandchildren, along with a few friends, arrived in time to test

drive the eight-legged wonder.

The combination of Charlie Adcock piloting the reins with a few quick snaps and numerous "gitty-ups" and whistles from bystanders, did indeed provoke forward motion from the pair. As the youngsters made their way across Hostetter's front lawn, motorists passing by the scene probably reached for the eye drops.

While many youngsters will grow up with the thrill of racing around in go-carts, there's at least four Lancaster County children that will long remember their experience in the nation's only "goat cart." — DT



Melvin Hostetter readies the trained team Lancaster County debut with their custom-made yoke just before their



It may not be how the pioneers forged westward, but these youngsters think their "goat-cart," is a perfect way to spend a summer afternoon. The passengers include, from l to r: Taylor Scott, 17 months; Nicki Ebersole, 3; Tanya Adcock, 19 months; and Charlie Adcock, 7, with the reins.



Although a little coaxing was necessary the Alpine pair marched the length of Hostetter's lawn along the Manheim Pike and caused a few double-takes for passing motorists.

## Huber is Outstanding Commissioner

LANCASTER — County Commissioner James E. Huber has been named the Outstanding Conservation Commissioner by the State Association of Conservation Districts.

The award is given each year to recognize the county commissioner who is most effective in strengthening the local conservation district and its programs, said State Conservation District spokesman Ben Moyer.

Huber was honored for his work with farmland preservation, especially his role as a founding member of the Agricultural Preserve Board.

In addition, Huber was selected for his efforts to help fund local

conservation, his help with the district's annual tree seedling sale and his efforts to resolve erosion problems.

Huber will receive the award, August 11, in Downingtown at a statewide meeting of county commissioners.



James E. Huber

