

# Frog jumping contest scheduled

**ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md.** — The Fifth Annual "Croaker" Frog Jumping Contest will be one of the highlights of the 1984 Aberdeen Proving Ground Open House, scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 12.

The only requirement for entrants is to possess a frog. A contestant may enter more than one frog on separate registration cards. The contest is scheduled to start hopping at 9:30 a.m. in the Ordnance Museum parking lot. Registration, consisting of frog weigh-ins and measurements, will

begin at 9 a.m.

When called upon to perform, the frogs will be placed on a tarp about 20-feet by 20-feet in the center of a 12-foot circle. At this time the human "jockey" will try to jump the frog.

After the frog is placed in the center circle, he cannot be touched until after the third jump. However, the "jockey" can jump up and down, scream and shout to encourage the frog to leap.

Two judges will determine the jump lengths after the third hop, skip or jump. The frog will be allowed 15 seconds on each jump. He will be disqualified if he does not jump within the allotted time.

Last year's event was won by the Lewandowski family. Jennifer Lewandowski, 19-months old, claimed first prize while her 4-year-old brother, David, captured second place. Jennifer's frog, Jenny I, jumped 7'2" to claim the victory and Frederick, David's frog followed, jumping 7'2" also.



High jumping frogs move to center stage during Aberdeen Proving Ground's Fifth Annual "Croaker" Frog Jumping contest. This crowd pleasing event is based on Mark Twain's story, "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County." The contest, which will begin at 9:30 a.m., is just one of the many events scheduled for Aberdeen Proving Ground's Annual Armed Forces Day Open House on Saturday, May 12.

## Franklin 4-H Shepherds

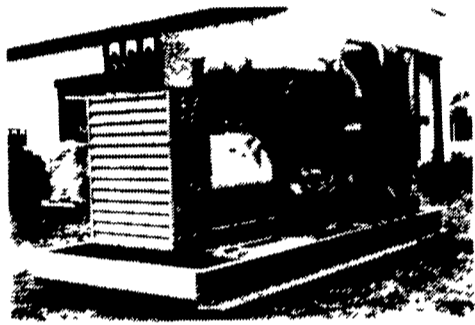
Three new members joined the Franklin County 4-H Shepherds at the March meeting held recently at the County Extension Office. They are Roger Carbaugh, Mercersburg; Richard Rusting, St. Thomas; and Kelby Mowery, Chambersburg.

Elisabeth Keener, club leader, talked to club members about the

new 4-H Center project and about the roadside trash pick-up to help raise money for the Center. The main topic of the meeting was about the different breeds of sheep suitable for market lamb projects.

The next meeting will be held on April 24 at the extension office. Daryl Sheiss will talk to the club about selecting a lamb for conformation.

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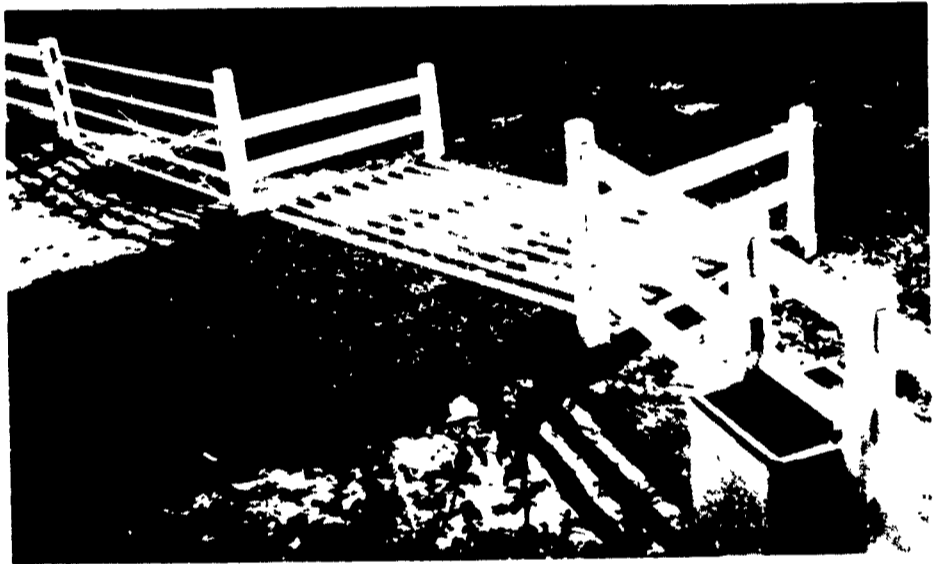


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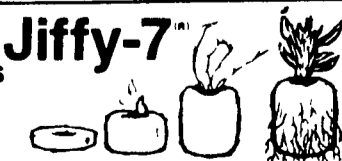
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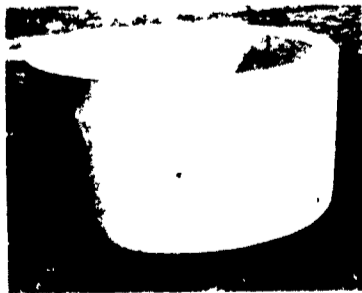
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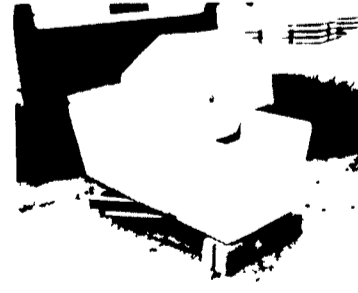
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