

Prices For Strawberries Top At \$300 For 2-Quarts

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—Camaraderie marked the Strawberry Roundup luncheon that Lancaster Rotarians sponsored for 22 4-H members and their families on Wednesday at the Farm and Home Center.

Despite problems with frost and the difficulty of raising berries to reach their prime on the Roundup Day, 4-H'ers who persevered to raise top quality berries this year were rewarded by the generous bids of the Rotarians.

Top bidding for the grand champion berries rose to \$300 — an incredible price according to 12-year-old Diana Erb who awakened at 4:50 a.m. to pick her prize-winning berries.

"I picked five flats of berries and spread them out on the picnic table. From those, I picked the biggest to bring," Diana said.

A sixth-grader at Locust Grove School, Diana also helps her parents, Jim and Romaine Erb, at the Brooklawn Farm Market located along Route 501. She plans

to reinvest some of the prize winning money for next year's crop and to put the remaining money in the bank.

Donald Horn of Pennfield Corporation counted out the prize-winning dollars. He consistently supports the 4-H Roundup by offering top bids.

With the hope that his wife will make a strawberry pie, Timothy Peters, president of Lancaster Rotary, paid \$100 for the reserve champion berries raised by Lynn Ressler. The 4-H'er said he grows 175 plants for his project. It was the third year for 12-year-old Lynn's participation in the Roundup.

"This year I entered a different variety — Late Glo — they are bigger," he said.

The sixth grader at the Swift Middle School plans "to stick the money in the bank."

Lynn is the son of Leon and Lou Ann Ressler of Peach Bottom.

Auctioneer Harold Keller said that the Rotary Club sponsors the annual event to encourage entrepreneurship, perseverance in com-

pleting a project, and responsibility.

Each 4-H member is allowed to enter two quarts to be auctioned during the luncheon. A listing of the members and the amount paid for the berries follows:

Megan Holloway of Peach Bottom, \$65; Neil Wenger of Manheim, \$75; Lee Ressler of Peach Bottom, \$80; Derek Stoner of Lancaster, \$55; Brian Hess of Lancaster, \$40; Kandi Mullen of Peach Bottom, \$30; Jimmy Mullen of Lancaster, \$27.50; Mark Leaman of Lancaster, \$25; Steve Leaman of Lancaster, \$22.50; Janine Leaman of Lancaster, \$22.50; Cate McMahon of Kirkwood, \$22.50; Darelle Leaman of Lancaster, \$22.50; Stephanie Dagen of Manheim, \$20; Andrea Viso of Holtwood, \$22.50; Kendra Bucher of Manheim, \$17.50; Elizabeth Greiner of Manheim, \$20; Melissa Holloway of Peach Bottom, \$20; Joey Brubaker of Quarryville, \$15; and Collette Adams of Lancaster, \$30.



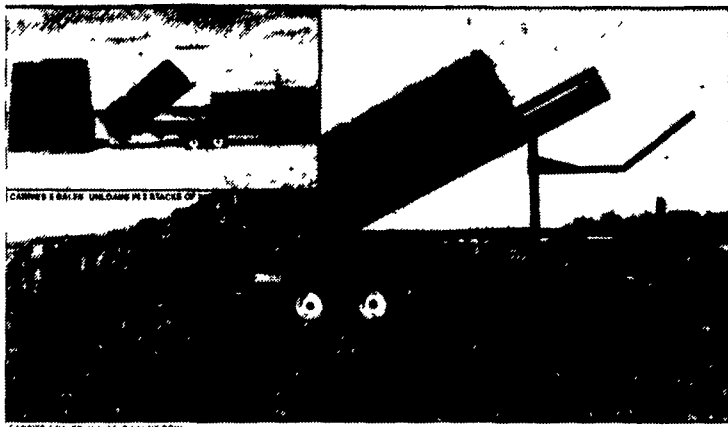
Hard-work in the berry patch paid off for 4-H'ers, Lynn Ressler and Diana Erb when their berries took reserve and champion places, respectively, at the Rotary Club 4-H Strawberry Roundup. Shown with the pair are, from left, Auctioneer Harold Keller, Extension Agent Zoann Parker, and Tim Peters, Rotary president.

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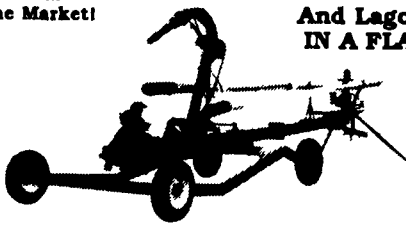
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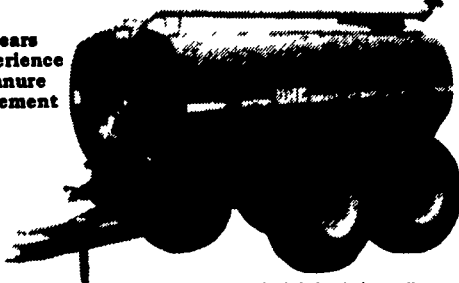
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