

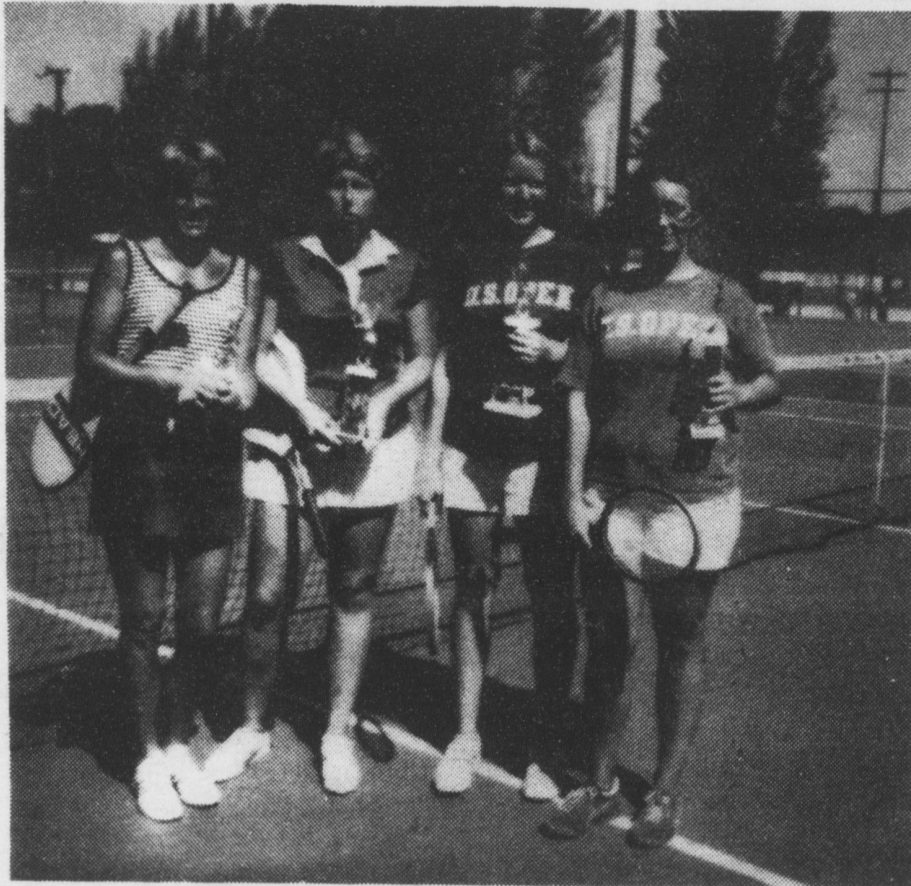
Barb Reuter/Pam Kaylor and Gordon Groome/ Greg Eshleman win Mount Joy doubles tourney

The fifth annual Mount Joy Tennis Club Doubles Tournament was held recently. The winners of the womens' doubles were Barb Reuter and Pam Kaylor who beat Lynn Gerhart and Joan Costello in two sets, 6-3 and 6-1.

To reach the finals the winners defeated two teams: Betsy Nikolaus/Kitty Markley, and Chris Graham/June Edwards. The runners-up defeated Karen Bashore/Marie Edelen and Mae Greider/Pat Millers. There were eleven teams entered in the women's division.

The doubles team of Gordon Groome and Greg Eshleman defeated Dick Treiss and Fred Armstrong with scores of 6-1 and 6-4 to take top honors for the men. Groome and Eshleman had previously beaten the teams of Rittravato and Zink, Kauffman, & Hinkle, and Hallgren and Hallgren. Treiss and Armstrong had defeated the teams of Witmer and Fellenbaum and Roberts, and Sickman and Nissley to reach the finals. Twenty-five men's teams had entered in this division.

The Tennis Club is organizing a tournament for the Donegal area residents which will include the following: women's singles and doubles, men's singles and doubles and mixed doubles. The dates for this tournament are September 23, 24, 30 and October 1. For further information please contact Bill Houseal - 653-5994, Chris Graham - 653-4816 and Marianne Coover - 426-2156.



Left to right, Jean Costello, runner-up; Lynn Gerhart, her partner; Pam Kaylor, winner, Barb Reuter, winner.



Left to right: Dick Treese, Fred Armstrong, Greg Eshleman, and Gordon Groome.

Monster stringbean in Marietta



Above, Charles Scholl, of 319 Essex Street, Marietta, holds one of his giant California Bean pods. The plant towers far over his head; it has numerous pods.

"I haven't seen one in fifteen years," says Charles Scholl of his giant bean plant, which is so big that it is almost threatening to take over his back yard. "Another fellow told me he hadn't seen one in forty years," Mr. Scholl continued, during an interview last Monday.

Standing in the shadow of the huge vegetable, whose tendrils snaked fifteen feet from the roots along the ground, and clambered another fifteen feet up an entire side of an evergreen tree, our reporter heaved a sign of relief when he discovered that the plant was not some new mutation. He had imagined the plant covering the entire township with three-foot stringbeans.

"We got the seed for it from a fellow we ran into in the mountains last year," Mr. Scholl explained to our reporter, adding conversationally, "We're from the

mountains originally. We moved to Marietta on December 17, 1944."

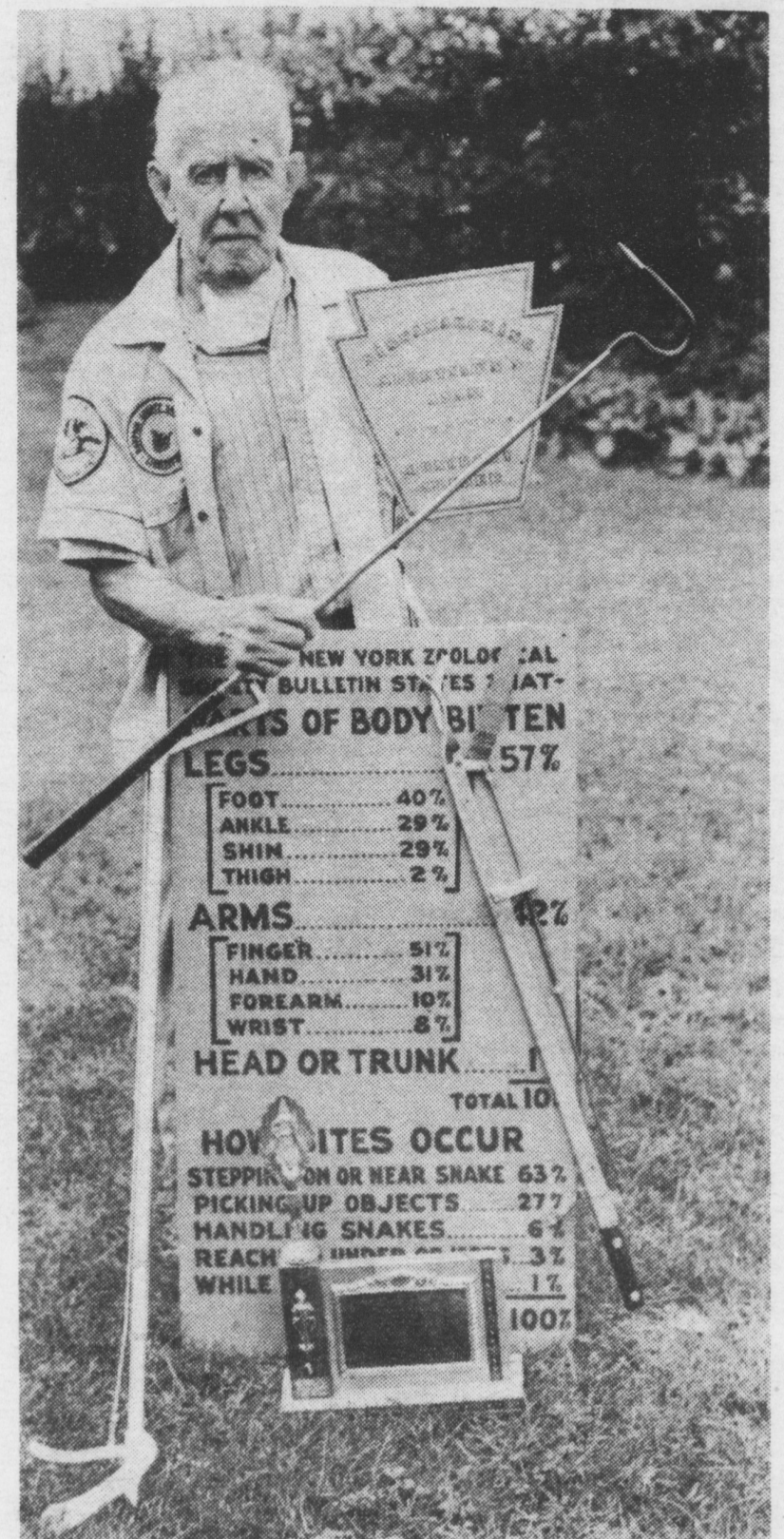
He and his wife, Helen, are both retired from Wyeth Labs. They have three daughters: Loretta, the wife of Joe Portner, Marietta; Gloria, the wife of Richard McKain, Marietta; and Gladys, the wife of Eugene Filmore, Craley, PA. They also have 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

"What's inside those pods?" asked our reporter nervously.

"It's pretty much like an eggplant," replied Mr. Scholl, who appeared to be totally unafraid of the giant bean. "You can fry it like an eggplant, too."

"What do you call it?" we asked.

"California Bean' is what we always called it. I don't know if that's the right name or not," Mr. Scholl replied.



"Jerry" Hiestand poses with trophies, a sign, and some implements of snake hunting: 2 sets of tongs, and a snake hook. One set of tongs is custom-made.

Rattlesnakes are his hobby

Fitzgerald Hiestand has twice been bitten by snakes since 1954, when he first became a snake hunter. That didn't stop him though. He simply put a patch for each bite on his snake-hunting jacket.

"It all began 24 years ago near Wellsboro," he says. "The reptiles were frightening off the tourists." The state then offered \$1 for each rattlesnake rattle, so Fitzgerald and his cousin, the late Drew Hiestand, went out snake hunting.

Today the rattlers are no longer killed. In fact, it is now required that the hunters let their catches go. The hunters go out and find the snakes, then bring them back to "the pit," where they are measured and their rattles counted.

"Jerry" has a number of honorary awards and badges he has earned over the years, including the two for bites. He doesn't hunt anymore, since he had a laryngectomy operation, but he is still active around the pits. Jerry recently participated in the annual snake hunt at Indian Steps. About 4000 people came to that one. Jerry goes to

about 5 or 6 hunts each summer.

Snake hunting gear is often custom-made, because many types aren't available commercially. Jerry has a "snake hook," which is made from an old golf club, and two sets of snake tongs. Some people use a "loop stick." The captured snakes are usually kept in a burlap bag.

Many people have misconceptions about snakes, he finds. For instance, a rattlesnake does not always rattle before striking. (There are no rattlers in this area; there are about 30 types of copperhead.) Snakes shed their skins about 4 times each year.

Jerry's constant companion in the snake hunts is Phares Hertzog, Professor Emeritus of Elizabethtown College and an authority on reptiles and insects. Both men have presented lectures and have exhibited an extensive collection of Pennsylvania snakes preserved in formaldehyde.

Jerry is a charter member of the Keystone Club, the Sennamahoning Sportsmen's Club, and other organizations.