



Here the sleek females parade past the judge during one of the classes of the Brandywine Angus Association Show at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion in Lancaster last Saturday. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

Dal'Bairn Farms Owner Is Judge

wine Show at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion, Lancaster, last Saturday

Mr. Fletcher tells the name Dal'Bairn was selected from a combination of names, including that of his son, Dale 24. Another son Bill figured in the name of the farm that now carries 125 cows on 700 leased acres.

"Last year was very dry," Mr Fletcher told Lancaster Farming, but it may help in developing new pastures for that section. Prospects this year indicate more dry weather, but the combination of brome, alfalfa, native bluegrass and white clover pastures will be altered somewhat to include 15 acres of Canadian pasture grass, a combination of 12 kinds of grasses and clovers.

Cuts Showing Schedule

Although Mr Fletcher is nationally known as a judge of livestock, Angus in particular, and has been seen in many of the nation's major showings, the tanbark trail of Dal'Bairn has tapered off due to a lack of help. But two sons of Bardoliermere 2nd, the famed son of Ankonian 3216th, International grand champion in 1953, and now held by Ohio State University, stay in their working clothes, producing a fountain-head of Blacks for the eastern purebred trade. One is Envious

Bardoliermere E, another O'Bardoliermere 15th. Then a son of teh 3216th, a Gleniermere is also pushing the Blacks' reputation to higher levels.

Prior to ending their show circuit, Dal'Bairn stacked up a good record. Sales too have been very successful, with three of four held on the farm It's proved a very good nursery for Angus in the East in just 20 years

Market For Better Cattle

We're trying to breed good cattle that represent good beef cattle," Mr Fletcher told. "We want no pee wees Cattle 30 years ago were too open, too strung out, we went to far on compactness," he added, speaking for the entire industry.

Dal'Bairn is a self-supporting farm. Angus have been a good way of life, Mr Fletcher added. Steers are fed out and sold from the close culling the Dal'Bairn purebred herd receives.

He added as a final note one that all producers, irrespective of breed should heed,

"The market is for better cattle."

Sportsmen Ask Further Action On Rabid Foxes

The continuing activity of rabid foxes prompted the Southern Lancaster County Farmer-Sportsmen's Association to take further action on Monday evening.

Upon motion it was decided that the members should write to the State Department of Agriculture and Game Commission requesting efforts be made to stamp out the rabies. In Chester County, it was said that 160 foxes and about fifty affected dogs had been killed to stamp out the plague.

Donald Kahl, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Kahl of Rt Conestoga, was attacked by a fox Tuesday afternoon while groundhog hunting within a half block of Conestoga Center. He shot the fox, and was not bitten.

In a letter from the Game Commission, it was suggested the Association write to the Department of Agriculture on this matter, because of cattle being attacked.

An advertisement was read by persons wanting to purchase foxes and then have them freed. It was decided that nothing could be done about it.

The 500 pheasants purchased by the Association from Roy Weaver, Strasburg, R. D., will be ready for delivery on June 5. Weaver also is supplying other associations with pheasant chicks.

Huge gains in earnings are set by industry in 1955.

Lee Work Buys Rhoadsacres Bull

Peterborough, N. H. — Lee Work, Quarryville, has just purchased the registered Guernsey bull, Rhoadsacres Prince Charming, according to the American Guernsey Cattle Club.

This bull was bought from Jerome H Rhoads, Kirkwood. The dam is Barbie of Rhoadsacres, and the sire, Osborne Hill Patrician.

POOR FATHER

The head of the house was reading a newspaper article very carefully. When he had come to the end he remarked to his wife: "Do you know, dear, I think there's something in what this article says — that the cleverness of the father often proves a stumbling block of his son"

His wife heaved a sigh of relief.

"Well, thank goodness," she said, "our Bob won't have anything to fall over!"

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Ronald Shaffer (center) holds his Reserve Champion Award in the Pa. Chicken-of-Tomorrow contest as Beacon salesman Charles W. Stein (left) and David H. Fahs look on.

Ronald Shaffer, New Reserve Champion Jr. Chicken-of-Tomorrow Contest

Beacon fed birds WEIGH AHEAD

DOVER, PA. — Ronald Shaffer, Dover, took top honors in the Coatesville region of the Pennsylvania Jr. Chicken-of-Tomorrow Contest with twelve Beacon fed Vantress birds weighing 56 lbs. They were judged best of the 233 entries in the regional contest.

In the state wide contest which judges the winners from five regional contests, Ronald's birds placed second. It was a close second too, and interesting that Ronald's entry weighed four pounds more (12 birds) than the lot taking first place. He might well have placed first except for a slight blemish on one bird.

Ronald Shaffer is the second oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Shaffer, R.D. 1, Dover, Pa. As a freshman, this is his first experience with poultry. He raised 50 White Vantress cross cockerels as part of his Vo. Ag. Training under the guidance of Ag Teacher, Charles Drawbaugh.

Beacon is pleased to congratulate Ronald Shaffer on his fine performance.

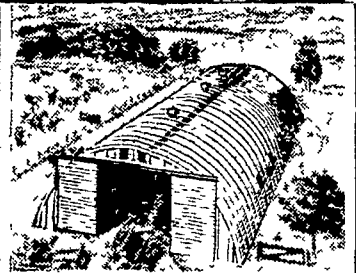
Summary of Data

GROWER:	Ronald L. Shaffer R. D. 1, Dover, Pa.
BREED:	White Vantress
FROM:	Martin's Hatchery, Lanc
FEED:	Beacon
DEALER:	Wineka Feed Service Red Lion and Dover
AG. TEACHER:	Charles Drawbaugh
AGE:	10 weeks
LIVE WEIGHT:	56 lbs. (12 birds)
AV. WT. PER BIRD:	Live — 4.66 lbs. Eviscerated — 3.62 lbs.
HONORS:	FIRST — Coatesville region against 233 entries. SECOND — 1956 Pa. Jr. Chicken-of-Tomorrow Contest.

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