Sisters Win Grand, Reserve Beef Championship at Elizabethtown

A blocky, highly finished Short-, Martin, second, Floyd Risser. horn steer took top honors in the baby beef contest at the Elizabethtown Kiwanis Community Fair held last week

The animal, owned and shown by Miss Marion Hackman, R3 Elizabethtown, won out over 14 other entries. The reserve champion, an Angus, was shown by her sister, Miss Lorraine Hackman.

In the swine show a Berkshire bred by the Milton Hershey School won the purple for John Martin, R1 Marietta Reserve champion was a Yorkshire, owned and exhibited by Stanley Aldinger, R3 Elizabethtown

Martin also earned a blue ribbon in showmanship in the field of 10 exhibitors

And in the tractor driving contest, Richard Miller, R1 Mt Joy, took first prize. Other winners in order of their placings were John Oberhelser, Harold Musser and David Gish.

In the baby beef contest, the placings were a switch for the two sisters Two years ago Lorraines's Angus took the grand championship, while the Shorthorn was reserve champion

The girls, daughters of Mr and Mrs Willis H. Hackman, R3 Elizabethtown, are now looking forward to the county beef roundup and possible Farm Show competi-

Larraine, 15, is a sophomore at Elizabethtown Area High School, severe in the extreme southeast-This is her fifth year of 4-H club

Marion is completing her ninth year of 4-H Club work and is 19. Showing the only Shorthorn in the show, she won out over seven Angus and eight Hereford steers.

Ben Morgan of the Pennsylvania State University was the

The dairy show was curtailed this year because of conflicts with the state Black and White Show and the state Junior Dairy Show being held in Harrisburg.

Here are the placings of the

classes

SWINE

Berkshire - first, John Martin; second, John Risser, R1 Hershey, third, Floyd Risser, R1 Hershey; fourth, Leon Weidler, R3 Elizabethtown, fifth, Robert Baker, R2 Elizabethtown, sixth, Stanley Aldinger, seventh, Raymond Baker, R2 Elizabethtown; eighth, William Hackman, R3 Elizabethtown, ninth, Barbara Shenk, R4 Manheim, and tenth, Larry Shenk, R4 Manheim.

Yorkshire - first, Stanley Aldinger, second, Floyd Risser, third, Larry Shenk, fourth, William Hackman; fifth, John Risser; sixth, Barbara Shenk; seventh, Leon Weidler, eighth, John Martin, ninth, Robert Baker and tenth, Raymond Baker.

Showmanship — first, Nancy Gibble, second, Betty Hess. Grand Champion - John Martın, R1 Marietta, Berkshire

Reserve Champion — Stanley Aldinger, R3 Elizabethtown, Yorkshue.

TRACTOR DRIVING

First - Richard Miller; second, John Oberhelser, third, Harold Musser, and fourth, David Gish.

BABY BEEF

Hereford - first, Ed Esbenshade, R3 Elizabethtown, second, Nancy Gibble, R3 Elizabethtown, thud, William Hackman, R3 Elizabethtown, fourth, Jean Miller, R1 Elizabethtown, fifth, Leon Weidler. R3 Elizabethtown, sixth, Christ Miller, R1 Elizabethtown, seventh, Kenneth Enck, R1 Elizabethtown; eighth, Raymond Baker, R2 Elizabethtown.

Shorthorn first. Marion

Hackman. Angus - first, Lorraine Hackman, second, Robert Gibble, R3 Elizabethtown, third, James Gibble, R3 Elizabethtown, fourth, John Martin, Marietta; fifth, Betty Hess, R3 Elizabethtown, sixth, Shirley Nelson, R1 Linglestown, seventh, Gary Kreiner, R3 Elizabethtown.

Showmanship — first, John | Commence of the Co

Fitting - first, Lorraine Hackman; second, Ed Esbenshade. Grand Champin --- Marion Hackman, R3 Elizabethtown, Angus. Reserve Champion — Lorraine Hackman, R3 Elizabethtown, An-

Apple Crop To Be Greater Than Last Year

Although excessively high temperatures and drought conditions existed during most of the crop year in Southeastern Pennsylvania, statewide apple production is expected to exceed last year's by 400,000 bushels, according to surveys by the State Department of Agriculture

Estimates of Sept 1 indicate a commercial apple crop of 5,800,-000 bushels This is 200,000 bushel under the Aug 1 forecast and compares with last year's production of 5,400,000 bushels.

Reports from Erie County and most other Northwestern Pennsylvania areas indicate a good crop Sizing was reported normal in these areas and attributed to sufficient moisture.

Dry weather losses were most ern counties where some apple and peach trees were reported to be dying Sizing of fruit was affected, some peaches being too small to pick.

Meanwhile, the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service revised its statewide peach estimate on Sept 1 to 2,300,000 bushels, a reduction of 150,000 bushels from a month earlier.

This year's national peach crop is estimated at 62.646,000 bushels 10 per cent below the 1956 production and two per cent under the 10-year average.

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Leader Asks **Benson For** Drougth Help

Governor George M Leader Thursday gave his "unqualified endorsement" to the appeal of farmers in six drought counties for federal emergency assistance to cover losses running into millions of dollars

In a telegram to United States Secretary of Agriculture Ezia Taft Benson the Governor supported recommendations of the Pennsylvania United States Department of Agriculture Disaster Committee which earlier in the day voted to ask the National Agricultural Disaster Committee to recognize the existence of disaster conditions in Southeastern Pennsylvania

The State committee decided against formal declaration of the counties as disaster areas Members held a two hour session for consideration of the appeals from the six counties that had filed official requests for federal aid. The final decision was left to the national group, committee members | said The state committee is sub mitting detailed data to back its requests.

Chairman Arch V: Ritts, Valencia, Butler County, said the state committee recommended that the national agriculture disaster committee in Washington grant faimers credit toward purchase of surplus feed grains at the maximum rate of \$1 per hundred pounds But this would not be available unless the national committee declares the six counties to be disaster areas, he explained. Such feed could be used only for breeding type livestock kept for herd replacements

Governor Leader's telegram to Secretary Benson stated.

"The Agriculture Disaster Committee of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania met today and has recommended that the counties of Berks, Bucks, Chester, Lebanon, Montgomery, and Monroe be declared eligible to receive federal emergency assistance. I urge your immediate

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BRANCH PH. SO8-3752 most serious consideration of the | Former Editor recommendation submitted. It has my unqualified endorsement. I sincerely hope that you will take favorable action."

Governor Leader on Aug 19 in spected results of drought on farms in Berks Bucks, Chestei and Montgomery Counties At that time he found conditions that prompted support of the appeals from farmers in the drought coun-

counties estimated drought losses to crops Berks, \$8,187,560, Bucks, \$5,640,000 and Montgomery, \$3,600,000

State Agriculture Secretary William L Henning also attended the conference and supported the committee action

George Hummer, Pennsylvania chairman of the USDA Farmers Home Administration, is a member of the State agricultural disas ter committee His agency handles emergency loans for disaster relief provided a county is officially declared a disaster area by the national committee

Such loans could not become available to farmers in the six counties unless the national group designates them as disaster areas, Hummer said Loans then would be available at three per cent interest provided the farmer could not obtain loans elsewhere, he explained Most emergency FHA loans followed too much rain in western Pennsylvania counties last year and as a result of the 1955 drought averaged between \$1,000 to \$1,500, he said

In addition to Ritts and Hummer, state agricultural disaster committee members at today's meeting were Dr H R Albrecht, agricultural extension director at the Pennsylvania State University, and Dr. Richard Gerstell, State Director of Civil Defense

Receives Promotion

Former Lancaster Faiming editor, Ernest J Neill, has been advanced to the medical division. of a major New York City advertising agency He still retains assignments in the agricultural and veterinary division

Neill, a native of Iowa, was editor of Lancaster Farming from its inception in 1955 until December of 1956

Solanco FFA Boys To Sell Lancaster Farming

The Solanco FFA Chapter this week embarked on a fund raising project by selling subscriptinos to Lancaster Farming, it was announced by Jack Owen, Solanco chapter advisor

The chapter, the largest in the County with some 110 boys will use the funds obtained in various Chapter projects and activities.

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