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Baby Beef Sale Averages 31.38 cts. Champ At \$1.02

Show steers went to 15 buyers at the Garden Spot Baby Beef Club show and sale at the Lancaster Stockyards on Wednesday. Big buyer of the sale was Gimbel's Food Plan of New York who paid \$1.02 per pound for the Grand champion.

Champion of the show was Blackie, a stocky Angus weighing 1,105 lbs. He carried off the purple ribbon for his youthful master, Billy Hackman 12 son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis H. Hackman, Elizabethtown R3. Billy, who will be in the eighth grade this year, plans to use the receipts from the sale of his steer to buy a saving certificate. When asked what he was saving for, Billy said that he planned to start farming, "But school comes first," his dad was quick to remind.

The champion which brought \$1,127.10 on the sale block, cost his owner \$139.20 just 11 months ago. Billy reports that he has fed the steer approximately \$305.00 worth of feed to put 625 pounds of gain on him.

Reserve Champion was shown by Magda Frey, Quarryville R2. Miss Frey who exhibited her 1,135 lb. Angus is no stranger to the winner's circle having won numerous ribbons in competition in the county. Her sister Maria and brother William also showed Angus in the show, but failed to place in the top ten.

Gimbel Food Plan bought 24 head of the show steers in addition to the champion. "These cattle will supply Gimbel Food Plan customers with show beef," explained Mr. Paul Miller, director of the plan. Heretofore Gimbels have bought, slaughtered, and delivered to customers, who have bought food freezers, prime and choice beef. Now show beef will be offered also. The 25 head of cattle were bid in for a total of \$3,884.66 by Mr. Gilbert Arnold, Cattle buyer for Gimbel's. This was the first year Gimbel's had purchased cattle at the sale.

The next highest buyers were Esskay Quality Meats of Baltimore, who took away 17 head for a total of \$4,900.27; Acme Markets who bought 12 head for \$3,531.63; and Kunzlers Meats who purchased 7 head for \$1,826.69.

Chairman of the show committee was W. S. Bixler, Secretary of the Lancaster Livestock Exchange. Other members of the committee were Robert Heilbron, Robert Summy, and James Dunlap J. M. Hooper, president of the Lancaster Livestock Exchange officiated as sale manager. He was assisted by John Hooper Jr.

The sale which was sponsored by the Lancaster Livestock Exchange and the Union Stockyard Company saw 81 head of fat steers go under the hammer of Abram W. Diffinbaugh, auctioneer. The steers averaged 970 lbs and brought a total of \$24,668.50 for an average of 31.38 cents per pound. Excluding the Champion and Reserve Champion, the average for the sale was 30.08 cents.

Judges for the show which was held during the morning were Al Shaffer, Cattle buyer for Armour and Co., Reading, and Gilbert P. Arnold, President Standard Packing Co., Linden N. J.

One 1,190 lb. Angus was bought by R. J. Edwards to be served by the Landisville Fire Company at a Beef-B-Cue on September 20.



THE CORN IS TALL on most Lancaster County Farms this year. Willard Osborne, who farms with his brother Ralph and his father, M. E. Osborne, at Oxford R1, is checking the development of ears

which are almost six feet from the ground on stalks well over 10 feet tall. Hot weather with plenty of moisture is causing good development of ears as well as fodder.

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Major Crops Maturing Well On County Farms

Farmers reported most of the major crops in the county were growing and maturing well this week.

CORN Corn eared well and is sizing nicely. Prospects improved greatly during the past few weeks under favorable growing conditions. The state crop reporting service boosted its yield per acre estimate by 7.9 bushels since the first of the month.

Fodder is tallest in many years on most county farms, with plants ranging upwards of 10 feet in many areas. Ears are of good size and most seem to be well filled at the tip. Earlier here was some concern among farmers as to whether pollination had been good during the damp weather, but apparently conditions were favorable.

TOBACCO Harvest got into high gear on farms this week with reports of very good tobacco from all parts of the county. Tobacco in the sheds is starting to cure well with no sign of damage from hot weather. Cool nights have helped some farmers feel.

TOMATOES B. S. Warfel at his receiving station at Drumore Center reports that they are at about 50 per cent of the volume expected at the end of the month. Ripening has been held back somewhat by cool weather at night and the extremely heavy foliage. Quality of the tomatoes was reported good as to firmness. There are quite a few tomatoes coming on the market which will grade low standard at the canneries because of under color.

Warfel said that the supply is sufficient, and that the demand is good to very good for fruits that grade extra standard. Supply is excessive in some instances on the lower grades, mainly because of under development of color. Prices at the station were reported to be 45 to 50 cents per basket.

HAY: Some third cuttings of Alfalfa have been reported, with aftermath making good growth. Excellent quality hay was reported by several farmers this past week.

In general, prospects are bright for most of the major crops in the county.

Martin Witman Places Sixth In Plow Match

Martin Witman, RD1 Marietta placed sixth in level land plowing competition at Hershey on Wednesday. In competition for the Pennsylvania crown and the right to compete in the National contest, Witman made a score of 413 points.

Crowned late yesterday as the Keystone State's top sod-busters were George E. Horner, 31 year old Centre County farmer who copped his second consecutive Level Land Title and Charles W. Holub, 43, Harrisburg, RD1, dairyman and Contour Contest winner.

Horner, who lives at Spring Mills, amassed a total of 502 points, 56 more than the runner-up in the Level Land Plowing test, Walter Barmont, McConnellsburg, Fulton County.

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Farm Managers Tour Farms In Lancaster Co.

The North Eastern Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers visited three Lancaster County farms during their annual summer convention and tour on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Kreider, Manheim, the first hosts to the group, told of starting their present operation on 102 acres in 1934. Today they are farming, in partnership with their sons Richard, 28, and Noah, Jr., 25, a total of 360 acres in three farms.

Mr. Clifford Orbaker, president of the Farm Manager association asked how Kreider became established in farming, and how he accounted for the success he has had. "Two things have helped me to what little success I have had," Kreider said. "First, My wife would always encourage me when things didn't look too good, and we had some times like that during the depression. Second, We have been blessed with two sons who really like farming and take an interest in making things go."

In the living room of the lovely old stone home is the original deed to the property signed by John, Thomas, and Richard Penn. The document, dated 1739, showed that the property was deeded to Christian Hersheim. The house

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County Youths Attend AIC At Pennsylvania State University

A delegation of seven boys and one girl, along with the adult leaders of their FFA, FHA, and 4-H clubs, will leave Lancaster County on Sunday morning for a four-day stay at The Pennsylvania State University. The occasion for the trip is the 30th annual meeting of the American Institute of Cooperation.

Sponsor of the excursion is the Agricultural Cooperative Council of Lancaster County, headed by Wayne B. Rentschler, Chairman.

On a panel to discuss "The Role of Youth in Cooperatives" is Robert Armstrong, Drumore. Robert won his right to appear on the panel on the basis of his activity in the FFA program at Solanco High School and his many affiliations with rural organizations in southern Lancaster County.

The six other boys who won the trip also by entering the elimination contest sponsored by the Council of Farmer Cooperatives are Charles H. Rohrer, Paradise R1, Pequea Valley FFA; Wilbur H. Hosler, Manheim R3, Manheim FFA; and 4-H; John S. Yost, Narvon R2, Pequea Valley FFA; and 4-H; Luke Brubaker, Mt. Joy R1, Donegal FFA; James L. Nolt, Manheim R1, Manheim FFA; Richard L. Hackman, Willow Street R1, Manor FFA.

The lone girl, who won out over the other three contestants for

the trip, is Doris Sollenberger, Holtwood R2, Solanco FHA. Even though Doris will be the only girl going to the conference from Lancaster County, she will not be lonesome. At the convention will be an expected 3,000 participants from all parts of the nation, including 1,200 farm youth representing FFA, 4-H, and FHA.

Secretary of Agriculture, Dr. William Henning is scheduled to discuss Keystone State Farming at the opening session of the convention. Also on the program will be Dr. Eric A. Walker, Pennsylvania State University president.

Regarded as the largest and most important meeting on farm business principles and practices, the Penn State Institute comes at a time when integration and mergers are by-words in agricultural circles.

Keynoter for the convention will be C. P. Streetet, Editor Farm Journal, Philadelphia. Mr. Streetet will speak on the subject Economic Intergration in Agriculture.

Adult participants from Lancaster County include, Lee Brobst, Lancaster Production Credit Association; Wayne B. Rentschler, Lancaster County Farm Bureau; and Jackson H. Owen, Solanco FFA, Quarryville, who will act as youth chaperone on the trip.