

# FARM SHOW BITS and PIECES

A visitor to the Farm Show echoed the feeling of Secretary of Agriculture, Leland Bull when he walked into the exhibition hall, looked around and commented to a companion, "Everything's getting bigger."

John Watson, 838 Lime Valley Road, Lancaster, took two first prizes with his entries in egg competition. He had the best five dozen and one dozen, both in commercial classes.

One visitor traveled 15,000 miles to attend the 53rd Farm Show — all the way from South Africa. Leon Oelschig, a 27-year-old grain farmer, made a visit to the Farm Show part of his itinerary when it was recommended by a Detroit, Michigan, man who visited South Africa.

The best dressed turkey display was exhibited by Harry Lamparter of Mountville and the reserve turkey carcass honor was won by James Esben-shade, of Paradise.

A Hampshire pig at the Show was either the best-mannered hog on the place or else the most mis-guided. It seems when he was being herded back to his pen following Tuesday morning's swine sale, he got sidetracked into the nearest men's room. This presented a problem for the herder. She was a lady. But it all ended well. A nearby FFA member came to the rescue and got the pig back to his pen.

Douglas S. Martin, Pequea R1, captured first place in the class for first year members in the 4-H Entomology Classes

More than one curious visitor has been heard to remark about the "self-serving" calf nursing unit in one of the exhibit displays. They think parents would save many hours of lost sleep if they could feed their children like the automatic calf feeder does.

Eugene Bollinger, Denver R2, was the winner of the 4-H 10-year-hybrid dent class at the Farm Show

There is a lot of uproarious action takes place each morning before the Farm Show is open to the public. The scene of the action is the poultry barn and the time is around daylight. It is customary for roosters to greet the new day, and being at the Show doesn't seem to dampen their enthusiasm.

Garden Spot High School in the Eastern Lancaster County School District placed second in the Home Economics division of School Window Exhibits. The exhibition was titled "Sewing Sense Reaps Dollars," and won the school \$65.

One lady when asked what she likes about the Farm Show replied, "It's just like going window shopping." And another lady, who travels about 75 miles to attend each year counts the baked potatoes and milk shakes as the highlight of her visit.

Mrs. Martin Greenleaf, Oxford R1, was elected treasurer of the Society of Farm Women of Pennsylvania at its 50th annual convention held at the Farm Show. Certificates of achievement were presented to Mrs. Paul Witman, Mount Joy R1 and Mrs. Scott Nissley, 1414 Nissley Road at the same convention. Lilli Ann Wivell, Co-

lumbia R1 and Sandra Shenk and Josephine Nissley both of Washington Boro R1 received \$300 scholarships from a fund established in 1960 to honor the founder of the Society, Mrs. Frank B. Black

The 154 steers entered in the 4-H Baby Beef competition Thursday at the 53rd Farm Show in Harrisburg weighed a total of 150,420 pounds, or an average of 977 pounds each, show officials said.

That is the equivalent of 95,000 pounds of dressed carcasses, which is enough to provide more than a quarter million hamburgers, adds B Wayne Kelly, extension farm management specialist at the Pennsylvania State University

Among the breeds of cattle entered in the baby beef competition are 12 Shorthorns from six counties; 79 Angus from 15 counties; and 66 Herefords from 13 counties

Of the 11,750 pounds of market lambs which were exhibited, about half were 4-H entries. Market lambs dress out at about 50 percent of their live weight

Lazy trout fishermen will be interested in a machine being displayed at the 53rd Pennsylvania Farm Show. It is a small, gas-driven six-wheel vehicle which operates on land or water

"Fish while you float downstream and drive the vehicle home after you're through fishing," exhibitors say.

Pequea Valley FFA Chapter won second award of \$40 in the Pennsylvania Electric Association Demonstration at the Farm Show. Third place went to Warwick High School FFA Chapter with a \$25 award

Wayne Keefer, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood F. Keefer, Lewisburg R2, was named the FFA "State Star Farmer." Keefer is a 1968 graduate of Mifflinburg Area High School in Union County

Anticipating traditional Farm Show weather, Farm Show officials arranged to have the latest type of snow removal equipment on hand. A special snow blower was to be demonstrated but, as it turned out, the only thing the machinery did was to glisten in the pleasant January sunshine

Pequea Valley FFA and Warwick FFA were 5th and 6th in the School Demonstration Award List. The demonstrations were given during the Farm Show this week

The calf crop at the 53rd Pennsylvania Farm Show totaled five by Wednesday.

The new arrivals include four males and one female, with the lone heifer a Brown Swiss.

Bull calves included two Holsteins, a Guernsey and a Jersey

Owners of Holstein calves are George M. Knight, III, of Airville, York County, and Allen Peffer, of Carlisle, RD 6, Cumberland County. Peffer's grand champion cow, in both open and junior competition, is the calf's mother

Allen Rohrbaugh, of New Freedom, RD 1, York County, is the owner of the new Guernsey calf, Vincent A. Warner, of Bernville, RD 2, Berks County, owns the new Brown and Meryl H. Sheaffer, Sons, of Carlisle, RD 5, Cumberland County, own the Jersey calf.



DUCK DISPLAY at the 1969 Pennsylvania Farm Show held in Harrisburg this week. The Ducks had their own little pond, a heat lamp and a sliding board for per-

fect duck comfort while attracting much attention from the huge crowds that daily filled the Farm Show building.

## Farm Show Swine Sales

Jesse Balmer, Lititz R4, was one of the newly-elected directors named at the Guernsey Breeders 38th annual meeting held at the Farm Show. Balmer is to serve for a period of three years.

Nearly 16 tons of french fries and baked potatoes were consumed in the first two days of the 53rd Pennsylvania Farm Show

Owen L. Barkley, general manager of the Pennsylvania Potato Growers Cooperative Inc., said the organization's concession had a record breaking opening day Monday when eight tons were sold

Barkley observed that youngsters prefer french fries while the older folks prefer baked potatoes, long-time Farm Show favorite

Naaman Stoltzfus, Jr., 19, of Morgantown, was selected as the Pennsylvania Holstein Boy as announced at the annual Holstein Farm Show breakfast program. Stoltzfus, son of Mrs. May B. Stoltzfus, has completed seven years of FFA and 4-H dairy projects and owns twelve head of registered Holsteins that he values at \$12,600.

One of the unusual attractions at the 53rd Pennsylvania Farm Show is a native wildcat, caught in Northern Pennsylvania and displayed by the State Game Commission

The 20-pound, slate gray animal is about three years old, according to the Game Protectors. Also known as an Eastern bay lynx and bobcat, the animal is normally kept at the Hershey Zoo.

Asked the boss if he was planning a flower garden, and he snapped that a full crop of blooming idiots in the office was enough for him.

Hampshire gilts at the 53rd Pennsylvania Farm Show brought slightly lower prices than those of a year ago.

"Miss Eager 11-4", a gilt consigned by Strawbridge and McCleary, of Stewartstown, York County was sold to Henry Hall, Jr., of Hopewell, RD 1, Bedford County, for \$270

The reserve champion, "Miss Eager 11-1", also exhibited by Strawbridge and McCleary, brought \$230. The gilt was purchased by Dean W. Fetterolf, of Centre Hall, Centre County

Total volume of the sale of 36 head was \$4,745.00

### POLAND CHINA

Prices paid for Poland China gilts were substantially higher than those paid a year ago

Richard P. Sholley, of Jonestown, RD 1, Lebanon County, exhibited the champion gilt, "Miss Profit Display." The animal, sold to Eugene Boeshore, of Jonestown, RD 1, brought \$220

The reserve champion, "Ballot Girl," consigned by Eugene Boeshore, of Jonestown, RD 1, was sold to Locust Lane Farm, of Hershey, Dauphin County, for \$140.

The 18 animals sold for \$1,805.00 and the average was \$100.22.

The 1968 average price was \$83.42

### YORKSHIRE

Yorkshire gilt prices averaged slightly higher than those of a year ago.

The grand champion, "Brooks End Opal," consigned by Reno H. Thomas, of Beavertown, Snyder County, brought \$340. The gilt was purchased by Philip C. Armstrong, of Woodland, RD 1, Clearfield County

"Pat Kay Susan," a gilt consigned by Park F. Thomas, also

of Beavertown, won the reserve championship. The animal, sold to George Ruoff, of Jeanette, Westmoreland County, sold for \$310

Total volume of sale on 40 head was \$6,205.00 and the average price per animal was \$155.12

### SPOTTED SWINE

Prices paid for Spotted Swine were slightly lower than those paid a year ago

The grand champion "Special Ginger," consigned by Richard P. Sholley, of Jonestown, RD 1, Lebanon County, brought \$145. The gilt was sold to Walter Gordon, of Jefferson, Md. A gilt owned by Sholley brought the top price at last year's show.

The reserve champion, "Sect-town Star XI," owned by Wendell McKissick, of Slippery Rock, RD 3, Lawrence County, was sold to Richard A. Kreager, Jr., of Schuylkill Haven, RD 2, Schuylkill County, for \$120

The 24 head sold for \$2,645.00 and the average price per animal was \$110.20

## Herr Entry Wins In Breeding Sheep Class

Lancaster County brought home a reserve grand championship in the breeding sheep classes Monday at the Pa. Farm Show when Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Herr, Navon R2, won with a Ewe under one year. Their entry placed second and followed the first place entry in class to the reserve champion spot. Mr. and Mrs. Herr also had a 4th and 5th in the same class.

In the Hampshire Division, Robert R. Buch, 956 W. Main St., had the 5th and 6th place Ram under one year and placed 5th in each of three other classes — three Ewe Lambs, Breeder's Young Flock and Pen of Lambs