

FARM SHOW BITS and PIECES

Jane Witmer, Dalmatia, is the new Pennsylvania Guernsey Queen. The 18-year-old miss won the title at the Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders' Association meeting held in conjunction with the State Farm Show. She will receive an expense-paid trip to Madison, Wis., where the national convention of the American Guernsey Cattle Club will be held.

A small, battery-powered vehicle was on display. The vehicle, which has Ford brakes, a Chevrolet steering column and an International Scout body, can cruise 60 miles at 25 miles an hour before requiring a battery charge. It is nearly 10 feet long, 59 inches wide and weighs 1,540 pounds minus batteries. Batteries weight 800 pounds.

The big birthday cake that Governor Shafer helped cut to launch the 75th Anniversary of New Holland Division of Sperry Rand Corporation weighed 45

pounds and took 8 pounds of flour, 11 pounds of sugar and 10 dozen eggs to make it.

Mrs Robert Leaman, 19 Wolf Rd, Akron, was credited with several first place wins in the open classes in clothing.

James Charles, Lancaster R2, an FFA member from Penn Manor High School, won the best dozen white egg competition and the best dozen vocational eggs.

The caretakers of the Lancaster County 4-H steers regularly tied their charges out over night to help develop a thick hair coat. This is only doing what any good caretaker would do. But Monday morning, when they went for the steers, they could not tell them apart. The three to four inch snow that fell here Sunday night had them all coated white.

Among those who were named first place winners in the high

school foods classes were: Judy Snyder, Warwick High School, Lititz; Jo Yeatte, Marsha Goff, Vicki Hoag, Lynn Mineur, Judy Pantan, Cathy Stevens and Peggy Fellenbaum, all of Manheim Township High School in Neffsville.

A purple cow kept showing up here from time to time. On loan by a Reading based chemical company from the herd of Solomon Gernscheimer, Bernville R2, the predominately white registered Holstein was stained purple with a harmless dye approved for use as a meat grading ink by the federal food and drug administration.

It was all a part of an advertising gimmick to promote the company's purple mastitis treatment compound. The product is to be used as a teat dip for udder sanitation.

To emphasize the point, the company hired an actress to lead the cow around the show barns several times a day. The actress, Miss Lynn Brossman, Terre Hill, was also dressed in purple. What else but purple?

A snag in the promotional plans came when the purple cow attempted to enter her class in the Holstein Show, Tuesday. Looking out of place among her conventionally fitted black and white neighbors, the purple cow, after taking only a few steps into the show ring, was seen quickly taking only a few steps into

the show ring, was seen quickly retreating to the barn, apparently not allowed by officials to make even one trip around the ring as part of the show.

Yes, there is more. The company also has another mastitis treatment. That one is brown. So, would you believe? They promote that one in "How Now Brown Cow" fashion. They probably use a Brown Swiss for that.

Lawrence Ramberger, Bernville, Berks County, received a Superior Supervisor Award from the Pennsylvania Dairy Herd Improvement Association. The award for outstanding service as a DHIA supervisor includes an inscribed plaque and \$100.

Miles O Nolt, Manheim R1, was named the first place winner in several classes in the Edible Nuts Show.

Visitors at the show, ate about 3½ tons of potatoes Monday. Approximately 1½ tons were served baked and 2 tons as french fries, according to officials of the Pennsylvania Cooperative Potato Growers Association.

Harry Lamparter, Mountville Turkey Grower, swept all the top honors in the Dressed Turkey Show here at the Farm

Show. Showing the first place in both the Large Young Tom Class (18 lbs or over) and the Large Young Gilts Class (over 16 lbs) Lamparter finished with the champion carcass, the reserve champion carcass and the best display.

Glenn Baum, Elizabethtown R3, owner of the grand champion and the reserve champion Landrace gilts at the Farm Show was named a director of the Pennsylvania Landrace Swine Breeders Association at their business meeting.

A FFA constitution revision allowing girls to enter competition for the first time this year, brought immediate results as Carol Haugh, 16, Felton R2 in York County, won the vocational Berkshire swine championship. She is a member of the Red Lion FFA Chapter.

Sixteen-year-old Paul Johnson, Pine Grove Mills, Centre County had a crowd stopper — a two-headed pig in a veterinary science demonstration. Animal diseases was Johnson's principal subject for the demonstration which included, beside the swine birth defect, examples of sheep heart defects, pig nose defects and internal parasites of both sheep and swine.

Four local homemakers won numerous prizes in the Open Class Foods show. They are: Mrs Roy Mull, Lititz R1, Mrs. James B Lone, Lititz R1, Mrs Daniel A Blubaker, Ephrata R1 and Mrs Kenneth Barry, Mt Joy R2.

Mrs Virgil Dupstadt, Stoystown R3, Somerset County, was elected president of the Society of Farm Women of Pennsylvania. Mrs Dupstadt, who will serve a term of three years, just completed her term as first vice president of the Society.

Mrs Lee S Richards, McConnellsburg, is first vice president now and Mrs Wilbur Erb, Harrisburg R1 is second vice president.

Mrs Martin Greenleaf, Oxford R1, is secretary and Mrs Samuel Edison, also Oxford R1 is treasurer.

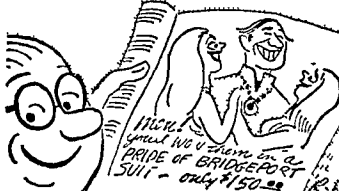
In only two previous years was there more snow on the ground when the Farm Show opened. In 1964, there was 18 inches and in 1918 there was 16 inches. On Monday, when the 54th show opened there was 14 inches.

Farmers Attend Dealer Meeting

More than 150 farmers attended the Farming Frontiers '70 last week according to Leroy M. Wenger, local John Deere dealer.

The program was devoted to the business of farming and film, showing the latest developments in farming and farm research. Refreshments were served. Paul L Hess, Peach Bottom RD #3, Pa won the 21" electric start John Deere power mower. John M Beideman, representative of Geigy Chemical Company was the guest speaker at the program.

The Old Timer

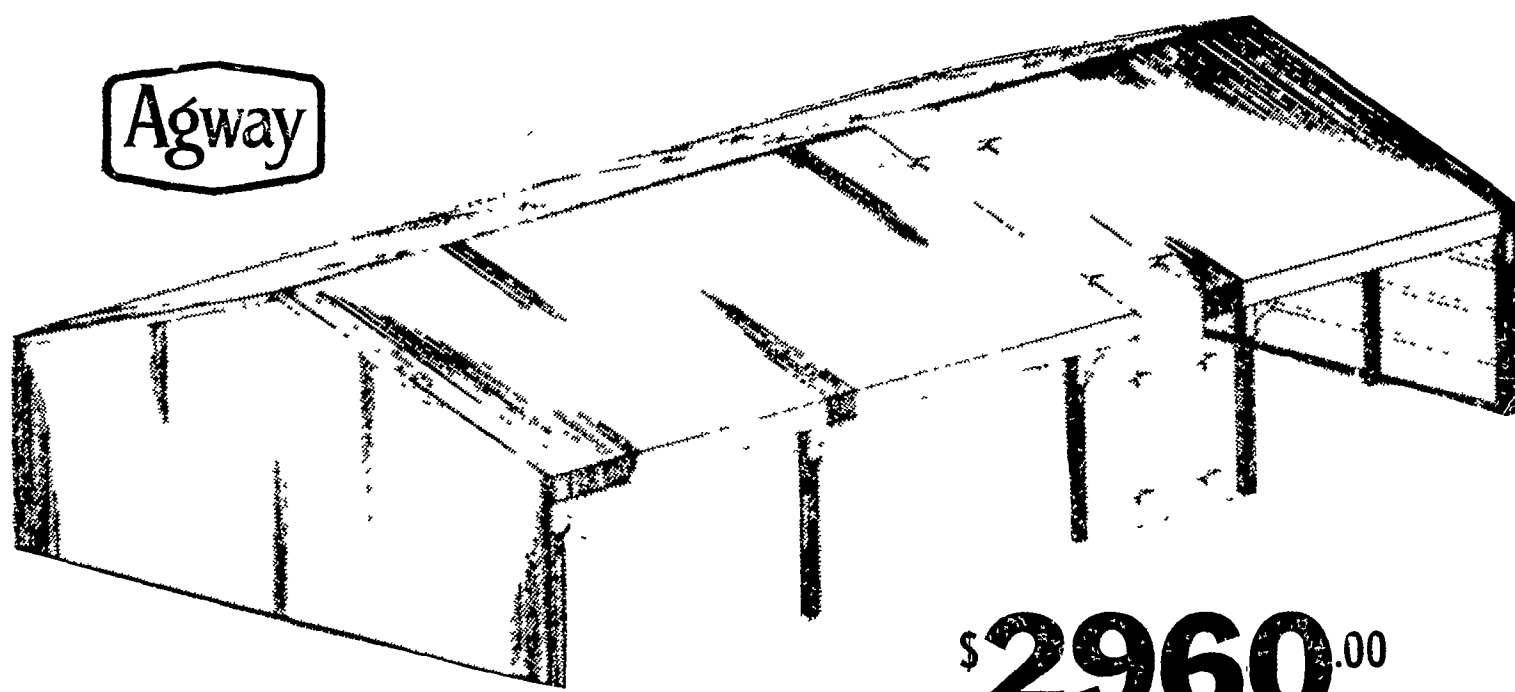


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