

Area 4-Hers Among State Cattle Judging Winners

William Ocker of Shipensburg, Cumberland County, captured the championship in Ayrshire judging competition at the 57th Farm Show with a three-year-old cow, Masonic Homes G Flashy Harriet. William is a member of the Cumberland County 4-H Dairy Club.

Kennard E. Henley, III, Cochranville, Chester County, showing Wauwatosa's M. Minnie, a three-year-old, won the reserve grand championship. Kennard is a member of the Manor 4-H Dairy Calf Club.

Samuel J. Diehl, Bedford, captured both the grand and reserve grand championships in female Ayrshire judging.

Diehl's entry, Cove Creek Fancy Velvet, a three-year-old, won the grand and senior championships. Another cow, a

six-year-old, Cove Creek Royal Bonnie 2nd, was judged reserve grand and reserve senior champion.

Junior champion Ayrshire was exhibited by Sharon Lynne Henley, Cochranville. The animal, a senior yearling, is Kenwoody Maestro's Rosebud.

Reserve junior champion was shown by Creek Ayr Farms, Dover, York County, Creek Ayr Flashy Mamie, a senior yearling.

Diehl won both the premier exhibitor and premier breeder awards.

John E. Marchezak, of Bentleyville RD1, Washington County, showing his three-year-old Guernsey, Twin Brook Posy's Rose, won the grand championship in junior judging. John is a member of the Pike Run 4-H Club.

Marchezak also showed the reserve grand champion Guernsey, Twin Brook Posy's Pansy, a heifer calf.

Both the champion and reserve champion are full sisters out of a former Farm Show champion.

Snider Homestead Farm, New Enterprise, Bedford County, captured four major championships in Open Guernsey judging.

Lerson Lawn Jasons Lassie, a four-year-old Snider entry, won both the grand and senior

championships, and a junior yearling, Lake Louise Domino Fancy, won the junior championship.

The other Snider animal, a senior yearling, Plain View's Russ Hope, was judged reserve junior champion.

Reserve grand champion of the Guernsey show, Long Land Success Rose, a four-year-old, was shown by Long Lane Farm of Waynesboro, Franklin County. The same cow was declared a reserve senior champion.

The reserve junior champion, Plain View's Russ Hope, a senior yearling, was shown by Plain View Farms, Airville, York County.

Snider Homestead Farm won the premier exhibitor award, and Rutter Brothers, of 2100 N. George St., York, won the premier breeder award.

Shapp Proposes Flood Aid to Farmers

A proposed administration bill to aid flood-stricken farmers was announced last Sunday afternoon by Governor Milton Shapp as he opened the 57th Annual Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg.

The bill, Shapp said, would be introduced at the opening session of the General Assembly. If passed it would provide some \$12 million additional assistance to Pennsylvania farmers who suffered heavy losses from Hurricane Agnes. Damages to farm homes, crops, livestock and fields would be covered by the bill.

Direct grants of up to 15 percent of actual damages incurred in excess of \$7500 would be paid to farmers. There would, however, be a limit of \$5000 payable to any one farm or farmer. To be eligible for a \$5000 payment, a farmer would have to prove losses of at least \$33,333.

Farmers Home Administration flood damage reports will be used to determine the extent of actual losses. Shapp noted, however, that farmers who failed to apply for forgiveness loans through the FHA will be ineligible for state grants.

If the bill is passed, it will be administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, effective July 1, and will be paid from the state's disaster relief appropriation.

Shapp also commented on the Nixon Administration's move to cut off FHA disaster assistance loans. He said:

"I was disappointed to learn the Federal Government is cutting off applications for Federal Disaster Assistance Loans to farmers by the Farmers Home Administration as of January 15, 1973. I asked the President to extend the cut-off dates twice before and he did. I hope he will do so again, but Secretary Butz's comments in yesterday's paper made it appear unlikely. I shall keep trying, and I urge your farm organizations to do what they can to obtain a longer extension for filing flood damage applications. Many farmers, for whatever reason, have not as yet filed their requests for FHA assistance.

"Therefore, I urge you to help us spread the word throughout the Commonwealth. All farmers affected by the flood who have not yet applied for FHA loans should get their applications in immediately. We in Pennsylvania have repeatedly asked for more federal assistance for our farmers. We have been successful in some cases and unsuccessful in others." And we will keep trying.

Two Lebanon Honey Exhibits

Two Jefferson County FFA members won top places in vocational honey judging at the 57th Farm Show.

William Sprague, Falls Creek, Jefferson County, was winner in the light comb category, and Dan Schuckers, Reynoldsville, showed the first place exhibit of extra light extracted honey.

Bruce Maulfair, of Jonestown, Lebanon County, RD1, took first with his display of light amber honey; Donald Weidman, Lebanon, exhibited the top extra light extracted honey; and Donald Steeley, Ottsville, Bucks County, showed the best amber extracted honey display.

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