

# In pursuit

(Continued from Page 21) threshing machine, and kids were delighted to have straw blowing all over them.

I asked Mervin Grubb, who supplied one of his steam tractors for use in the show, what it cost to build such an iron horse when they were in their prime. He estimated \$3,000 and added it would take around \$50,000 to build one today. The steam tractor owner makes his home in Steelton where he is an automobile mechanic and lists steam tractors as his hobby. "I wouldn't give you a penny for all the antique automobiles, nor gasoline tractors... but steam, I'm interested in'em!" he said with the white of his eyes gleaming from behind a face which was tanned by the sun and blackened by the engine's fumes.

His tractor, a 1928 Peerless, was originally purchased by a Lancaster Countian, Amos Stoltzfuss. Grubb said the tractor was the last one off the assembly line and the company had trouble selling it because gasoline-powered tractors were taking over. He is only the second owner of the steam-belching iron horse and guesses that there are still a couple hundred of them around in the state. "A lot of them were cut up for scrap during World War II," he pointed out.

Both Sheaffer and Grubb revealed that one horsepower in a steam tractor is equal to about seven in a gas tractor. Accordingly, Grubb believes his engine, rated at 50 horsepower, is equivalent to 350 of a conventional tractor. But it's certainly not all horsepower that makes them powerful, it's their

immense weight, and the gear ratio which allows for tremendous torque. Their road speed, on the other hand, is only three miles per hour.

What do you do for spare parts for these old machines?

Sheaffer says so far he has been fortunate enough to receive parts along with the antique machines he buys. He says 95 per cent of his machinery collection is in good working order. In touring the display area, Sheaffer explained that the early farm machinery was very simple and very practical in design. "Simplicity was stressed," he remarked while taking things apart at the twist of his wrist. "No sophistication — no problems."

While Sheaffer's collection is sizable by any standards, it had been bigger. Three weeks ago disaster struck at one of the barns where he keeps his machinery. Every item went up in smoke, including a wagon valued at \$2,000. The loss grieves the collector, who remembers plowing and logging with horses when he was 11 years of age.

Aside from the large farm machinery, visitors to the five-day festival also had an opportunity to see craftsmen at work and halls filled with wares which date back to colonial days. For those with lively feet, the state's top square dancing team was on hand to perform, with the audience invited to participate.

"Agricultural Americana" is one of several such events to take place in Pennsylvania. The "Rough and Tumble" organization at Kinzers sponsors old-time

farming activities each summer, as does Williams Grove, where "Horse and Buggy Days" get underway tomorrow. Later in the week the iron horses perform in front of plows as well as threshing machines.

# Witmer

(Continued from Page 15) they're beginning to increase in numbers now.

"The Guernsey breed has some problems - mostly in sire proving programs - because we don't have the

large pool of cattle from which to draw and breed to and test." He believes a possible solution to this problem may be joint efforts by farmers to buy and prove sires.

Describing himself as a

dairyman who appreciates all breeds, Witmer confessed to preferring Guernseys. "But I'm not putting down other breeds," he grinned. "I prefer Guernseys for their temperament, efficiency, and the flavor of their milk," he said. He would like to see breeders push their product more, claiming that if you push the product, you solve the other problems of the breed, or industry for that matter. Witmer owns some stock in Guernsey Restaurants, Inc., an organization started by Pennsylvania Guernsey breeders to promote the Guernsey name and their cows' products.

The young farmer's dairying philosophy also includes a "deemphasis on the size of cows," because production is not directly related to body size and the larger cows are subject to more stress. He also advocates supervision, pointing out it can be spread too thin in some operations.

Witmer draws his conclusion from over a dozen years of activity in 4-H, discussions and observation while in high school and college, and on-the-farm experiences. All in all, this broad range of activity is what convinced him the grass was greenest on his side of the fence, and it eventually earned him the prestigious Student Recognition Award.

The National Dairy Shrine Club is an organization of over 5,500 dairymen and industry leaders in the United States and several foreign countries. It was organized in 1949 to honor dairy leaders past and present, to record dairy history and to inspire dairy leaders of the future.

# Kauffman cow wins

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belonged to Glenn Lippy, Littlestown. Kline showed a junior yearling entry, while Lippy's entry fell into the senior bull calf class. A senior yearling bull was shown by Tim Brown, Littlestown.

The show was held at the York Fair Grounds. Following are the placings of various contests in the event.

### Jr. Heifer Calf

1. E. Wayne Bashore, New Cumberland; 2. Glenn Lippy, Littlestown; 3. Leroy and Joyce Bupp, Seven Valleys; 4. D. L. Reath and M. E. Miller, Kirkwood and Strasburg, respectively; 5. Peter King, Delta.

### Intermediate Calf

1. Cynthia Knight, Woodbine; 2. Wade Brown, Littlestown; 3. Patricia Greek; 4. Jed Bashore, New Cumberland; 5. Tim Chronister, York.

### Senior Calf

1. Phil Laughman, Thomasville; 2. Christie Gitt, Littlestown; 3. Lynn Royer, Lancaster; 4. Philip Crouse, Stevens.

### Junior Yearling

1. Russell Kline, Denver; 2. Wade Brown, Littlestown; 3. Alice Stauffer, Ephrata; 4. Glenn Lippy, Littlestown; 5. Leroy and Joyce Bupp, Seven Valleys.

### Senior Yearling

1. Paul Knight, Woodbine; 2. Wade Brown, Littlestown; 3. Dana Doll, 4. George Knight, III, Woodbine; 5. Kevin Laughman, Thomasville.

### Jr. Get of Sire

1. Leroy and Joyce Bupp with Astronaut daughters.

### Two-Year-Olds, Never Fresh

1. David Reath, Kirkwood; 2. Wade Brown, Littlestown; 3. Leroy and Joyce Bupp, Seven Valleys.

### 3 and 4 Year Old Dry Cow

1. Jed Bashore, New Cumberland; 2. Leroy and Joyce Bupp, Seven Valleys; 3. Marvin Brown, 4. Wade Brown.

### Aged Dry Cow

1. Lynn Royer, Lancaster; 2. Robert Gitt, Littlestown; 3 and 4. Cindy Knight, 5. James Knight.

### 2 Year Olds

- 1 and 2. Creedin Corman, Carlisle; 3. Paul Horning; 4. Philip Crouse; 5. Leroy and Joyce Bupp.

### 3 Year Olds

1. Robert Kauffman, Elizabethtown; 2. Leroy Bupp, Seven Valleys; 3. Delmar Cornman, Mechanicsburg; 4 and 5. Leroy and Joyce Bupp.

### 4 Year Olds

1. Robert Gitt, Littlestown; 2. Marvin Brown, Littlestown; 3. Averill Royer, Lancaster.

### 100,000 pound class

1. George Knight, Jr., 2. George Knight III, 3. Rhelda Royer.

### Aged Cow

1. Russell Kline; 2. Linda Kauffman, Elizabethtown; 3. Lynn Royer, Lancaster; 4. Leroy and Joyce Bupp; 5. George Knight, III.

### Sr. Get of Sire

1. Leroy and Joyce Bupp with daughters of Garberdale Burke Kate.

### Best 3 Females

1. Woodbine Holsteins; 2. Blossomelle Farms; 3. Buppland Farms; 4. Brown Valley Farms.

### Produce of Dam

1. Jed Bashore; 2. Renown Holsteins; 3. Phil and Kevin Laughman; 4. Buppland Farms.

### Daughter-Dam Pair

1. Woodbine Holsteins; 2. Russell Kline; 3. Blossomelle Holsteins; 4. Paul Horning; 5. Jed Bashore.

### Best Udder

1. Kauffman's three-year-old "Cinderella," the grand champion of the show; 2. Kline's "Ingra," the reserve grand champion.

### Body Weight

A man will weigh about a pound more if he steps on the bathroom scales after taking a shower but before he dries off. That's due to the film of water, one-fiftieth of an inch thick, that remains on the body after bathing. Also, the average human body contains enough fat to make about seven or eight bars of soap.

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