

Woodbine Holsteins win big

HARRISBURG - A total of 347 head of registered Holsteins were shown before Judge John L. Morris, extension dairyman, University of Maryland at the 23rd Annual Pennsylvania State Holstein Show held here a week ago.

Selected as senior champion female and grand champion of this year's show was Blue-Jay Jenket Maple, a three year old cow shown by Donald Hostetter, Parkesburg, Pa. and James Shepard, Holcomb, New York. Following with reserve champion honors was Huntsdale Paula Black Eagle, a four year old cow from the herd of Meryl and Thomas Sheaffer, Carlisle, Pa. Judge Morris praised the quality of the class winners when selecting the champions. A senior yearling bull, Mr. Gala Double M Jon Boy was named champion bull. He was exhibited by Alan Black of Martinsburg, Pa.

The coveted premier breeder and exhibitor award, based on points earned by high placing entries in the individual classes, was bestowed upon Woodbine Holsteins, George M. Knight, Jr. and family of Airville, Pa.

The highly contested best three females class was captured by Huntsdale Stock Farms of Carlisle, Pa. This class recognizes the breeder who has bred and developed three top cows which make up this group class.

Four daughters by Paclammar Astronaut won the senior get of sire Class for Richard Curtis, Robert Kauffman, and Andrew Stoltzfus. The junior get of sire class was topped by Edward P. Karpa with four daughters of Zeldenrust Fond Memory.

The top produce of dam went to two daughters of Ri Co Peg Belle Boy Flo exhibited by Richard Curtis of Union City, Pa., and Debra Holler of Jamestown, Pa. The dam and daughter combination was headed by two cows owned by Providence Haven Holsteins, Inc., Fred Strouse and Assoc's., and Fair Hill Farms.

Morris selected the first place senior yearling, Pequea R Maple Heather shown by James Bowen of Wellsboro as the junior champion female. Edwin C. Todd of Spring City, Pa. exhibited the reserve junior champion.

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Miss Pennsylvania, Connie Harness; and the Pennsylvania Poultry Queen, Dawn Heisler, graced the annual fund raising banquet for the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation on Thursday night. In the center is Pennsylvania's Secretary of Agriculture, Raymond Kerstetter. With him are William Carlin, left, president of PPF, and John Hoffman, executive director of the organization.

Poultry banquet sets a record

By DIETER KRIEG
LANCASTER - The 1976 annual fund raising banquet of the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation, held here at the Host Farm on Thursday evening, turned out to be the biggest event of its kind ever staged in the Northeast. The Federation had predicted

that 750 persons would show up, but the actual turnout was 900. John Hoffman, PPF executive director and toastmaster for the evening, proclaimed that the roomful of people represented an entire industry.

On hand for the gala affair were Miss Pennsylvania,

Connie Harness; the Pennsylvania Poultry Queen, Dawn Heisler; The Honorable Raymond Kerstetter, Pa. Secretary of Agriculture; and hundreds of representatives from the producer, processor, and allied industry segments of the poultry business.

Speeches were kept short during the evening, with most of the time spent in consuming a meal and being entertained by nationally known comedian Bob Lewis. Also on hand to entertain guests were Lewis' wife,

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Milk prices, future pondered

Editor's Note: The following is taken from an address given by Herbert Wessel, president of the Maryland Cooperative Milk Producers Cooperative. The occasion was the annual meeting held recently.

COCKEYSVILLE, Md. - Recently the milk prices have risen. The rise is well deserved and much needed. Let's hope that history does not repeat itself and we have a re-run of the 1974 situation when the prices rose rapidly and two things then happened -

1. Consumer resistance resulting in fewer sales because of the higher prices, and
2. Increased production - also from the higher prices. Either of these in itself can hurt prices but when the two of them get together, the result can be disastrous.

Since prices bottomed out in August 1974, they have been steadily rising - even higher than any of us predicted. They have now peaked and the curve is starting down.

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Dairy production awards given

By DIETER KRIEG
SMOKETOWN - The fifth annual Pennfield Dairy Day Program was held here recently with the highlight being the presentation of awards to owners of top dairy herds and - or high individual cow records.

Leading the pack of 34 dairymen who were recognized for having herd averages of more than 17,000 pounds of milk per cow was Sinking Springs Farm, Inc., of York. Herman Stebbins, manager, was on hand to receive a special plaque and

plate. The Sinking Springs herd of 67 registered Holsteins chalked up an average production of 19,823 pounds of milk and 785 of butterfat.

Clarence and Earl Stauffer's Sunny Craft Farm, Ephrata, was recognized for having shown the highest increase within one year. Their herd of 34

Holsteins most recently averaged 14,827 pounds of milk and 583 of fat - representing an increase of 4,196 for milk and 163 for fat.

More than 100 individual cow records were called off during the 3-hour long presentation. The 21-page program listed records of cows and herds from many parts of Pennsylvania and portions of Maryland. Completing the list of herds which exceeded an average of 17,000 pounds of

"Two farmers appointed by the Governor shall also sit on the committee."

Kent Shelhamer is among those listed as one of the primary sponsors of the bill, and since he's the gentleman whom Gov. Shapp would like to see as the state's next Secretary of Agriculture, Brandt says the Governor may be receptive to signing the bill.

The measure has passed the House by a 172-0 margin and next goes to the Senate where legislators are likely to take a serious look at it.

"I urge the Governor to sign this bill as soon as possible," he said.

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