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Merry Christmas
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Production records highlighted

By JUDY MITCHELL
Berks Co. Reporter

KUTZTOWN, Pa. - The Berks County DHIA held its annual meeting at the Kutztown Grange Hall on December 17. Close to 250 persons attended the banquet event which included the presentation of this year's outstanding milk and butterfat production awards.

The high butterfat for an individual cow and the high herd on fat honors went to Charles Plushanski of Kutztown R3. In presenting the high fat cow award, County DHIA President Burd Schantz commented on Plushanski's Cow "Faith." "Everyone in the county knows her," he stated, "and this year she gets the plaque again." The eight-year-old registered Holstein has taken the DHIA butterfat award the past several years with a steadily increasing record which this year stood at 1,280 pounds of fat for a 305-day period. The cow's milk production figure for that same period was 31,251 pounds. Plushanski's herd took the high herd on fat award with a recorded average of 710 pounds of butterfat.

Junge Farms, New Tripoli R1, captured first place for high herd on milk production with an average of 18,357 pounds of milk recorded by its registered Holstein herd.

The high milk record for the year for an individual cow belonged to Ray Bicksler's "Sparkie," a 10-year-old Holstein with a 305-day record of 32,186 pounds of milk. Bicksler, who hails from Richland R1, reported that the animal's peak daily milk production figure to date stands at 132 pounds.

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Poultrymen seek federal help to combat pulorum disease

By DIETER KRIEG

HARRISBURG - Pennsylvania poultrymen believe that a stitch in time saves nine, but are having a little difficulty convincing authorities in the United

States Department of Agriculture. Poultry producers and officials are concerned about several outbreaks of pulorum disease in

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O come all ye faithful

and worship Christ the newborn King

Lancaster Farming photo by Dieter Krieg

The Lititz Moravian Church, Lititz, Pa.

Christmas spirit at Longwood

By DIETER KRIEG
KENNETT SQUARE, Pa.

One of the world's most renowned botanical gardens has its Christmas display open to the public, including poinsettias which stand three feet tall, and more than 75 lighted trees.

It's a wonderland of the season - much to the surprise

of many visitors who might previously have had the notion that a garden can only be enjoyed from March to

October. "There's always something to see here," emphasizes Robert Powers, Chester County Extension agent.

Powers' remark is almost an understatement. A really appreciative person of the 300-plus acre gardens

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4-H'ers have livestock show and sale

By JOANNE SPAHR

LEBANON, Pa. - A brother-sister duo topped the list of winners in the market swine show, and a 1976 Keystone Award winner took the grand champion in the steer competition at the Lebanon County Fall 4-H livestock show and sale held last Saturday at the fair grounds, here.

At that roundup, swine were the first to be judged with a total of 24 animals competing. Taking grand champion was a purebred Yorkshire heavyweight hog owned by Edwin Houser, son of Elwood Houser, Lebanon R5. This was Edwin's first year at showing, and along with this championship, he took first place in his class at the Lebanon Fair this year and was also champion fitter in his age group there.

Edwin's sister Elaine took the reserve grand champion hog with a medium weight purebred Yorkshire. This is Elaine's fifth year at showing and she had the overall reserve champion hog at the 1975 Lebanon Fair.

According to the Housers, "good breeding" was the key to their success with their animals picked from their father's herd. Houser is a purebred Yorkshire breeder.

When their animals went across the sale, Hatfield Packing Co. purchased both animals with the champion bringing \$1.15 per pound and the reserve bringing 85 cents.

Steer Show

Jay Bomgardner, son of Victor Bomgardner, Annville R3, showed the champion steer of the roundup with his 1380 pound Hereford-Simmental cross. In his ninth year of showing, Jay has won several other awards before

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Jersey juggers win court battle;

Penna. juggers not interested

By DIETER KRIEG

NEWARK, N.J. - The State Appeals Court here handed down a ruling last Friday allowing 14 New Jersey milk juggers to sell their milk at below minimum price levels

even if the location of their stores is off their farm. The verdict came after a long battle which has been going on for over two years bet-

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