

Chester Holstein breeders vote for Ivanhoe



Brenda Lamborn won this calf at the Chester County Holstein Field Day.

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 ATGLEN - Nationally-known pedigree specialist Maurice Backus of Mexico, N.Y. took a poll of Chester County Holstein breeders Tuesday evening to find out which bulls they'd consider to be the best there ever were in the breed.

By a margin of two to one, the dairymen voted for Osborndale Ivanhoe, who died in 1963 at the old SPABC stud in Lancaster. Ivanhoe wasn't widely recognized as a great bull during his lifetime, and only after his death did the now legendary bull rocket to unprecedented honors. Chester County Holstein breeders gave him one more honor Tuesday night when they met near here at the Harold Bare farm for their annual mid-Summer meeting.

Backus was guest speaker for the event, which was attended by approximately 200 Holstein breeders. A number of visitors came from neighboring Lancaster County, since Bare's farm is just across the county line. Holstein breeders in Lancaster County had held their field day earlier that day at the Calvin Beiler farm, just a few miles east of Bare's facilities.

In his presentation, Backus reviewed some of the highlights in breed history, citing names of animals which dominate so many of the pedigrees which his company makes available at



Holstein field day host Harold Bare, left, poses with judging contest winners Victor Stoltzfus and Mrs. Galen Crouse. The heifer in the background stood first in the 2-year old class.

sales. His nostalgic journey through the record books included Invahoe, a bull who rose to fame very slowly after siring a first-place get 20 years ago.

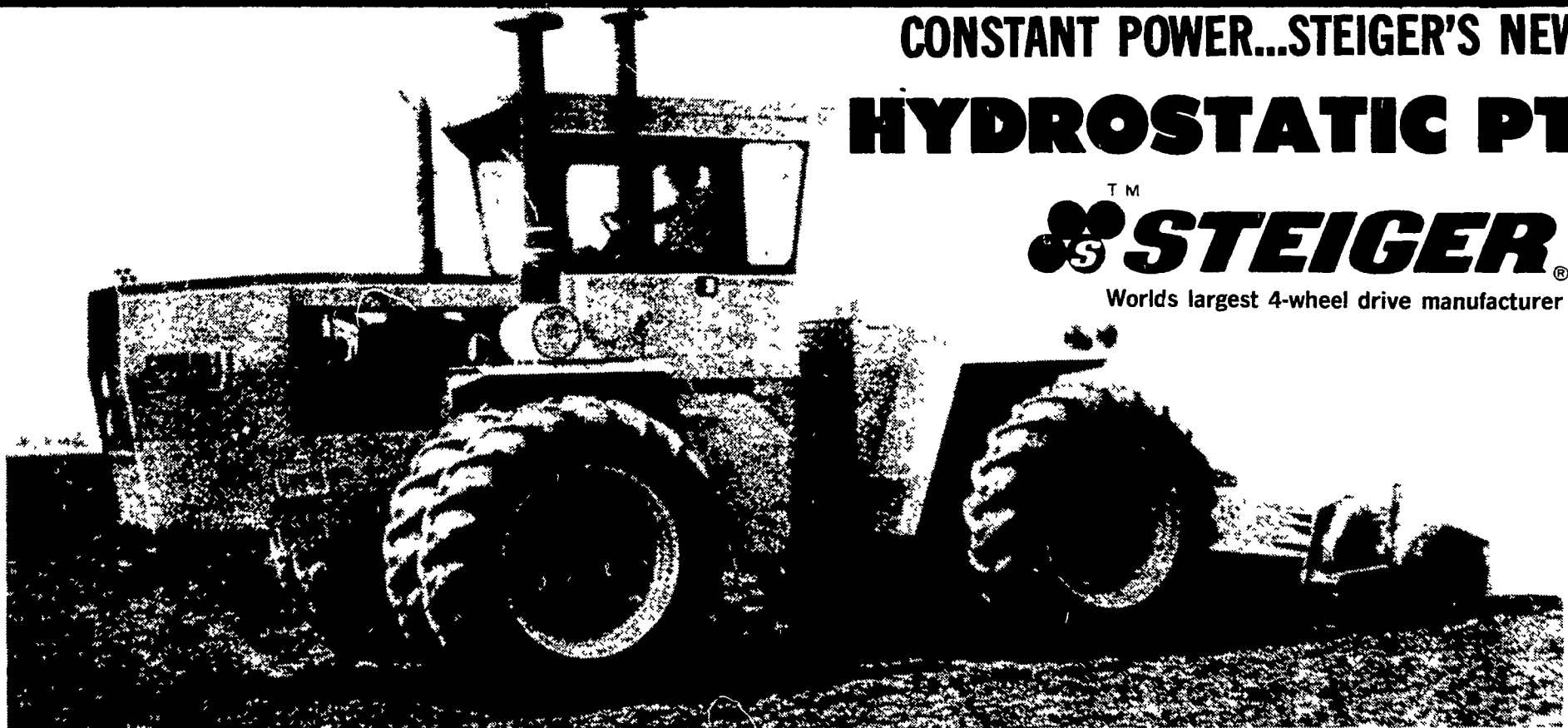
Another highlight of the twilight meeting was a judging contest. York County's Paul King served as official judge, going through each of the classes

afterwards to give reasons on his placings.

Coming closest to the York Countian's official score was Carl Martin of Ephrata. He

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