

Champion Holstein at Solanco belongs to Welk

By JOANNE SPAHR

QUARRYVILLE — They kept it all in the family last Thursday, when Paul Welk of Welk-Crest Farm, Peach Bottom R1, beat the five-year winning streak of his cousin Maurice Welk, Quarryville R2, in the open Holstein show at the Southern Lancaster County Community Fair. Paul Welk walked away with the grand champion and senior champion of the show. Maurice Welk, however, didn't slip too far behind in his winnings, coming up with the reserve grand champion and reserve senior champion.

Paul Welk's six-year-old daughter of Simpon Farm Tidy Gent, classified "88 Very Good" swayed the judging in her direction with her udder, judged best udder of the show. Judge John Smith, York County Extension agent, remarked about her dairy character.

Up to this point the champion Rock Hall Tidy Diane has a production record of 17,825 pounds of milk and 727 pounds of fat. She was bred by Homer B. Readinger, Fleetwood, Pa.

According to Welk, who hasn't shown animals in 12 years since 4-H, his aged cow was never shown before. She wouldn't have been shown this year, either, if it hadn't been for the urging of Welk's son.

"We didn't think we could get her to lead, but we worked about three weeks and were finally able to," Welk explained. Welk will probably continue his showing in the upcoming years.

The reserve grand champion animal, Smithland Headliner Penny, a three-year-old with a two-year-old production record

of over 16,000 pounds of milk and 575 butterfat and a projected record of 20,000 of milk as a three-year-old, was recently purchased by her owner Maurice Welk. Welk recently started a whole new herd following a dispersal sale on June 3. The animal's sire was Skokie Headliner Chip.

Junior champion for the open show went to Edgefield Farms, Quarryville R2, Amos, Kenneth, and Richard Rutt, with a senior yearling, and reserve junior champion went to a junior calf shown by Nancy Akers, 13, the daughter of Curtis Akers, Quarryville R1. Miss Akers' calf was also the champion of the junior division show.

Rutt's senior yearling is a daughter of Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation. She is due in January and is out of a dam with a production record of 22,000 pounds of milk, 860 pounds of butterfat.

Miss Akers' junior calf, Solanco Acres Jet Stream Peggy, a daughter of Arlinda Jet Stream, is Miss Akers' 4-H project for the Lancaster County 4-H Holstein Dairy Club. The animal was bred by Curtis Akers and raised by Nancy since a calf. Along with her champion winnings, Miss Akers was also the champion showman of the junior show.

In the junior division show, Douglas Hershberger, Quarryville R4, showed his junior yearling to the reserve grand champion title. "Zion Meadows Astra Mattie," is a Paclamar Astronaut daughter bred by Brian J. Osborne, Md. Hershberger, 14, and Miss Akers both belong to the same 4-H club, where Hershberger is a six year member.

All tolled, 57 animals were entered in the shows with the following results:

OPEN SHOW

Junior Calf

1. Nancy Akers, Quarryville R1; 2. Dwayne Peifer, Kirkwood R1.

Intermediate Calf

1. Linda Akers, Quarryville R1; 2. Debbie Hershberger, Quarryville R4.

Senior Calf

1. Curtis Akers, Quarryville R1; 2. Pennstar Farms, Dr. Carl Troop, Quarryville R1.

Junior Yearling

1. Doug Hershberger, Quarryville R4; 2. Curtis Akers.

Senior Yearling

1. Edgefield Farms, Amos, Kenneth, and Richard Rutt, Quarryville R2; 2. Robert Peifer, Kirkwood R1.

Two-Year Old

1. Curtis Akers; 2. Paul Welk.

Three & Four Year Old

1. Maurice Welk; 2. Edgefield Farms.

Aged Cows

1. Paul Welk; 2. Edgefield Farms.

Senior Champions

1. Paul Welk; 2. Maurice Welk.

Open Get

1. Edgefield Farms, sire - Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation; 2. Welk-View Farm, sire - Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation.

Best Three Females

1. Groffdale Farms, Robert Groff, Quarryville; 2. Solanco Acres, Curtis and Nancy Akers.

Dairy Herd

1. Edgefield Farms; 2. Pennstar Farms.

Produce of Dam

1. Edgefield Farms, dam - Slater Farm Astronaut Cookie; 2. Paul Welk, dam - Springlea Appollo Ivan Claudia.

Dam - Daughter
1. Edgefield Farms; 2. Sue Groff, Quarryville R4.
Best Udder
1. Paul Welk; 2. Curtis Akers.

JUNIOR SHOW

Junior Calf

1. Nancy Akers; 2. Dwayne Peifer; 3. Richard Drumm.

Intermediate Calf

1. Linda Akers; 2. Debbie Hershberger; 3. Roy Stoner.

Senior Calf

1. Tina Bucher; 2. Gary Eberly.

Junior Yearling

1. Doug Hershberger.

Senior Yearling

1. Mark Welk; 2. Vickie Warfel.

Two-Year-Old

1. Steve Spayd; 2. Vickie Warfel.

Three to Four Year-Old

1. Doug Hershberger.

Best Fitted Animal

1. Steve Spayd; 2. Linda Akers; 3. Nancy Akers.

Best Shown Animal

1. Nancy Akers; 2. Doug Hershberger; 3. Steve Spayd.



The champions of the Holstein junior show at the Solanco Fair were: Nancy Akers, right, champion, as well as reserve junior champion of the open class show, and Douglas Hershberger, left, reserve champion of the junior show.



Champions of the open class Holstein show at the Solanco Fair were: (left to right) Ken Rutt of Edgefield Farm, Quarryville R2, with the junior champion; Maurice Welk, Quarryville R2, with reserve champion; and Paul Welk, Peach Bottom, with the grand champion.

WHAT'S NEW

A specially-designed communications device connecting a weather research aircraft with a satellite 22,000 miles (35,400 kilometers) away is ready to provide near instantaneous information about the growth and movement of hurricanes in

the Caribbean and South Atlantic.

The device, in effect, is an airborne data collection platform which utilizes the data collection capabilities of NOAA's GOES-2 satellite. A somewhat similar piece of equipment, still in the research stage, is in daily use aboard a Pan American

747 as it flies along the airline's world-wide routes.

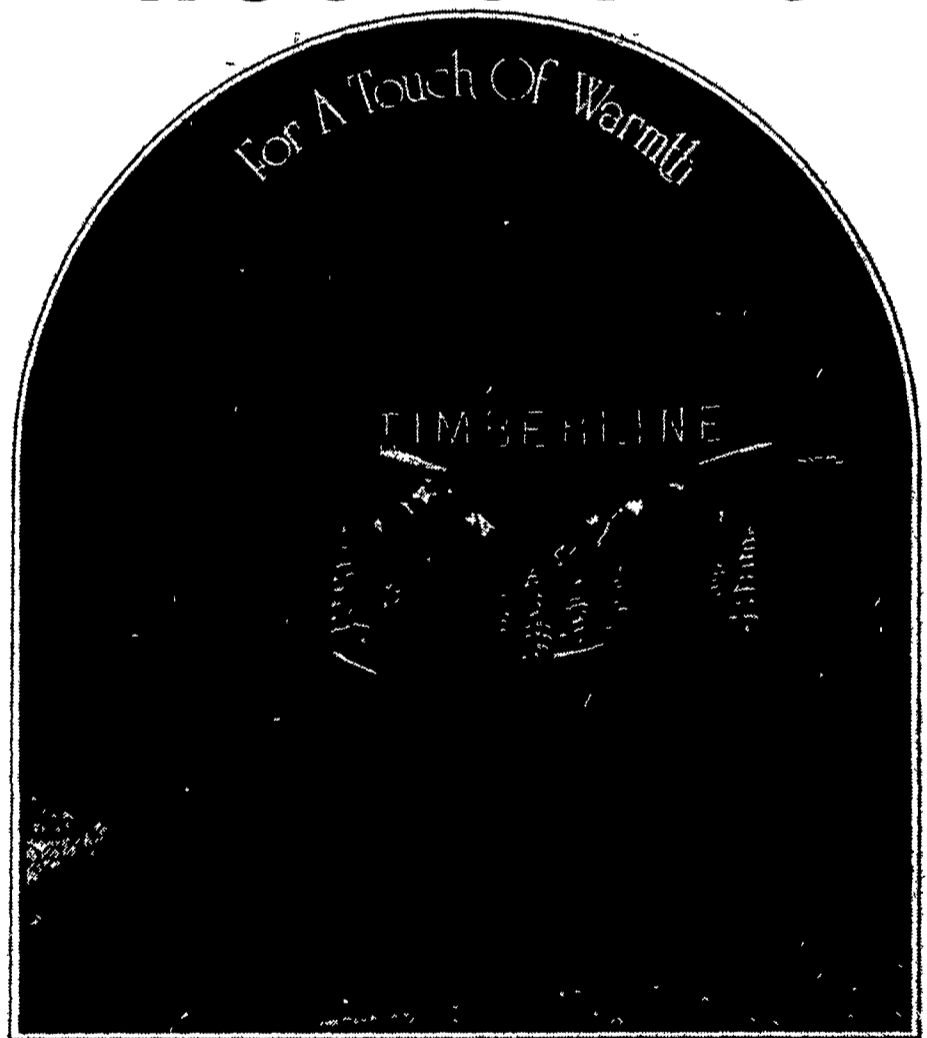
Even though there had been no Atlantic hurricanes until the end of August, the device has been tested under actual flight conditions during reconnaissance of a tropical depression. Plans are to install similar transmitting devices in NOAA's two other research aircraft—both P-3 planes—next year.

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