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Larry and Yvonne Mummert of East Berlin R2.

Mummert, a 1962 graduate of Spring Grove High School, won the coveted honor for Inter-State Milk Producers **Cooperative.** The Stonesifers

captured the title among as the other winning couples contestants who are members of Maryland Cooperative Milk Producers, Inc. Graybeal, a 1963 graduate of Solanco High School, was

a runner-up in last year's

contest. He, his wife, as well

Slaughter steer prices lower

(Continued from Page 1) Choice, mainly 2, weighing 1100 to 1225 lbs. brought \$54.75 to 55.75.

According to the Lancaster Weekly Livestock Market, which is dated June 23, and bases its reports on markets held in Lancasster County for the first three days of the week, prices compared to last week's close for slaughter steers were down, \$1.50 to 2.00 lower.

The report relates that high choice and prime 3-4 slaughter steers weighing 1100 to 1325 lbs. brought \$54.50 to 57.00; with a few in the early part of the week bringing \$57.00 to 58.35. Choice steers, 2-4, weighing 1000 to 1375 lbs. brought \$53.00 to 56.00, with sales on Monday and Tuesday mainly \$55.50 to 57.50.

The Lancaster Weekly Livestock Market states that slaughter heifers were steady, cows were fully steady, bullocks were steady to \$1.00 higher, and bulls were \$1.00 to 1.50 higher.

For a more complete check on the prices of slaughter steers this week, check the market listings which start on page 2.

On the Futures market, cattle prices were also lower this week. Chicago cattle prices for August were quoted at 49.60, as of closing bids on June 22, down from 52.15 last week.

One commodity specialist stated that he believed that lower prices are due to farmers who have ac-

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cumulated a lot of cattle and have now decided to sell them, some panicking when the price began to drop. They decided to sell their cattle now rather than take the chance of getting a big loss later.

One commodity specialist foresees higher prices in the future for he thinks the packers are empty, right now refusing to pay the high prices that the cattle are bringing.

One day soon, he thought the prices will go up again, as the packers will have to buy the meat needed.

Looking further ahead to the future, he predicts that prices for the slaughter steers will continue to rise, due to the national supply. There just aren't going to be enough cattle around and it isn't possible to replace them as quickly as they will be needed, he related.





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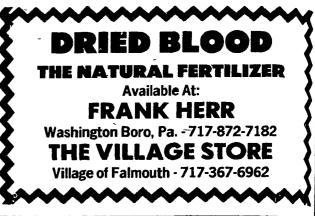
In the MCMP contest, Jay and Illona Hull, Jr. of Westminster, Md. placed second while Denise and Richard Burns of Jefferson. W.Va. placed third. Twelve couples were entered in the MCMP contest.

Inter-State's finalists included, in order, Robert and Penny Black of Altoona, Thomas and Dale Smith of Allentown, N.J., James and Barbara Long of Peach Bottom, and Donald and Sherry Ann Hoffer of Lebanon. There were 22 couples entered in the Inter-State contest.

All of the entrants were honored during ceremonies

held here at the resort motel and restaurant. The two-day Pennmarva convention featured several guest speakers, including Donald Shriver of Ohio who en-

couraged the several hun. dred guests to follow the example of Californians in letting their legislators know what they think of govern ment regulations.



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November. There were 15

couples entered in the

contest which the Graybeals

won. Placing second were

Douglas and Evelyn Perrow

of Spout Spring, Va. Third were Larry and Mary Ann

Kulp of Martinsburg, Pa.,

and fourth were G. Edward

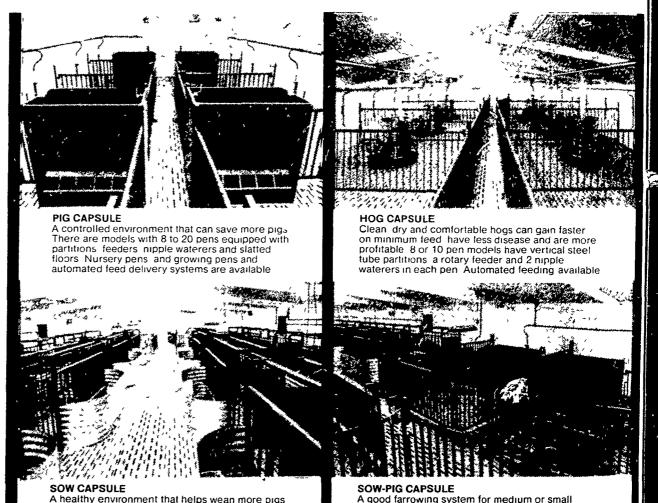
and Mary Jo Fiedler of Bel

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