

## Computer helping on dairy farm

LANCASTER — The age of computers has arrived on the dairy farm. Last week, the John Landis family, which owns a large dairy operation northwest of here, had a computer installed which is one of the first of its kind in the nation.

Part of Bou-Matic's System 2000, the computer is known as Agricomp 2020. It is, according to the

manufacturer, an integral part of Bou-Matic's System 2000.

The Agricomp 2020 features 10 different types of reports with push-button ease, and includes a high-speed printer which uses standard adding machine paper and printing ribbons. The unit automatically collects and stores daily production data on each cow.

Aside from reducing manual record keeping chores, the computer allows for visual monitoring of operations and display of information without a printed report. It can even eliminate the need for written special handling instructions since a call into the computer can identify problem areas with individual cows.

The Agricomp 2020 allows for immediate evaluation of a cow's performance, which may indicate incomplete milking or a possible health problem.



Dennis Thomas, representing Bou-Matic Milking Systems, was one of a number of company representatives who took part in a meeting at the John Landis farm which featured computers for the dairyman.

## Steele joins Taurus

MEHOOPANY — Herbert D. Steele, Tunkhannock, has joined Taurus Service, Inc., a semen distribution company, based here.

Steele has been involved with the artificial insemination business nearly all his working life.

Steele joins Richard W. Witter of Mehoopany, and Paul L. Dann of Collegeville, as a partner in Taurus Service, Inc. Taurus Service was founded in early 1971 by Witter. They first served as distributors for Carnation Breeding Service. Later as changes occurred in the A.I. industry, Dann, joined the organization and they began distributing semen for All-

West Breeders and Tri-State Breeders. In 1975, Taurus Service increased their service area to include New York and the New England states. At the same time they added sires from several other studs to their line-up.

Today Taurus Service is one of the nation's largest independent semen distributing firms. They represent six major bull studs. Namely: Tri-State Breeders; All West Breeders; Carnation-Genetics; Atlantic Breeders Cooperative, and also two Canadian studs: United Breeders, Inc.; Eastern Breeders, Inc. They work in all the Northeast States from Virginia to the Canadian Border.

## Steer show winners named

ALLENTOWN — In 4-H steer judging at the Allentown Fair, Carol Krause of Slatington showed the grand champion in the lightweight, middleweight, and heavyweight divisions. Reserve 4-H champion was shown by David Huff, Lafayette Hill, Montgomery County.

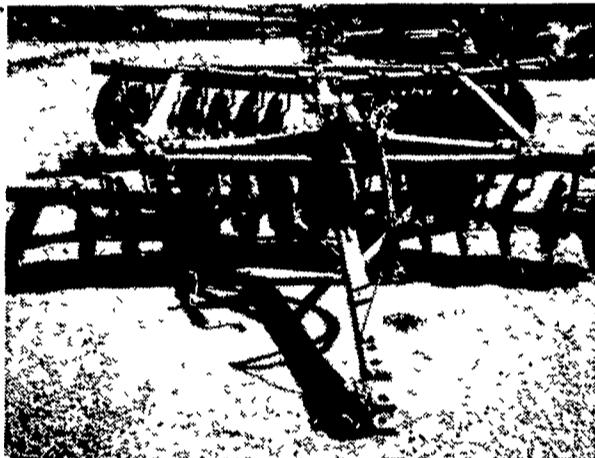
Krause took champion honors in 4-H fitting. Diane Krause, Slatington, was named champion showman. Reserve champion fitter was Gail Snyder, New Tripoli,

and reserve champion showman was Ted Teaford, Trappe, Montgomery County.

In the FFA competition, the champion steer was exhibited by Grant Grim, Breinigsville, and the reserve champion steer by Cathleen Wisser, Mertztown.

Champion FFA fitter was Grant Grim, and reserve champion fitter was Gwen Hower, Northampton. Top showman was Grim and reserve champion showman was Hower.

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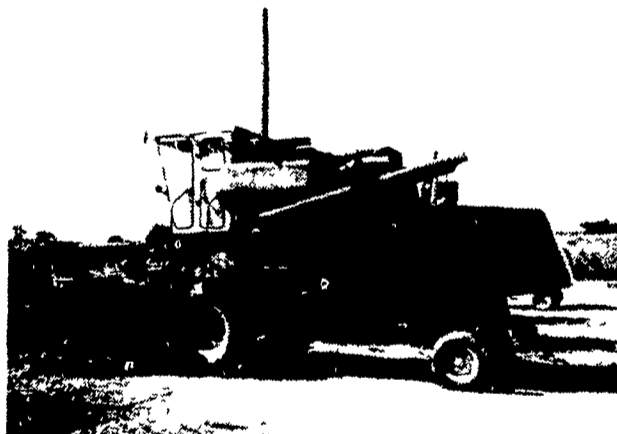
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