

Adams Co. 4-H capon brings record price

GETTSBURG — Once again Adams County has the distinction of recording the highest price paid for a 4-H capon in Pennsylvania. The record price of \$17 per pound was paid by Adams County Home Beverage for the Grand Champion Capon at the Adams County 4-H Capon Round-up. The eight pound capon was exhibited by Roger King, York Springs, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale King.

The two reserve grand champion capons were exhibited by Darlene Resh, Dillsburg and Sue Shetter, Gettysburg. Darlene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Resh, exhibited a ten pound capon purchased by Adams County Home Beverage for \$10.00 a pound. The nine and three-quarter pound capon exhibited by Sue Shetter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shetter, was purchased by Aero Oil

Company for \$8.25 per pound.

John Bream, chairman for this year's show and sale, reported nine Adams County 4-H members participated in the roundup sponsored by the Cashtown Lion's Club, the Adams County Poultry Association and the Adams County Cooperative Extension Service. Thirty-six capons weighing 346 and one-half pounds were sold for an average of \$3.94 a pound.

Bream added that the total proceeds of the sale goes directly to the participating 4-H member.

The profit these junior executives receive from their 4-H capon business is used as operating capital for next year's capon 4-H capon project and saved to help meet future college expenses.

The members were judged on the Danish System by Penn State Area Marketing Agent, Larry Yager. The capons were evaluated on conformation, freedom from pinfeathers, cuts, tears, and bruises and packaging. Members receiving blue merit ribbons for exhibiting superior quality capons were Roger King, Darlene Resh, Sue Shetter and Ken Shetter. Ron Howell, York Springs, Linda and John Trone, East Berlin and Bill and Melissa

Shetter, Gettysburg received red merit ribbons for exhibiting excellent quality capons.

The Adams County Poultry Association, in addition to supplying free capons to three 4-H members and buying the trophies for the three champion capons, also purchased three capons to be donated to the Adams County Home for Thanksgiving. Also, the proceeds from the sale of two capons provided by Bill and Melissa Shetter were donated to Beacon Lodge through the Cashtown Lions Club in appreciation for their support of the 4-H Capon Program. The capons were purchased by Dale Biesecker and Adams County Home Beverage for \$68.35. Beacon Lodge is a camp in Central Pennsylvania operated for

visually handicapped persons. Other buyers included Mister Ed, Mountain Valley Farms and Lumber Products, Walter Griest, Gerald Keller, Carl Frantz, Glenn Mussleman, Harry Bucher, Glenn Herring, Floyd Kuhn, John Bream, Jr., Col. Thomas Allen, and William Toeller.

Larry Peters, Biglerville, was the auctioneer for this record setting sale, donating his time for this event.

The 4-H capon project may be taken by any youth between the ages of 8 and 19 regardless of race, color, creed or national origin and interested in assuming the personal care and management of 25 or more capons. More information on this or other 4-H programs in Adams County Cooperative Extension Service, 999 Lincoln Way West, Gettysburg.

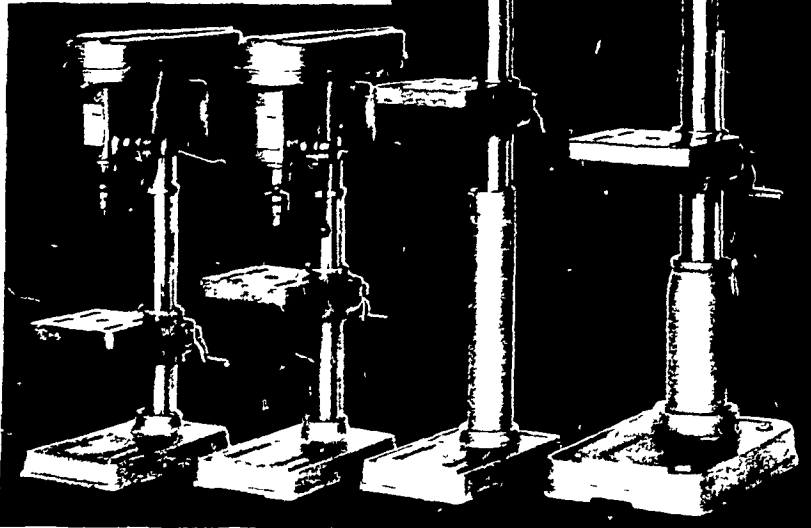


Winners at the 1978 Adams County 4-H Capon Round-up are standing behind the buyers of their champion capons. (left to right) Sue Shetter, Gettysburg, exhibited one of the reserve champion capons which was purchased for \$8.25 a pound by Richard Higinbotham, New Oxford, representing Aero Oil Co., Darlene Resh, Dillsburg, exhibited the other reserve champion capon and Roger King, York Springs, exhibited the grand champion capon. Both capons were purchased by Carroll Spence, Cashtown, representing Adams County Home Beverage.



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