

Long wins

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state and even national honors in livestock judging. He is a graduate of Solanco High School and a member of the school's FFA Chapter.

Steve Long, who will find himself thousands of dollars richer when he gets the check for the sale of his steer, named his champion entry "Moose." A 1210-pound Angus-Chianina crossbred, he purchased the animal from Fred Frey of Quarryville R2, who had bought it from Walbridge Farms of Millbrook, N.Y.

Before being named grand champion, Steve's steer had won the light heavyweight division. The victory marked the second year in a row that a Lancaster County animal was chosen for the top honor. Taking a technicality into consideration, it was the fifth year in succession that a Lancaster Countian won the honor. Last year Brett Holzhauser had the top steer. In 1977 it was Janice Kaylor, who lives near Elizabethtown, Lancaster County, but is a member of the Dauphin County 4-H organization. She also keeps her steer on a Dauphin County farm. The 1976 winner was Jim Greider of Columbia R1 and in 1975 the champion belonged to Robert Hess of Lancaster.

The reserve grand champion steer was shown

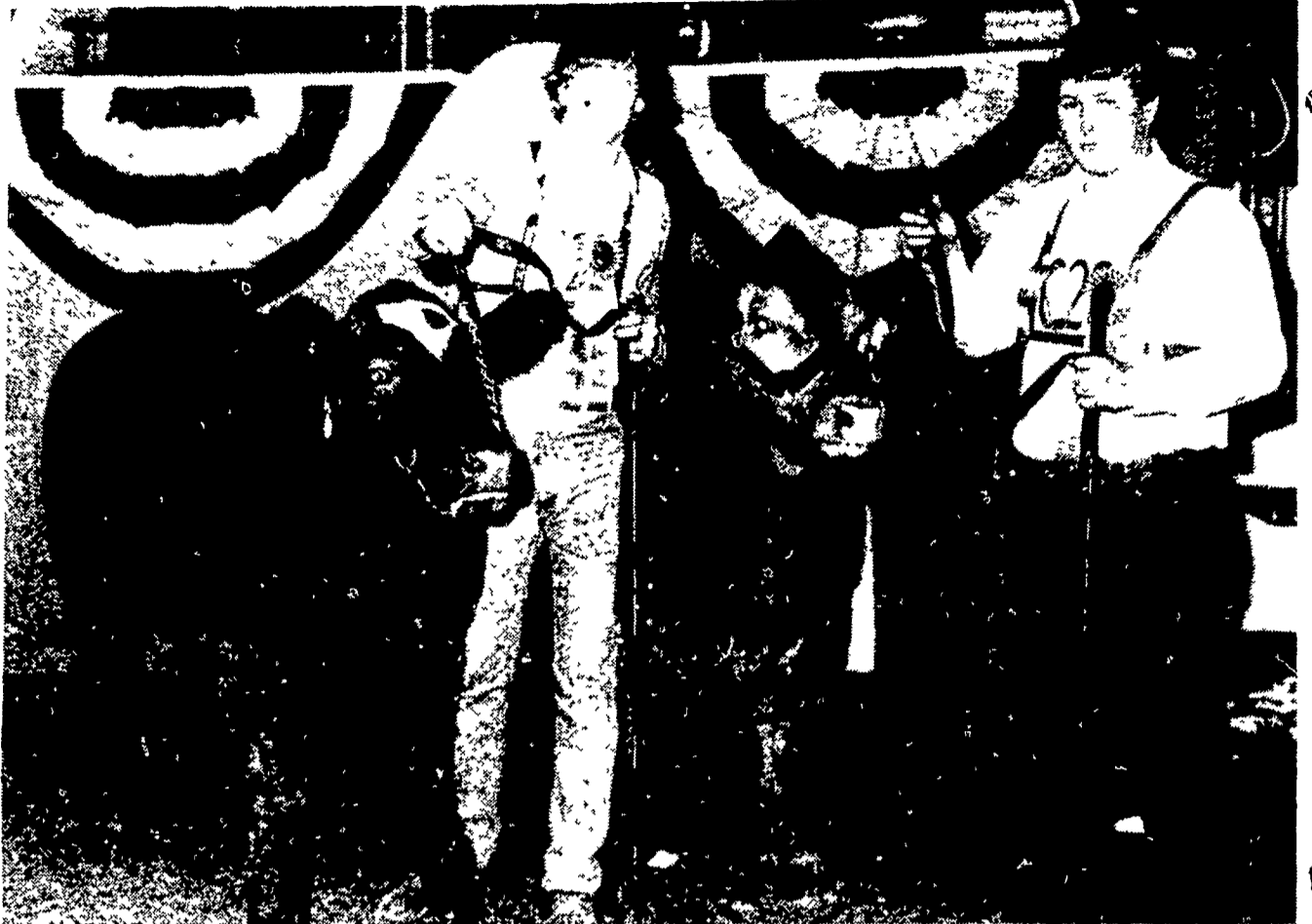
by York Countian Robert Livingston. His steer, named "Fire," weighed 1160 pounds and doubled as middleweight champ. At home in the Dover area of York County, Livingston is a member of the York County 4-H Baby Beef Club.

Janice Kaylor, the winner of the coveted grand championship banner in 1977, and runner-up in last year's contest, came close to the top laurels again this year. She exhibited the lightweight champion of the show. Named "Caesar," her entry was said to be blind, which makes the task of training and leading particularly difficult.

The reserve champion among lightweights was a crossbred shown by Harris Wright of Abbottstown R1.

The heavyweight champion, "Phoo," was shown by Stacie Kline of Greencastle R1, Franklin County. The reserve banner went to "Wildfire" and his owner, Ernie Frey of Quarryville R2.

The reserve middleweight champion was "Bounce," shown by Ed Wylie, 17, the grand champion showman of the event. His older brother, David, 19, was named reserve grand champion showman of the entire contest. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wylie of



Ed and David Wylie were named grand champion showman and reserve grand champion showman, respectively, at the conclusion of the Baby Beef Show. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs.

Sam Wylie, Nottingham, and members of a family which has consistently excelled in competitive events involving beef cattle.

Nottingham. Incidentally, it was another Wylie, Jim, who was the most recent non-Lancaster Countian to win the baby beef banner. He brought the honor to Chester County in 1974.

In light heavyweight competition, the reserve champion honor was won by

Steve Upperman of Chambersburg R3.

In an interview with Sam Long following the show, the blonde-haired young man revealed that "Just keeping at it is the main key" towards winning. He noted that his brother purchased the steer a year ago and that he has worked with it regularly "We started out by putting a halter on him and just tying him up. Then we'd brush him and scratch him to let him know we'd be his friend," Sam explained. By late June or July we were walking and exercising him every day.

The champion steer was fed primarily with a ration of ground ear corn and supplement. A little hay was fed when he first came to the

Long's farm. Sam estimates that the total expenses for the steer, counting his initial cost and feed for a year would not exceed \$450. He was sold Friday afternoon for a price which was not available to Lancaster Farming by presstime.

Judge of the show, Dr. Roger Hunsley from the Animal Science Department of Purdue University, described the champion as being trim, upstanding, and long. The judge particularly liked the way the steer handled, Sam remembered.

Following are placings of the weight divisions:

- 900-1025 pounds
- 1. Harris Wright, York County; 2. George Wilson, Lebanon County; 3. Monique Sweigard, Dauphin County;

- 4. Trudi Marsh, Chester County; 5. Kathy Miller, York County.

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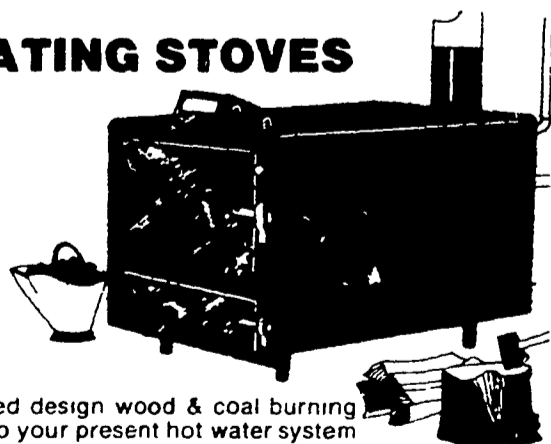
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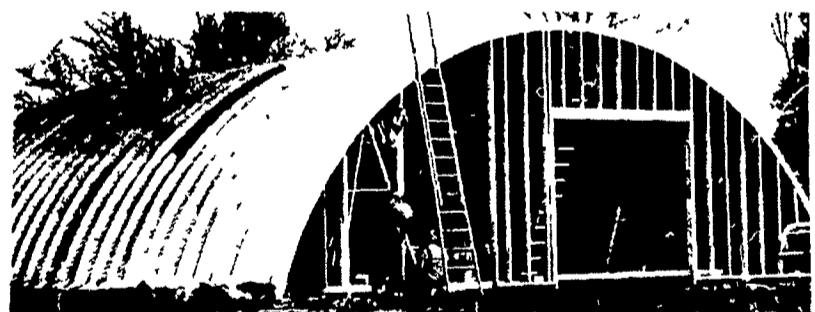
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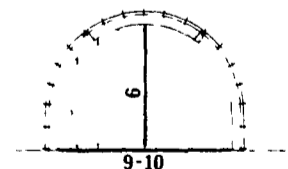
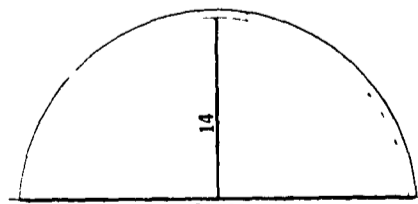
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