

Record crowd attends rodeo

WOODSTOWN, N.J. - A record crowd of rodeo fans saw one-hundred and four rodeo contestants compete for prize money in ten events at the Cowtown Rodeo July 7. Cowboys and cowgirls from ten different states proceeded to open the gala performance with a western grand parade.

Cowtown's own Andy Harris opened the bareback riding contest as the first winner of the evening by riding a critter called "Crazy Eights". Chris Risoli, from Martin, Tenn., rode a horse called "Challenger" to firm up the number two spot. Stanley Thomas, Woodstown, took third place honors with Jimmy Lee Walker of Clayton, N.J. taking the fourth place position.

The calf-roping contest saw a Wolcott, Connecticut cowboy by the name of Bucky Nistri come in for the first place. Troy Reynolds from Hudson Falls, New York placed second. Bob Roberto of Haskell, N. J. and Clay Clement of Thorofare, N.J. were the third and

fourth place winners in this event.

The classic event of the evening, the saddle bronc riding contest featured the Connecticut cowboy Wyatt Crotta and Dan Aurand from Lewistown, Pa. as the only two successful candidates who managed to stay on the hurricane decks of their mounts. Wyatt took first place honors and Dan placed second.

In the steer wrestling contest, Chris Gerhardt from Sicklerville, N.J. took top honors. Dick LaFountain, New York, placed second. Butch Dase, Staten Island, N.Y. and E.T. Buffington of Bear, Delaware were the third and fourth place winners respectively.

The girls barrel racing contest was won by Lorraine Alexander of Newton, New Jersey in 17.76 seconds. Kay Latella from Wolcott, Connecticut placed second with Liz Deveno, a Westfield New Jersey rider taking the show position and Laura Romeo fourth.

Thirteen teams of two riders each showed off their talent and skills with ropes in the team roping contest. Terry Martin of Richmond, Va., and Bod DeLorenzo teamed up their talents to take first place honors. A team of Bucky and Carmine Nistri from the state of Connecticut demonstrated their roping skills well enough to qualify them for second place money. Dover, Delaware's George Bell along with Virginia's Bailey Martin took the third place spot.

In the bull riding event, Chris Risoli, a Tennessee cowboy; Jimmy Lee Walker,

Charles Shorter and Chester Lloyd, all from New Jersey, managed to ride the new stock used. Chris took home first place prize money while Jimmy Lee and Charles Shorter tied for the second and third place and Chester Lloyd firmed up the number four spot.

Cowtown Rodeo will continue to provide weekly performances each and every Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. Rain or Shine. July 22 will see Cowtown Rodeo travel to Pocono Downs for two performances. Once again, the Northeast Circuit finals will be held at Cowtown during September 7, 8, and 9.

Director elected

Ed Arnold, Lebanon, has been elected a director of Lehigh Valley Cooperative Farmers, the state's leading processor of fluid milk.

Arnold, active in various civic and community activities, was elected by fellow milk producers to represent Lebanon and a portion of Berks County in directing the affairs of the Allentown-based organization.

Currently a candidate for the post of Lebanon County commissioner, Arnold is director of the County of Lebanon Transit Company.

With other members of his family, he farms Arnold Acres, a 326-acre operation with a herd of 150 registered Holsteins.

He has been a Lehigh



Ed Arnold

Valley shipper since 1967, shortly after he graduated from Lebanon Valley College with a degree in political science.

Sheep organization elects officers

HARRISBURG - At a meeting of the Pennsylvania-Maryland Shropshire Sheep Breeders Association, held in conjunction with the Keystone stud ram and ewe sale at the Farm Show building at Harrisburg on Saturday, July 7, Ted Kirby, Macungie (Lehigh County) was elected president for a two-year term. Other officers elected were Dave Schultz, Nazareth, Vice President, and Barbara Platt, Gettysburg, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Margaret Bradbury, Zionsville, a long-time local sheepbreeder and noted author of sheep books and technical papers, was appointed co-chairman of the membership committee along with Mrs. Ann Bates, Gradyville.

Kirby also appointed Mrs. Annette Menhennett, Lancaster County as the organization's delegate to the Pennsylvania Woolgrowers Association. The Penn-Mar Shropshire Association has been in-

strumental in getting the Pa. Woolgrowers Association and the Pa. Secretary of Agriculture's office to push for a specialist in ovine medicine at the University of Pennsylvania's New Boulton veterinary center to increase the teaching of solutions to sheep health problems to veterinary students at the center.

Among the objectives set by Kirby for the Penn-Mar Sheep Organization over the next two years are increased membership of the growing number of sheep breeders across the two states, better coordination with the Pa. Woolgrowers and the new Penn State Livestock Specialist Dr. Clair Engle, and an active effort to promote the qualities of the association's breed.






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