

4-H steers average higher than last year

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LANCASTER — Eighty-seven 4-H project steers were auctioned off on Tuesday for an average sale price of \$77.46 per hundredweight. According to Patrick McCoy, sales manager, this was slightly higher than last year. However, the price paid for the District show's grand champion did not meet the

price paid last year, \$2.25 per pound. The auctioneer called and coaxed to get the bid up to the selling price of \$2.14 a pound for the 1350 pound grand champion. "Blackie", exhibited by Gordon Smith of Landenberg, was purchased by Stauffer's of Kissel Hill for \$2800. W.E. Kreider, who is better known as Willie the

Butcher, represented the store. The reserve grand champion steer, shown by Nelson Beam of Elverson, was knocked off at \$97 per hundredweight, for a total sale price of around \$1250, to the Lancaster County Farm Restaurant located in Elizabethtown. The buyer of the 1290 pound steer was Gene Gish.

The 1106 pound lightweight champion was bought by John Hooper for Watt and Shand Department Stores, earning Patricia Messick of Dauphin County over \$950.

Darlene Huyard, of Lancaster County, sold her half ton steer to Commonwealth National Bank for \$83 per hundredweight bringing her total earnings for the steer to slightly over \$900.



Lancaster County's only champion was Darlene Huyard. Her steer was tagged reserve lightweight champion at the District roundup. It was sold to Commonwealth National Bank.



Gordon Smith looks down at his grand champion 4-H steer, "Blackie", that sold to Stauffer's of Kissel Hill for \$2.14 per pound. Bidding on the steer was done by Willie the Butcher.



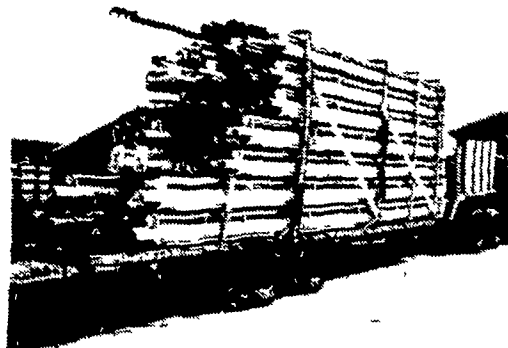
The reserve champion steer was bought by Gene Gish for the Lancaster County Farm Restaurant, Elizabethtown. The steer is owned and shown by Nelson Beam, who was awarded the grand championship in the District show's showmanship competition.



Patricia Messick is all smiles after selling her lightweight champion steer to Watt and Shand Department Stores. Buyer for the store is John Hooper.



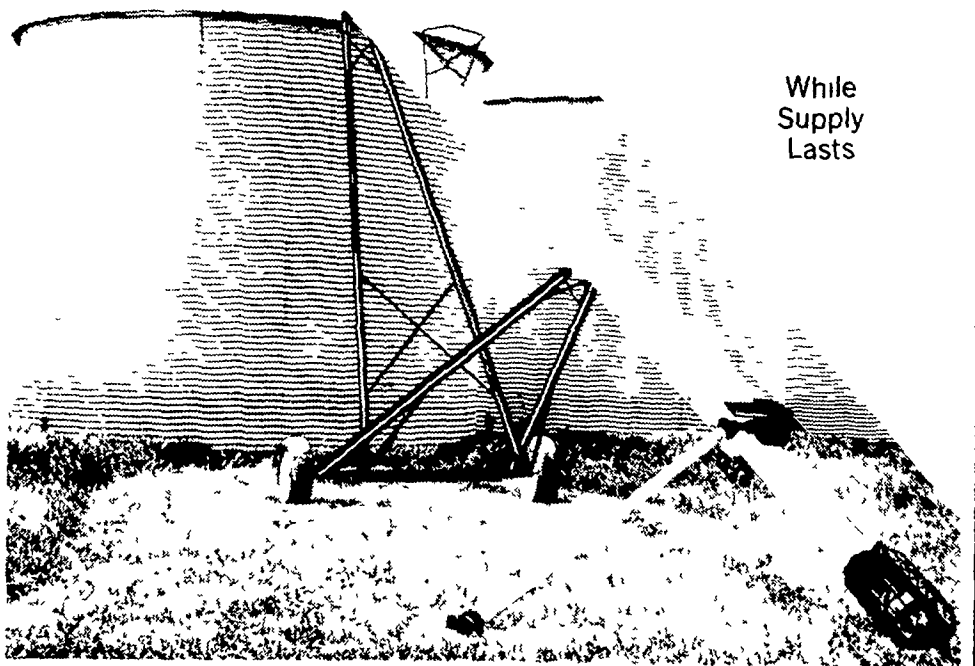
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