

The Helmans are building a name for quality cows. From left, Stanley, Robert, Raymond and Wayne

post with a 16-year old cow which earned an Excellent rating.

imported to U.S. OMAHA, Neb. — The rainfall and very little grain American Association recently announced the arrival of five bulls and 46 females to the United States Quarantine Station. These animals are Irish Shorthorns which will

Shorthorns

ported to this country in 1783. In the past eight years, only 125 head of Shorthorns were imported into the U.S. Occasionally, an outstanding bull has been imported, but entire airplane loads of females is something unique in this area.

bring new blood to the

American lines first, im-

The Shorthorn program in Ireland is designed and supervised by the government. In what they term the Irish Scheme, they select the cattle with only large frames, heavy muscling and productivity. high developing a strong genetic base.

In a country of high

Shorthorn production, these Irish cattle survive and reach maturity on primarily roughage Calves weigh about 700 pounds at weaning without the benefit of creeping. mature cows weigh around 1600 pounds and bulls reach a mature size of 2500 pounds.

The recent shipment of cattle from Ireland to the U.S. will be ready for delivery to their new owners this week. Don Cagwin of Cagwin Cattle Services, Inc in Virginia, Illinois, made the arrangements for this



Typey Heifers

(Continued from Page A25) production is one reason, of course, but good breeding. good papers and good type make a big difference in the sale ring.

And in the show ring, too. The Helmans have been going to the Farm Show in Harrisburg every year for the last five and have been providing some stiff competition for names that may be better known in the dairy business.

They've capped a first get of sire award, and a fistful of lesser awards for mostly younger stock.

Some of their buyers have fared even better. One cow, when the Helmans showed her, was an Honorable Mention All-Pennsylvania yearling. As a two-year-old out of somebody else's barn, she was the 1976 All-Pennsylvania Champion in her age group.

At the last Franklin County Farm Show, the Helman farm walked away with the premier breeder award, and for the last several years, a Helman calf has been the top seller at the county's 4-H calf sale.

With Rocky gone, the Helmans are relying more heavily on artificial breeding, and they don't mind paying the price to breed their better cows to top bulls.

They have one Ivanhoe Star daughter now in the milking herd, and a few heifers waiting in the wings.

And, yes, they've already sold a number of their Ivanhoe Star daughters.

If you hang around the dairy barn or the show ring next week at the Farm Show, you'll be able to get a good look at the Helman animals.

The Helman family will be there again, with seven of their finest. - D.W.

Believe It or Not

Believe it or not, it's been researched and documented that little girls tend to learn earlier than Little boys how to tie their shoes

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When Raymond Helman shows at the 1980 Farm Show he'll be banking on a decade of breeding experience and some young cows with plenty of type.

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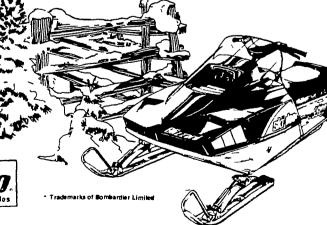
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