

Bulls in the ballroom are Adams Co. tradition

BY SHEILA MILLER
ABBOTTSTOWN — Cattlemen attending Adams County's fourth annual Beef Ball had to share the ballroom floor with two four-legged, split-toed dancers, who were by no means prima ballerinas.

Although they seemed to tip-toe across the tarpaulin, a mis-step by Spiridge or Energizer would have put a

ton of beef on their partners' toes where it definitely would not have been appreciated—and there would have been no hurried apology, just a lot of bull.

Close to 250 cattlemen from Adams and neighboring counties came out last Saturday evening to watch as the two magnificent bovines paraded in front of them.

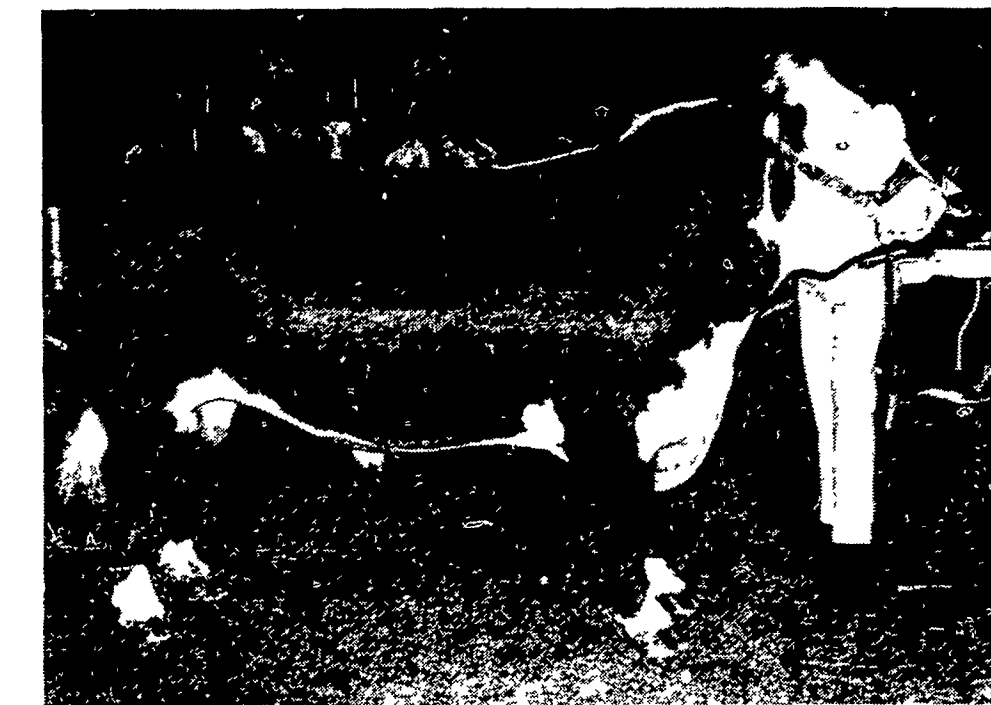
Although there aren't many restaurants where you'll find the beef "served" still on the hoof, that's the way these cattlemen seemed to enjoy their beef best.

After polishing off a prime rib dinner at the Altland Ranch, the cattlemen enthusiastically welcomed two fine specimens of the beef world.

Leading the parade was Spiridge BTN 7037, shown by Phil Scott, of Scotland Farms, Gettysburg. Scott co-owns the Polled Hereford bull with William Rathkamp, Milford, Ohio, and Chesterfield Farms, Mascot Tennessee. Luckily for the cattlemen attending the March 15 banquet, Scott has possession of the bull the first 6 months of the year.

Scott's bull has already had a successful showing career and has not yet turned three years old. In 1978, he won his class at the Kentucky National Standard of Perfection show; and in 1979, he was tops in his class at the 57th National Polled Hereford show.

The bull's vital statistics as of last November when he was shown at the National demonstrated why the bull came in first. He was the tallest bull in his class, measuring 56.9 inches at the hip, and he weighed 2010 pounds. With all that weight,



Spiridge BTN 7037 strolled onto the dance floor of the Altland Ranch, Abbottstown, during the annual Adams County Beef Producers Beef Ball.

Spiridge had only 0.35 inches of backfat.

According to Frank Darcey, Jr. who M.C.'ed the parade, "Spiridge combines tremendous body and quarter length with heavy muscling. He is a nice, free moving bull."

Upon the exit of the Polled Hereford bull, the next bull was heralded by his own bellow.

P.S. Energizer, a coal-black Aberdeen Angus, strolled onto the dance floor. This bull comes from a bloodline of scholars. He was sired at Penn State by Early

Sunset Emulous 60E, the 1978 Futurity Sire of the Year at the American Angus Futurity held in Louisville, Kentucky.

The bull, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kinsley, South Branch Farms, York, was paraded across the dance floor by farm manager Bill Holloway, with an occasional prod by Bill's wife, Pat.

This bull also had an impressive show record as a two-year-old. He was tagged grand champion of the 1979

York Fair, and was the senior champion bull at the 1980 Farm Show.

The cattlemen not only admired their prize bulls on Saturday evening, they also payed tribute to a young man who was considered to be doing an outstanding job in the beef business.

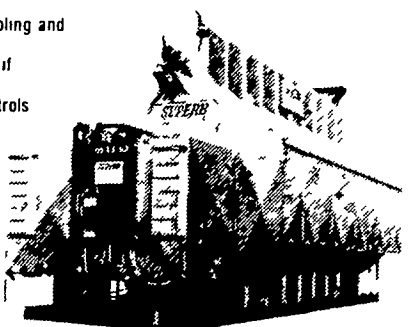
Phillip Topper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Topper, was selected at the Adams County Beef Producers Association as the 1980 Cattleman.

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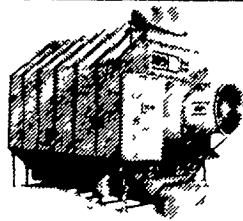
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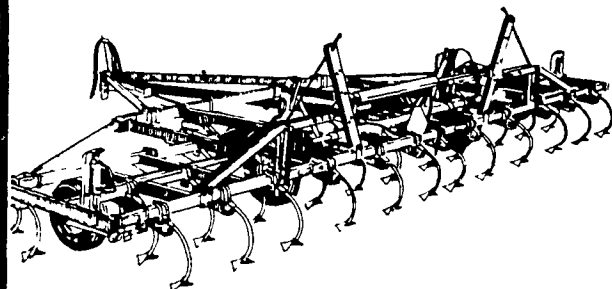
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Phillip Topper, left, is this year's Adams County Beef Producer's outstanding Cattleman. President Heffner presented the award last Saturday evening at the annual beef ball.

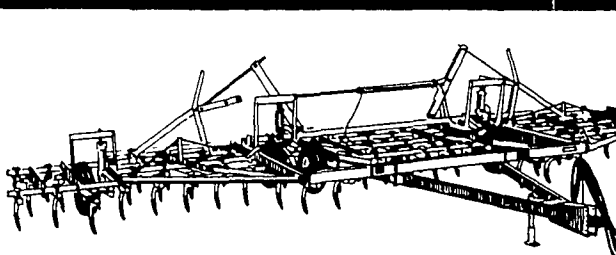
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