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Crouse cow tops District Holstein Show

BY PAT KAUFFMAN
QUARRYVILLE — Muroc Gay Ada, a 4 year old owned by Robert Young and Galen W. Crouse, Stevens, took home grand champion honors for her new owners, Thursday at the Lancaster District Holstein Show held at the Community Fairgrounds here. Ada received the honors after being named senior champion.

Ada classified VG89 and milked over 22,000 pounds as a 2 year old. She was purchased in April at the New York State Holstein auction in Syracuse. Described by Ray Seidel, Kutztown, the judge for the day's events as "an animal exemplifying what we're looking for in the Holstein breed today. I liked the higher and wider rear udder, the blending, the fact that she was taller than the reserve cow at the point of withers."

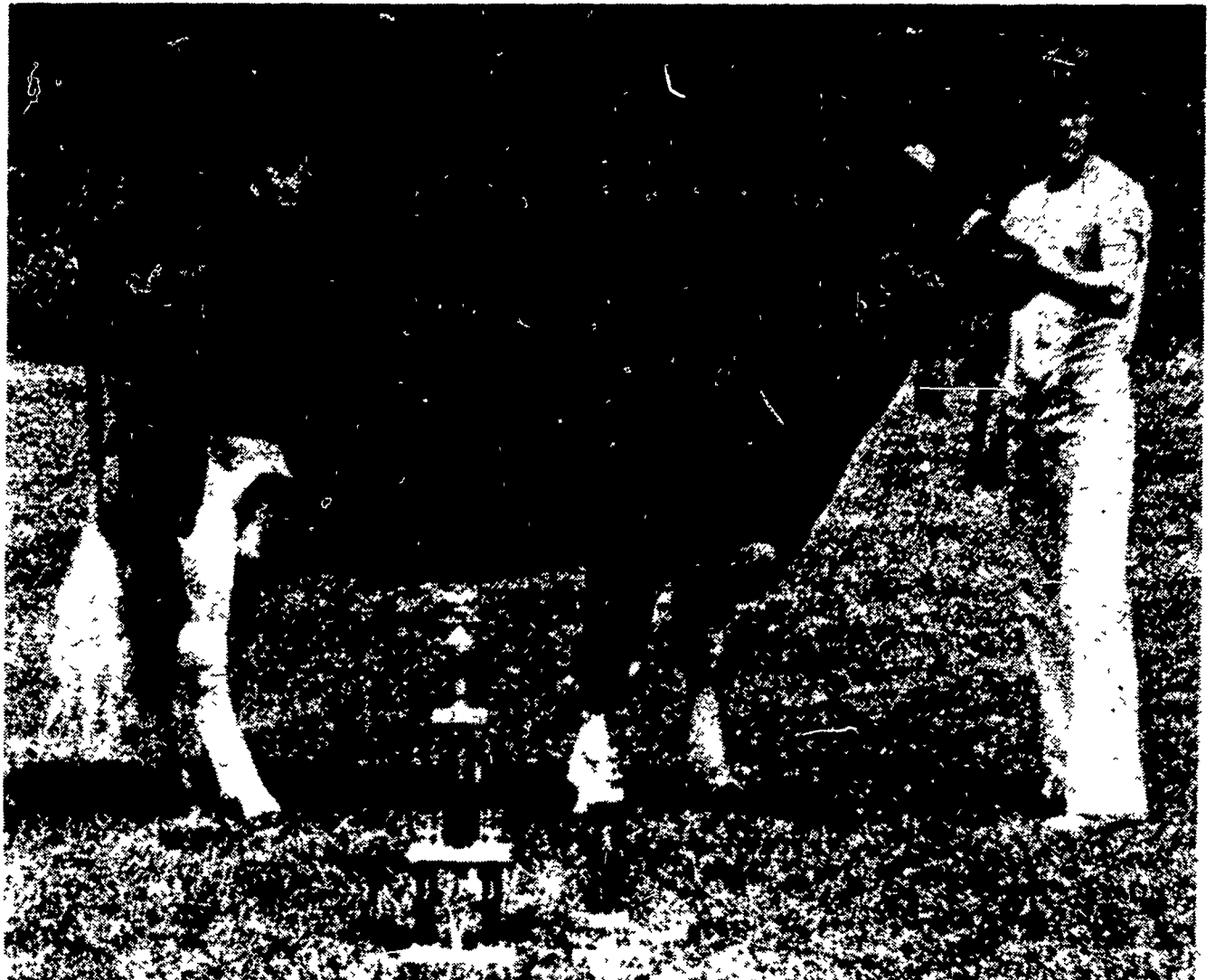
Neal Crouse who showed the animal described her as "having a lot of dairy character. She's an animal that blends well." The cow is scheduled to be flushed soon for possible embryo transplant. She's scheduled to be classified in September, and he expects her to classify excellent at that time, Crouse said.

When asked what other shows are in store for Ada, he said probably the Southcentral, District, State and Eastern National shows will be on her schedule this season.

Seidel termed the show "real good for a county show. The largest classes were not necessarily the best. For instance the junior yearling class was a strong class."

Reserve grand champion was Ashmoor Elevation Katie, a 4 year old animal

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Muroc Gay Ada, a 4 year old cow purchased in April was shown by Neal Crouse, above, to Grand champion honors at the Lancaster District Holstein Show.

Fultonway cow wins 4-H show

BY PAT KAUFFMAN
QUARRYVILLE — Steve Kauffman, the 28 year old son of Robert Kauffman, R1 Eliabethtown, won champion senior showmanship honors Wednesday at the Lancaster County 4-H dairy roundup. Lancaster's reigning dairy princess, Connie Balmer, 18, daughter of Jesse Balmer, Lititz, won reserve honors.

In the junior division, grand champion showmanship honors went to Pam Kindig, Conestoga and reserve honors went to Kristian Esbenschade.

Champion overall first year showman was Donald Welk, Strasburg. Reserve first year showman was Loren Esbenschade.

Under overcast skies, young dairymen from across

the county competed at the community fairgrounds here for breed and showmanship honors.

Grand champion Holstein honors went to Fultonway Micki Ivanhoe Star, a three year old shown by Sheila Frey, 14, daughter of J. Mowry Frey, Willow Street. Reserve champion Holstein was Brownking Lume Valley Precious, shown by Neil J. Crouse, Stevens.

Grand champion Guernsey was Bo Joy W. Babs, a three year old shown by Mary Ann Witmer, 14, daughter of Peter Witmer, R1 Willow Street. Reserve breed honors went to Gordlines Princes Buella shown by Carol Balmer, Lititz.

Jersey breed grand champion was Red Hills

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State lawmakers travel pioneer farm energy trail

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN
KLEINFELTERSVILLE — It was a pioneer caravan of sorts.

Like early settlers of a couple of centuries ago or more, they traveled some of the same roads in southern Lebanon, northern and eastern Lancaster counties.

But this week's caravan was not seeking new homes or farmlands like their predecessors. It was com-

posed primarily of members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives agriculture committee, who were getting first-hand knowledge of pioneering ways to continue operating those homes and farms in a rapidly energy-starving environment.

Guided by Rep. Noah Wengér, of the 99th District, vice-chairman of the committee, the tour took the legislators to the state's first

farm alcohol producer, to a hybrid poplar plantation and to a manufacturing firm that burns sawdust to produce methane.

First stop was the farm of Floyd Horst, just north of Kleinfeltersville in Lebanon County. Horst was the first farmer in the state to get a permit to legally produce alcohol for fuel.

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Will October adjustment be killed?

Speculation abounds on dairy support amendment

BY CURT HARLER
WASHINGTON, D.C. — The uncertain future surrounding the dairy price support increase due October 1, 1980 reflects the uncertain short term and long term economic outlook of the dairy industry.

There is question whether the U.S. Congress will even

be asked to consider an amendment which would allow the U.S. Department of Agriculture to eliminate the upcoming October milk support price increase.

USDA officials are pondering whether it is good public policy to provide dairymen with economic incentives to produce more milk when the market already is glutted.

To stop an increase in the milk support level USDA would have to obtain a change in current law from Congress.

Such an amendment to existing law most likely would ask that the Secretary of Agriculture be given discretion to forgo the currently required October price support increase.

But USDA, the dairy industry, consumer groups and the general farm lobby are virtually out of time if any or all are to press for such an amendment. Only four weeks remain in the current legislative calendar, scant time to pass a revision

to current law through Congress.

Because of the huge surplus of milk and slack demand, dairy industry leaders had approached USDA in May asking that close watch be kept on the supply-demand situation.

As the dairy price support law reads today, dairymen get 80 percent of parity, adjusted semi-annually to keep up with inflation.

If no changes are made in current regulations, an upward adjustment in dairy support prices of between 75 cents and \$1 per hun-

dredweight will be made October 1.

Justification for eliminating the payment boost comes from statistics showing current support programs will cost the government \$1.3 billion this year and the same amount next year. The government sees itself purchasing 8.6 billion pounds of milk products annually.

Economists at USDA point out that increasing economic incentives to produce milk will only add milk to the surplus.

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