

S.E. Pa. shepherds claim Farm Show championships

FARM SHOW — Southeast Pennsylvania shepherds claimed a number of championship trophies during the 1981 Farm Show Open Sheep contests, held Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Show judge Henry Kuykendall, a Cheviot breeder from Lebanon, Virginia and past herdsman of Erdenheim Farms, Chester County, went to Lancaster County's Barbara Herr and her Dorset entries for both ram and ewe champion.

Herr's champions were fall lambs, sired by the same

ram in the Nix Besser flock.

In previous shows, the 1981 Farm Show champion ram was tagged the best Dorset ram of the Junior Dorset show at Louisville, while the ewe was the 1980 Farm Show champ.

This will be Herr's last year for Farm Show competition. She explained she will be attending Ohio State University next year, studying agriculture education.

In the Hampshire Open Sheep Show, Lancaster County's Brubakers exhibited three out of four champions and swept the

group classes.

Clyde and Dorothy Brubaker of Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, showed the champion Hampshire ewe and the reserve champion Hampshire ram.

They also won the blues for Breeders Young Flock, Pen of Lambs, Get of Sire, and Flock.

Daughter Sarah Brubaker took the reserve champion ewe honors with her yearling ewe. Last Fall at Louisville, this ewe placed second in the Junior Hampshire Show.

All the Brubaker champs were sired by one ram, a three-year-old called New Dimensions.

The Open Shropshire Show champs went to exhibitors from Adams and Berks Counties.

Becky Darcey, of Spring Bottom Farm, Fairfield, Adams County, exhibited the champion ram, a spring lamb sired by Menhennette 563. Her February ewe, by the same sire, was tagged reserve champion ewe by Judge Kuykendall.

Spring Bottom Farm also claimed the majority of group classes in the Shropshire show, taking first place in Breeders Young Flock, Pen of Lambs, and Get of Sire.

The champion Shropshire ewe came from William E. Yoder's flock. The ewe adds the 1981 Farm Show to her record of victories, having been selected champion at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition, Harrisburg and North American International Livestock Exposition,



Clyde and Dorothy Brubaker, Lancaster, took two championships during Sunday's Open Hampshire Show. Their fall ram lamb, shown here by Clyde, was tagged reserve champion by Judge Henry Kuykendall, while the fall ewe lamb was picked as the best in the show (held by daughter Sarah).

Louisville, Kentucky last Fall.

Yoder, whose flock consists of 30 ewes and 2 rams, has been raising Shropshires on his farm near Kutztown for the past three years. He said he attributes his success in breeding these champion sheep to the advice and guidance he received from Robert Herr and family, owners of Nix Besser Farm, Narvon.

Fifteen-year-old Bill MacCauley of R1 Akron, Chester County, tied up the Suffolk ewe championships with his twin February lambs.

MacCauley noted the

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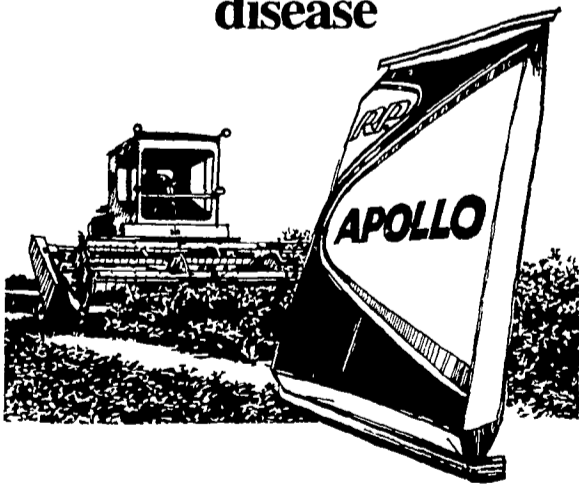
Kenneth T. Moore, Nichols, N.Y., exhibited the champion Hampshire ram at the 1981 Pennsylvania Farm Show. Showing the sheep is daughter Doris Powell, while grandson Richard, 7, holds the champion plaque.



Following in her father's footsteps, Sarah Lynn Brubaker's yearling ewe was selected as the reserve champion Hampshire ewe.

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