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Holstein show closes at Harrisburg

ET heifer tops sale at \$8000

HARRISBURG — The fact that one of Roy and Glenn Henry's consignments wore the Lot 13 tag around her neck didn't seem to matter to the bidders during Wednesday's Pennsylvania Holstein Association State Calf Sale held at the Farm Show Complex.

As a matter of fact, bidding on this heifer, sired by Ack-Lee Chief MoneyMaker, topped the sale after auctioneer Doty Remsburg's gavel recognized the \$8000 bid of cattle agent Harold Hartt of Susquehanna.

Walking to where the official photographs of buyer, calf, and consignor would be snapped, Hartt explained he bought the calf as the representative of Curti, a dairy operation in Waukena, California.

Henry-Acres Jacobs-ET will be joining her two full-sisters who have already entered the ranks of replacement heifers vying for a spot on the 1500 head milking string Curti purchased the two embryo transfer litter mates of Jacobs within the past month — one at the Pen-Col Invitational sale held last Monday at Millville, and the other at the Great Expectations Sale held March 12 in Lancaster.

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Be aware of farm rights in considering gas lease

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN
LANCASTER — Caution is being urged on the part of farmers amidst a flurry of activity by various companies and agents to obtain gas and oil leases in a number of counties throughout the Commonwealth.

Leasing activity has been reported to be quite heavy in such areas as Perry, Cumberland, Franklin and Adams counties, and even extending into the eastern section of Lancaster County.

Numerous contacts by the leasing agents have prompted the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association to conduct a series of informational meetings in various counties to advise farmers of their rights under such leasing agreements.

One such meeting was held by the Franklin County Farmers' Association on Monday night and another is planned in Snyder County next week.

Purpose of the meetings is to advise Association members to proceed slowly and cautiously and be thoroughly aware of all of their rights before signing a leasing agreement, according to Richard I. Prether, of the PFA.

The PFA, through its Legal



The 28th Pennsylvania State Holstein Show heralded both bovine and bureaucratic celebrities. Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell was on hand to present the grand champion banner and trophy to All-American Northcroft Ella Elevation's owners. The reserve grand

champion honors went to another aged cow Parkacres Sun Ivy, owned by Doeberliener and Parks, Jamestown. Pictured with the champions are: from left, George Knight; Secretary Hallowell; George Knight III; Lowell Lindy, at Ella's halter; Harvey Clem, at Ivy's halter; Ed Doeberliener; and Judge Keene.

Legislative roundup

Ag chairmanship opens, several bills brewing

BY CURT HARLER
HARRISBURG — The House Agriculture Committee Chairman post will be vacant following a special election held in nor-

thwestern Pennsylvania. Roy W. Wilt, the Greenville Republican currently serving as Ag Chairman, Tuesday won a contest for the 50th district senate

seat. Following official tabulation of the vote and Wilt's certification as a Senator, a new Ag Chairman will have to be named.

That process will take 20 to 30 days.

Three senior house members have the inside track for the job which will be awarded on a seniority, non-chairmanship basis.

William D. Hutchinson, Schuylkill Haven, is one of three House Class of 1975 members without a chairmanship. He does chair the joint state government committee, but that is not a house assignment.

The others are Joseph V. Grieco, Jersey Shore, and Edward F. Burns, Jr., Cornwells Heights.

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Service Plan, is recommending caution by farmers in several major areas.

—Don't rush into signing an agreement.

—Farmers don't have to accept the leasing agreement as offered by the companies or agents.

—Everything in the agreement is negotiable.

—Farmers must look out for all of their rights in an agreement and should seek proper legal advice to assure such protection.

—It's possible for PFA members

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MCMP explores merger, reviews Holly situation

BY JOYCE BUYP
Staff Correspondent
COCKEYSVILLE, MD —

Several hundred members of Maryland Cooperative Milk Producers heard an update on continuing merger discussions, and were warned of the dangers of drowning the milk market with overproduction, during their annual business meeting, held Saturday at the Marriott's Hunt Valley Inn.

Negotiations with other cooperatives have reached a very delicate stage, indicated president Herbert W. Wessel

Any resulting cooperative must treat all members equal and must look at what is best for the entire cooperative.

Wessel, a Hampstead dairyman, heads the Baltimore-based marketing cooperative, with over 1,000 members throughout Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and southern Pennsylvania.

Carl Allison, board member and head of MCMP's cooperative planning committee, elaborated on the merger talks.

Cooperatives are not as we are and best benefit our members, he asked the dairyman-members,

who last year voted to continue exploratory merger discussions with neighboring milk cooperatives.

Allison answered No to his own question and said that cooperative marketing is being disrupted about by such factors as inflation, changes in population, and closing and relocation of bottling plants.

Those uncontrollable influences on the marketplace, plus the obvious efficiency to be gained in hauling, lab testing, and field

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BY SHEILA MILLER

HARRISBURG — It was the champion's circle and the horseshoe of flowers again for Ella as the eye-catching Holstein strode through the show ring during the 28th Annual Pennsylvania State Holstein Show late Thursday evening.

Northcroft Ella Elevation, recently named All-American Aged Cow, stood at the top of her class for cows of any age who milked over 100,000 pounds. After taking the blue, it was an easy task for Judge Richard Keene of Keeneland Farm, Gilbertsville, New York, to tag the super Holstein Senior Champion.

The crowd of spectators began to file out of the large arena almost before Judge Keene awarded the Grand Champion banner to the well-known bovine.

Ella is the daughter of Round Oak Rag Apple Elevation, born February 26, 1974. Her lactation record supports this Holstein female's claim to fame — her 5-year-old 305-day record was 39,781 pounds milk with 1580 pounds fat.

The great cow was bred by the Estate of Clifford A. Eccleston. Her owners are George III, Cynthia, Paul and James Knight, Airville.

For Reserve Grand Champion honors, Judge Keene went with the

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