

## Red and white sale



Third top seller at the Red and White sale was the 4 month old daughter of Waddell Bootmaker Pete, named Stoltzdehl Ideal Joyce-Red. This calf sold for \$3600. Pictured: In the box (1 to r) Merv Scott, Aylmer, Ontario, auctioneer and Jim Plog, Williamston, MI,

pedigrees (l to r) Dave Jacobsen & John Moore of Larry Moore Dairy, Suamico, WI, buyer; John Willsey, Belmont, Ontario, leadsman. This heifer consigned by Elam K. Stoltzfus of Morgantown, PA.

## Duncan wins PRIDE contest

UNIVERSITY PARK — Duane Duncan, Cumberland County Extension agent has been named state winner of the PRIDE Program sponsored by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents.

The Program is designed to recognize NACAA members for outstanding use of "Public Relations in Daily Efforts" that improve the understanding of

agriculture in their communities.

Among his public relations efforts, the Cumberland County agent developed programs and activities that informed the urban community of agriculture's need and importance in the county.

Duncan initiated programs to create a better understanding with county, borough, and township officials concerning agriculture

and facts about food production.

He carried out projects in rural and urban communities to show the need for wise use and preservation of agricultural land. He also provided educational programs about the dairy industry in several elementary schools.

Duncan will receive a cash award and certificate of merit.

## The Milk Check

**TOM JURCHAK**  
County Agent



### Good News

The good news out of Washington last month was the announcement that the U.S. Department of Agriculture had denied a petition from the Community Nutrition Institute to hold a hearing on the pricing of reconstituted milk under all federal milk marketing orders.

This has been kicking around for 20 months but there was still nothing new from what had been said when the proposal was first made by CNI back in August, 1979.

Reasons given by USDA for denying the hearing included the undermining of classified pricing, the uncertainty of consumers getting what they paid for, losses to producers would exceed benefits to consumers, and finally the fact consumers already have the opportunity to buy powdered milk at the grocery store and reconstitute it themselves if that's what they want.

This is probably another example of milk marketing and politics. If a national presidential election hadn't taken place when it did, the decision might have been made in six months instead of twenty months.

But don't be surprised if the question of reconstituted milk is raised again. This wasn't the first

time the issue came up and I don't think it will be the last.

### Good as Expected

The uniform price for March in Order 2 was \$13.20 or 26 cents less than February. It was about as good as you should have expected with a whopping four percent increase in production (allowing for 28 days in February) and a 20 cent deduct for the Louisville Plan.

Class prices were slightly higher than a month ago with Class I up three cents to \$14.89 and Class II up six cents to \$12.62 for March. But that increased production — which was the highest for March in 14 years — gave you a Class I utilization of only 41.4 percent, the lowest for March in 24 years.

It was the first month of the spring flush. If it's any indication of what's ahead, it should be a dandy.

There's certainly no help for increasing class prices with your increasing production and no help from the dairy price support program. So it's just a question of how far down you'll push that Class I utilization. If it drops to 40 percent in April and your Louisville Plan payment goes to 30 cents, you can expect a blend price very close to \$13.00 for the month. After that there's still May and June before the flush is over.


## Broiler placements up slightly

HARRISBURG — Placements of broiler chicks in the commonwealth during the week ending April 18 were 2,323,000, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.


The placements were slightly above both the corresponding week a year earlier and the previous week. Average placements during the past nine weeks were one percent above a year ago.

Placements in the 21 key poultry producing states were 85,879,000, one percent above a year ago. Average placements in the 21 key states during the past nine weeks were three percent above a year earlier.

Broiler-fryers slaughtered in Pennsylvania under federal inspection during the week ending April 8 totaled 2,078,000, with an average liveweight of 3.99 pounds.



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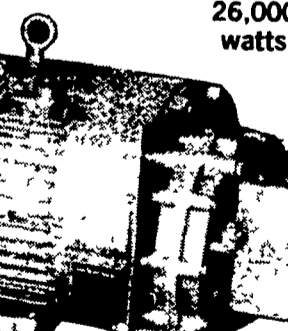
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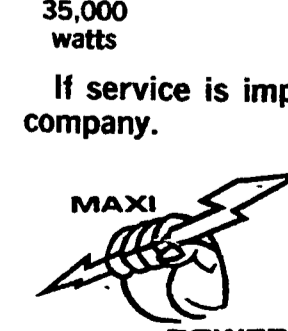
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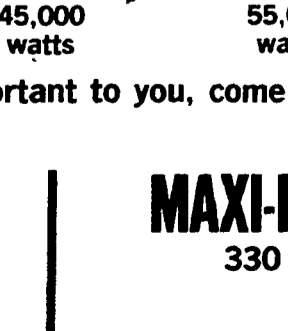
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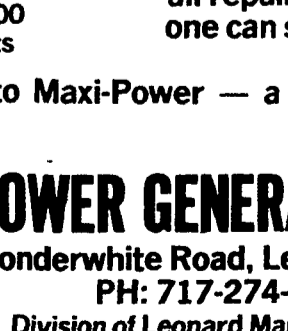
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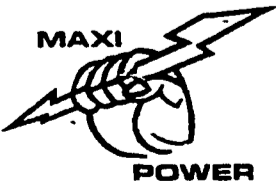


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