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Cute cow candids win top contest prizes

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN

LANCASTER — Mail sorters in the Lititz Post Office welcomed July with a big collective sigh of relief this week.

For the past month, mail coming to Lancaster Farming has been unusually heavy due to the overwhelming response to the Dairy Month Photo Contest.

For the entire month a steady stream of letters and packages containing photos of all sizes flowed into our offices from throughout Pennsylvania and locations in surrounding states.

Finally, the judges have examined each of the hundreds of entries and selected the top winners. Judges for the contest were Glenn Shirk, Lancaster County Extension dairy agent; and Bill H. McComsey, free-lance professional photographer and artist, who has worked extensively in the field of agricultural photography and illustration with Sperry New Holland farm equipment manufacturing firm.

The winners:

Cute-Comic

First — Diane M. Spry, R4, Box 321, Chestertown, Md.

Second — Mrs. Jane Dietle, 3800 Miller Road, Kingsville, Md.

Honorable Mention — Gail A. McCahon, 930 Horseshoe Pike, Downingtown, Pa.

Extra Honorable Mention — Enos



First-place winner in the cute or comic category of Dairy Month Photo Contest, submitted by Diane M. Spry of Chestertown, Md. shows this two-year-old "reading" a story to two of her favorite cows. The story must be

quite good because the cows are intensely interested. Natural light from the two windows of the barn throw illuminated emphasis on both the tot and her audience. For more winning photos, turn to A24.

Hege, 878 Rowe Road, Shippensburg, Pa.

Posed

First — Kenneth M. Witmer, R1, Box 352, Willow Street, Pa.

Second — Mary E. Getz, R1, Robesonia, Pa.

Honorable Mention — Kathryn Troutman, 1045 Black Rock Road, Collegeville, Pa.

Scenic

First — Barbara R. Stiles, 9001 Huntmaster Road, Gaithersburg, Md.

Second — Wilma J. Martin, 524 Reifshnyder Rd., Lititz Pa.

Honorable Mention — Dennis R. Lehman, R2, Wyalusing, Pa.

Due to the large response, particularly in the Cute or Comic category, an extra honorable mention award was presented in that category by the judges.

"Selection was quite difficult because of the large number of very good photographs," the judges explained.

"While it finally comes down to some little technique or factor that favors one photograph over another, all of the entrants are to be congratulated for one of the largest, most diversified and photographically competent collections of dairy livestock visuals that we have ever seen."

Frequently, the judges were heard to chuckle and laugh out

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Holstein president says

Surplus threatens industry

BY DONNA TOMMELLEO

BALTIMORE, Md. — While congressional leaders in Washington pondered milk price and 1981 Farm Bill legislation, Holstein president, Ivan K. Strickler warned breeders, Tuesday, that over-production could lead to loss of support level programs.

"Never in a single time has the milk industry faced such a serious problem as the over-production we face this year," Strickler said in

his address at the 96th Annual Holstein Convention in Baltimore.

Despite the fact that cow numbers have decreased, the government has removed some 10 billion pounds of surplus milk from the market in the past two years.

"We are facing the agonizing task of getting the supply of milk back in line with demand and remain solvent at the same time," he said.

Strickler admitted he was concerned that agricultural

policies are set by the government rather than those in the industry.

"I have concern of the Secretary of the State Department blocking some of the opportunities to sell dairy products for good hard currency. It does not make sense to turn down dollars for products that can go bad in a warehouse.

He reminded the group at the annual meeting that given the chance, private industry is capable

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Gov. Dick Thornburgh puts his signature to legislation giving local governments the authority to create agricultural areas as another farmland preservation tool. Seated to the left of the governor is Rept. Noah Wenger,

of Lancaster County, sponsor of House Bill 143. Grouped around the table are legislative, local government and farm leaders who gathered for the Tuesday signing.

Governor signs Ag areas bill

HARRISBURG — Surrounded by legislative leaders, officials of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, local government representatives and heads of farm organizations throughout the state, Gov. Dick Thornburgh signed the agricultural areas bill this week.

It was a rather large official entourage that gathered for the official signing at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

And in the center of the group and just to Thornburgh's right during the signing ceremony was Rep. Noah Wenger, of Lancaster County, sponsor of the bill, which is designed to be another official tool in continuing efforts to preserve

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