Iowa showman wins nat'l Angus contest

NASHVILLE, Tn. — Sheryl Knop of Ida Grove, Iowa, a talented Angus cattle exhibitor, won first place in the American Angus Association's 15th National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest held here on July 10.

Competing against a record 76 contestants (who previously won their state showmanship contests), she was awarded the top prize by the panel of three judges. She took home \$150 in cash plus an engraved silver Revere bowl awarded by the American Angus Auxiliary. Sheryl, 20, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Knop, and will be a junior this fall at Iowa State University.

Second place went to Tv Williams, Lockney, Texas; third to another Iowa entry; Julie Swanson, Durant; fourth to Kent Stenno. Billings, Oklahoma; and fifth to Jeffrey Johnson, Summitville, Ohio.

The five top showmen were part of 16 finalists selected in five competitive go-rounds after the first day of judging at the National Junior Angus Heifer Show. These 16 youngsters came back the next day to compete before a capacity crowd in the judging arena at the

Tennessee State Fairgrounds for top awards.

Show judges were Dick Burns, Peoria, Illinois; Brad Greiman, Algona, Iowa; and Sam Wagner, Harlan, Kansas.

The judging is based upon skill in handling the animal, the ability to follow instructions, use of equipment, courtesy and sportmanship and appearance of the contestant. Contestants do not show their own animals, rather they draw random animals to show, and switch heifers in the showing at least once during the preliminary go-round and finals.

In addition to the five winners, the other finalists were: Rick Blanchard, Mendota, California; Jim Clark, Plymouth, California; Bruce Kiesewetter, Farmington, Illinois; Debbie Hunt, Milton, Indiana; Matt Wyble, Opelousas, Louisiana; Brian Garner, Newhebron, Mississippi; Tom Huckfeldt, Gering, Nebraska; Frederick Johnson III, Summitville, Ohio; Bob Burns, Baltic, South Dakota; Tracy Brown, Groom, Texas; and Alvin D. Mick, Horner, West Virginia.

The following youngsters were signaled out by the judges for

honorable mention: Casmiria Marek, Red Hook, New York; Timothy Kinsley, York, Pennsylvania; Troy Morris, Balko, Oklahoma; Andrew Starr III, Sunbright, Tennessee; Katy Dunn,

Somerville, Tennessee; Liz Nash, Spanish Fork, Utah; Juliana Unruh, Warden, Washington; Bart Adams, Penrose, Colorado; Mike Vaughn, Hernderson, Colorado; Mike Nunan, Troy, Idaho; Jack

Ward, Oxford, Indiana; Janine Hunt, Bonner Springs, Kansas; Brenda Ericson, Fort Scott, Kansas; Jeff Haarer, Williamston, Michigan; and Nancy Gray. Slayton, Minnesota.

bills mailed and tax forms filled

Just now I find that if I don't enter our expenses in the farm account book for a few weeks it takes hours to bring it up to date. I an constantly amazed at the number of purchases necessary to run a

Other jobs which require working with numbers are being executive of my fahter's trust fund and also being in charge of my mother's affairs. There are always decisions to be made and bills to be paid and I hope they are wisely made decisions as they relate to other's welfare.

Also with children in college who deal with a local bank, I somehow became the intermediary or gobetween for them too. And now it is the time of year to mail the rent and tax notices to the 18 cottagers who lease land from us along the Conestoga River. I am truly grateful to my husband for helping me to figure out these statements.

All of these jobs take time and who knows, maybe someday if I live long enough, I'll have my own figures to work with.



Ida Risser



For some reason I feel as though I backed into the business world, and I'm there whether I want to be or not. This is the situation ever since they day that I followed my father through the tobacco field many years ago, while hoeing

weeds, and he asked me if I wanted to go to Business College. You see, I really wanted to attend a regular college but my parents said that no way were they going to send seven girls to college. Although, then they did allow the two youngest to

Anyway, my first job was as a bookkeeper for Farm Bureau in Lancaster. I surely got my fill or figure of eight years until I had their balance sheets made up for the Board of Directors and all their



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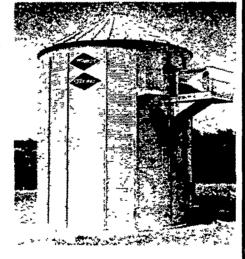
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