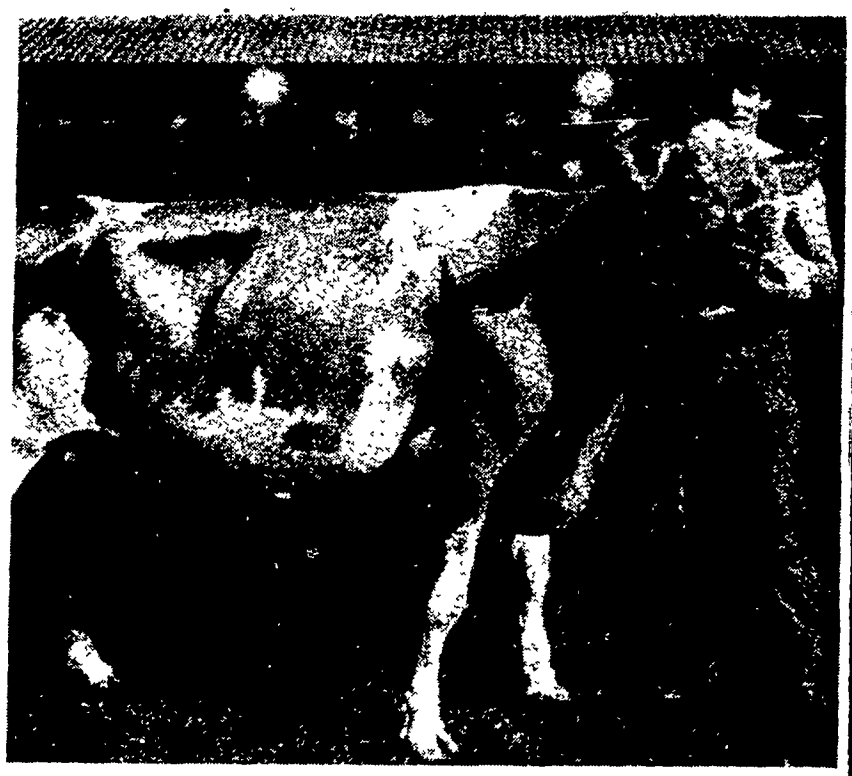
# Photo highlights of last year's Solanco Fair

Donald Eckman, R1 Peach Bottom, exhibited Pine Astro Midge - a five-year-old - to the Grand Champion Holstein honors at the Solanco Fair last year.



Robert Kirk showed the junior division champion in the Guernsey competition at Solanco Fair last year.

# Crop residues winter's blanket

LEESPORT — Today's high will be in the low thirties, winds 20-30 miles per hour, rain this afternoon, possibly turning to snow by evening.

Does this ficticious report sound uncomfortably familiar?

Winter weather not only inconveniences people in their lifestyles but it also creates havoc in the environment's lifestyle, especially in managed environments such as cultivated lands.

"Cropland fields are managed by people, not by nature, and must be prepared for winter," says Mercedes Semán, soil conservationist of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service.

There are several steps that can be taken to "winterize" agriculture's most valuable resource, the soil, she notes. particularly effective measure is keeping crop resides on the fields over the winter months.

Crop residues, whether living or dead, buffet the force of rain drops, reduce wind velocity near the soil surface, moderate temperatures at the soil surface and help to reduce runoff and erosion losses.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