

Krauses' black beauties take championships at Allentown

By Ann Miller

ALLENTOWN — Beef day at the Allentown Fair was last Friday, as breeding stock and steers paraded before show judge Les Haller, manager of J. C. Enterprises, Ringgold, Jefferson County.

In selecting the Champion 4-H Beef Heifer, Haller went to a Charolais heifer exhibited by Kirk Fisher, Oley, called DHS Amy Lee. The Reserve Champion was an Angus female owned by Debra Krause, Slatington.

Debra's sister, Diane, also came into the winner's circle with her Angus bull, DSK Power Play. This son of Penn State's national champion bull was selected Best Beef Bull by the former Penn State beef herdsman, making 18-year-old Diane a happy Penn State freshman.

Carol Krause was not to be left out of the honor roll. Her heifer, CLK Erica, was chosen Best Beef Female. Carol is a junior at Mansfield State College.

In the fitting and showmanship competition, Willi Wilson, Mertztown, Lehigh County, was selected champion fitter and reserve champion showman. Seth Gruber of New Tripoli, Lehigh County took

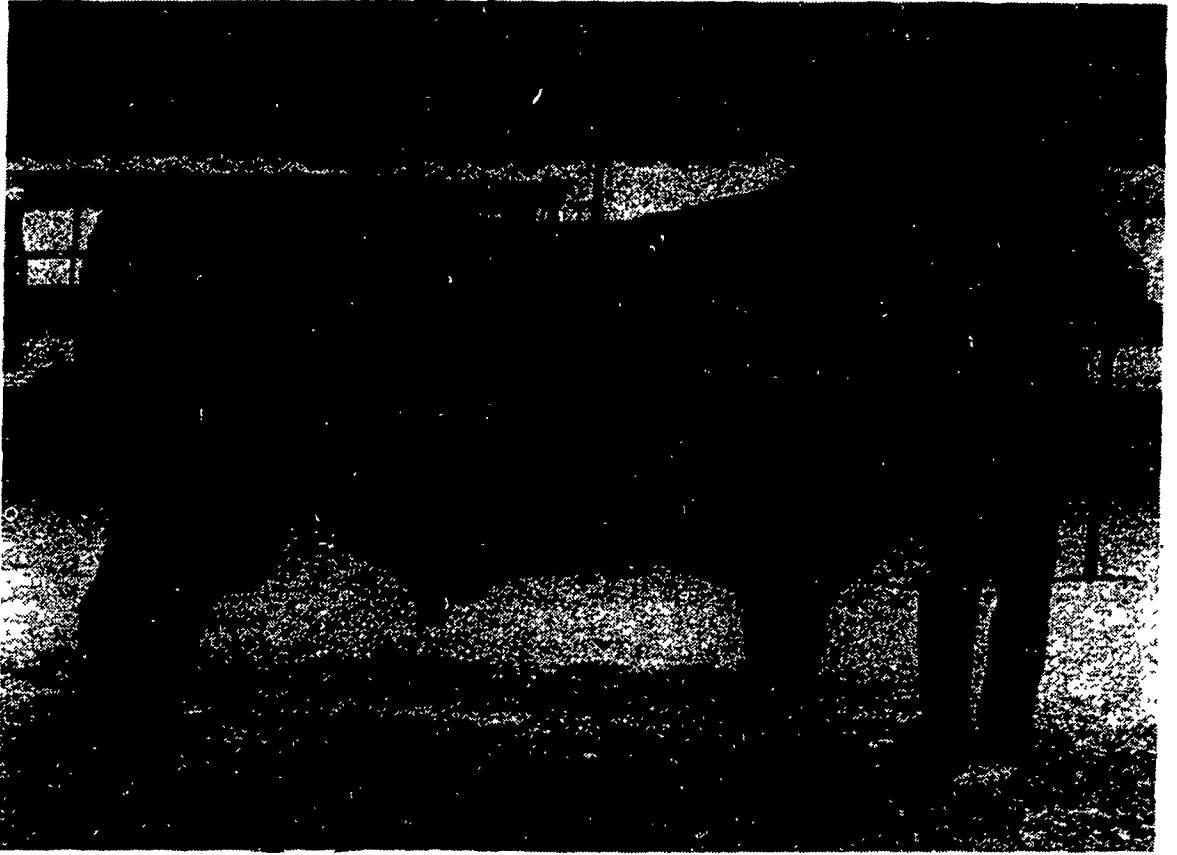
the reserve champion fitter ribbon. Judge Haller commented they both did a "beautiful job fitting their beef."

Champion showman was Given Homer, a young woman from Northampton. Demonstrating her expert handling skills, Given won the senior showmanship class. After winning Best Showman, her remark was "About time — after 10 years."

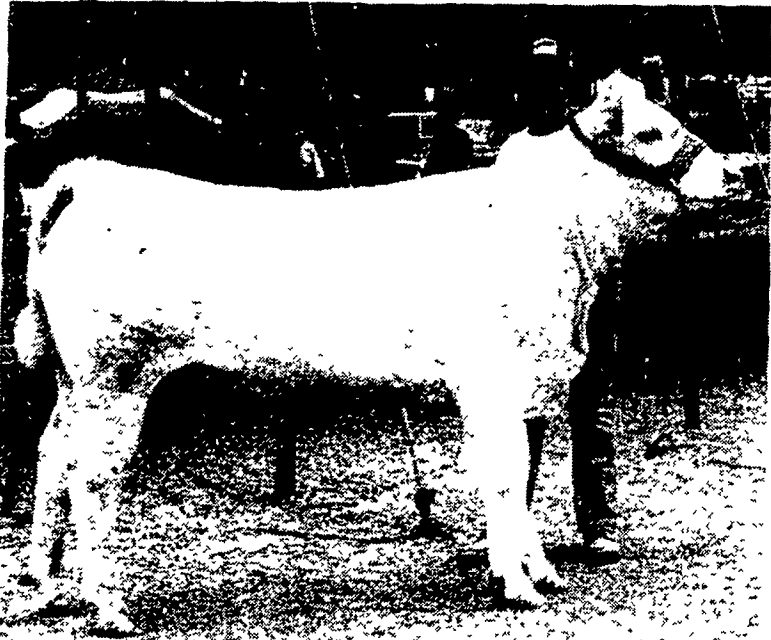
Seth Gruber also received the top honors in the market steer show, exhibiting his heavyweight steer to the grand championship. The reserve grand champion steer was the reserve champion heavyweight shown by Willi Wilson.

Champion lightweight steer was shown by David Schultz and the reserve champion lightweight steer went to Glenn Wuchter. Kent Fisher showed the champion mediumweight steer and Debra Krause showed the reserve champion mediumweight.

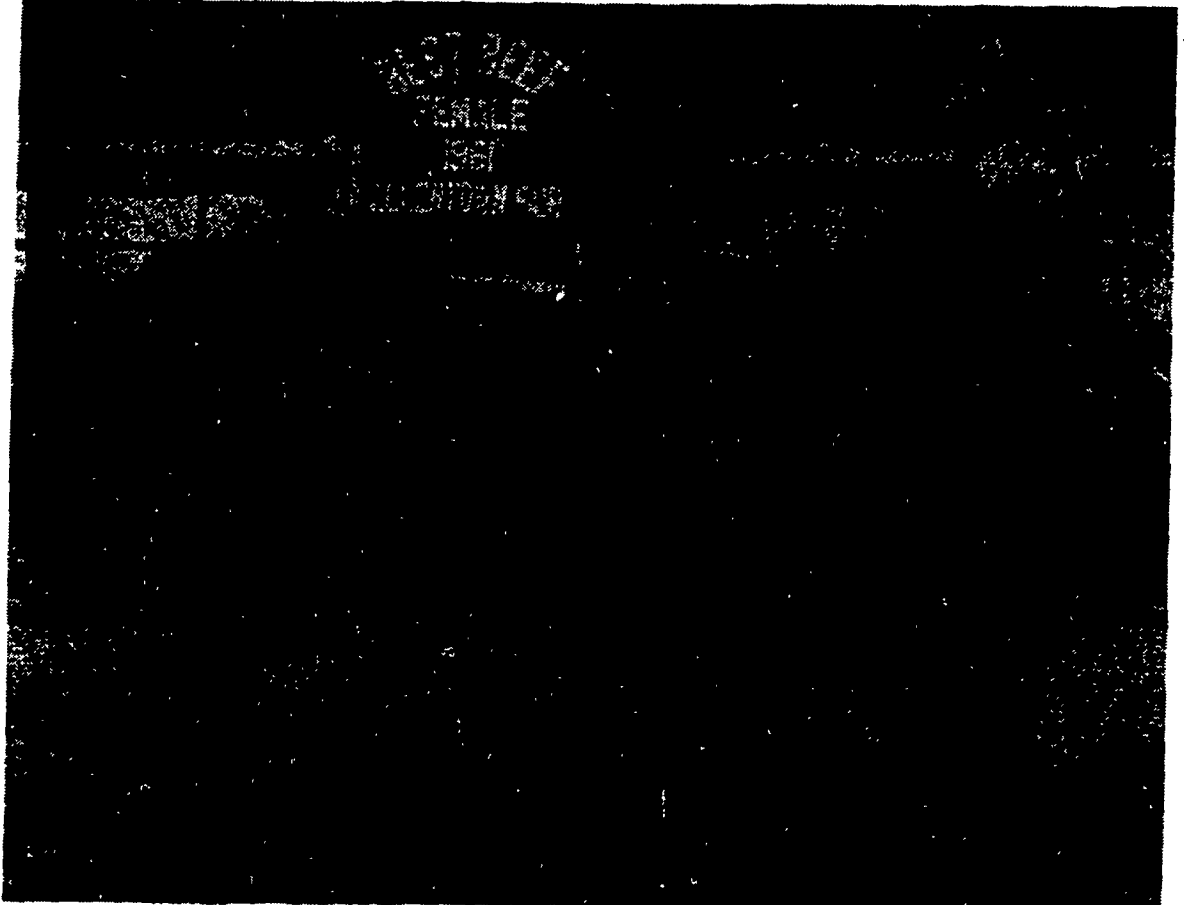
Haller remarked that "all six steers were what we are looking for in today's steers — level-bodied, minimum fat, maximum meat, and minimum waste on the lower half of the body."



Diane Krause, Slatington, exhibited her honors. Standing in at halter for Diane is Paul Krause.



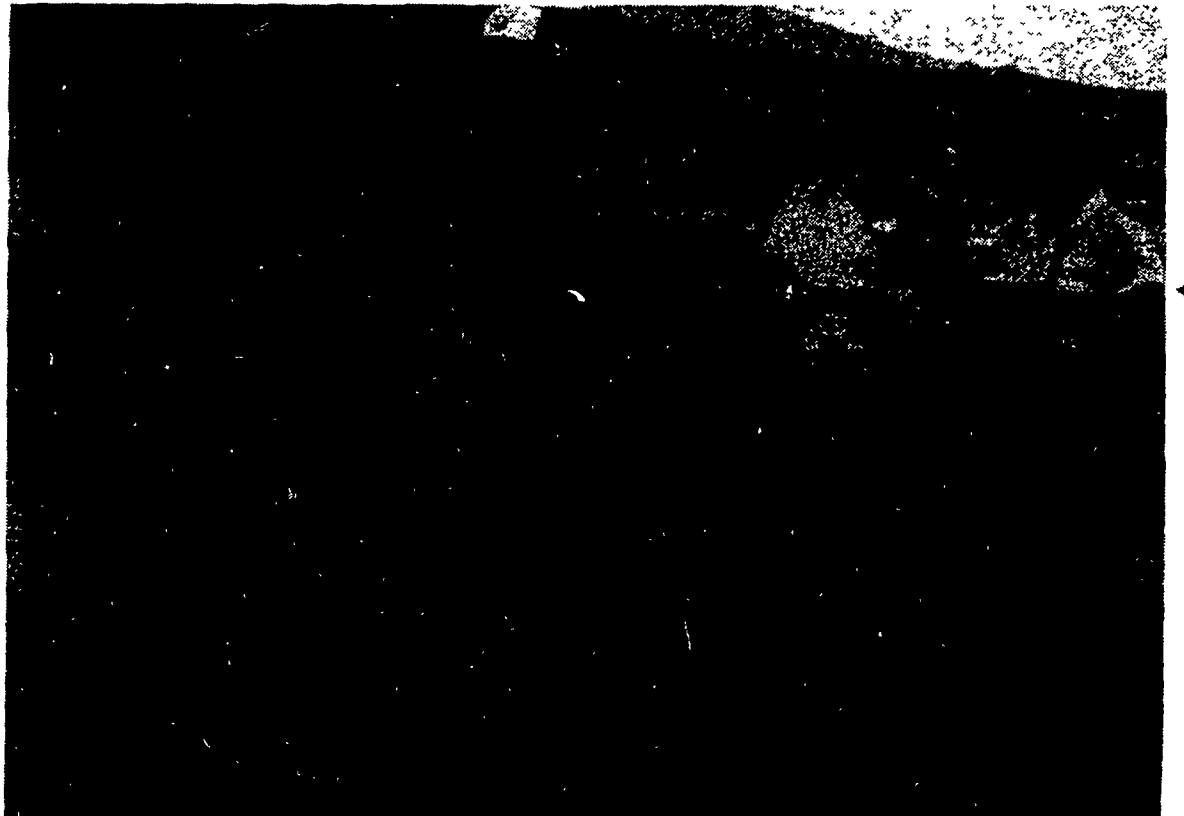
Kirk Fisher of Oley Berks County exhibited the champion 4-H beef heifer, a Charolais called DHS Amy Lee.



Keeping the champion banners in the family, 20-year-old Carol Krause took a break from Mansfield State College to show her Angus heifer at last week's Allentown Fair. Her heifer, CLK Erica, was tagged Best Beef Female by judge Les Haller. Proudly displaying the banner for Carol is sister Diane.



Young Seth Gruber, New Tripoli, was named reserve champion fitter.



Willi Wilson, Mertztown, left, was named champion 4-H fitter during the beef show, while Given Hower took the champion showman honors. Wilson also was the reserve champion showman.