

Roth puts All-American Dairy judging contest on map

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CAMP HILL — Harry F. Roth, director of operations for Atlantic Breeders Cooperative, Lancaster, was honored for 12 years of service as manager of the All-American Invitational Youth Dairy Cattle judging contest at an awards banquet Monday.

In making the presentation, Charles A. Itle, manager of the All-American Dairy Show, expressed appreciation for the "superb organization" and the "deep commitment to a quality contest" shown by Roth. Itle pointed out that the show has doubled in size since the first contest was held in 1969.

Nearly 1900 young people have participated in the dairy cattle judging contest since its inception. In the first year 20 teams participated. This year there were 46 teams entered, making it second in size only to the national contest in Madison, Wisconsin.

According to Roth, the coaches bring their teams because of the quality of animals in the classes. He also noted, "It gives the kids the opportunity to compete in a contest at least as tough as the national contest. Coaches have told me that when the kids go through this contest they are ready for the national contest."

Roth attributed the growth and the success of the contest to a "simple format" which includes competition in three divisions, FFA, 4-H and collegiate. In the 13 years of the contest, there have always been the three divisions with 10 classes in each division. All rules at the Harrisburg contest comply with the national rules.

The collegiate contest has shown the most dramatic growth over the years, but 4-H has grown steadily, with this year's the largest in that division. FFA consistently has between six and eight teams at the contest.

Teams come from a wide area

for the privilege of judging in Harrisburg, at great time and expense in many cases. This year's winning collegiate coach, Cal Poly's Robert Osland, said the reason judging team coaches like to bring their teams to the Pennsylvania contest is simple, "It's a good contest. It is well run, with good quality cows. It also attracts good quality schools. Next to the national contest, it is the best contest."

Osland says that while the trip is costly for his team, he feels it is valuable and in some years they just fly to the contest and fly right back to California. This year they were able to combine a trip to the contest at the Eastern States Exposition in Massachusetts with their trip to Harrisburg and will spend a few days judging in the East, traveling with other judging teams.

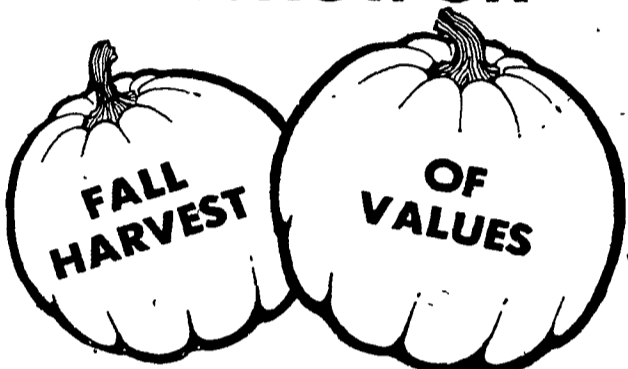
The Cal Poly team is a crack team, having won three of the four

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Harry F. Roth, director of operations for ABC, receives an honorary plaque for his 12 years of service as manager of the All-American Invitational Youth Dairy Cattle judging contest from manager Charles Itle.

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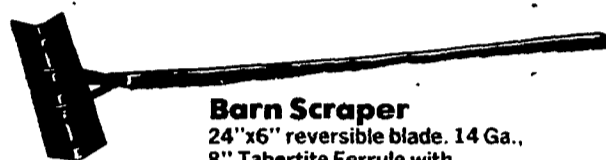
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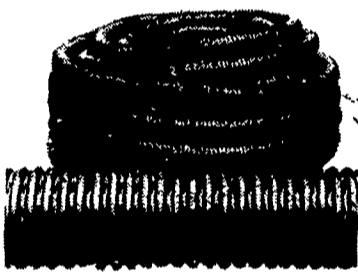
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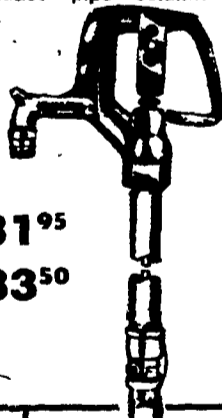
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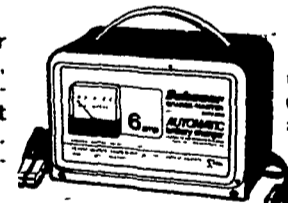
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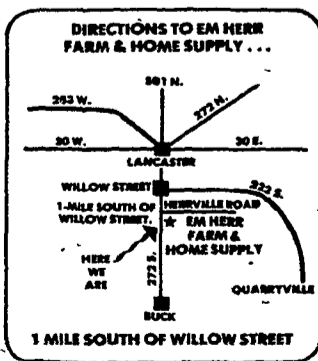
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