

Foot surgery doesn't keep John Eaton from seeing steer sell

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THOMASVILLE — Tears stung more than a few eyes in the packed sales arena as auctioneer John Frey took bids from a standing room only crowd intent on the grand champion steer being led around the ring of the Thomasville Livestock Auction Wednesday evening.

While such 4-H sales are familiar to most auction regulars, this one had a new twist.

John Eaton, Jr., the 12-year-old 4-H'er whose winning Simmental-Angus-Hereford cross was on the block, was not at the halter of his growthy 1355-pound champion. He watched from the corner of the ring, in a wheelchair.

Just the day before, John had gone through surgery. Sometime ago, he had stepped on a nail in a neighbor's yard, and the resulting infection had spread into the bone.

Although John had argued with his doctors that he just must be at the show to exhibit his steer, the physicians had gone ahead with the foot surgery. However, they had agreed that the youngster could be released, just for a few hours, to see the steer sold.

So, while John watched from the wheelchair, and champion showman Annette Walter expertly paraded the big steer around the ring, a touched crowd listened as the bids climbed rapidly from one dollar, excitement mounting until the gravel cracked at a record-breaking \$1.60 per pound.

Appreciative applause broke out through the room for final bidder Bob Sechrist of Sechrist Sales at Stewartstown.

And behind the ring, waiting in the background, Mr. and Mrs. John Eaton, Sr., Windsor, were rejoicing at the morale boost the sale had been for the injured boy.

"York Hospital has just been terrific," said John's mother, "adding a special comment of appreciation to Dr. Eagle and Dr. Heaps, the youngster's specialists.

Then it was time for Annette Walter, Airville, to enter the ring again, this time with her own crossbred 1175-pound reserve champion winner.

Peoples Bank of Glen Rock purchased the pink rosette winner, with their representative Glenn Snyder waiting out all other bidders to the final price of \$1.31 per pound.

Following up in the sale ring was the winner of the Adams County portion of the roundup, shown by Tim Spangler, of Gettysburg. Tim's 1165-pound Simmental went to the Western Sizzlin' Steak House at Carlisle, for \$1.09 per pound.

Tony Spangler, also of Gettysburg, was the Adams County reserve winner, with a 1050-pound Simmental. Tam Services of Gettysburg was the successful bidder at \$1.08 per pound.

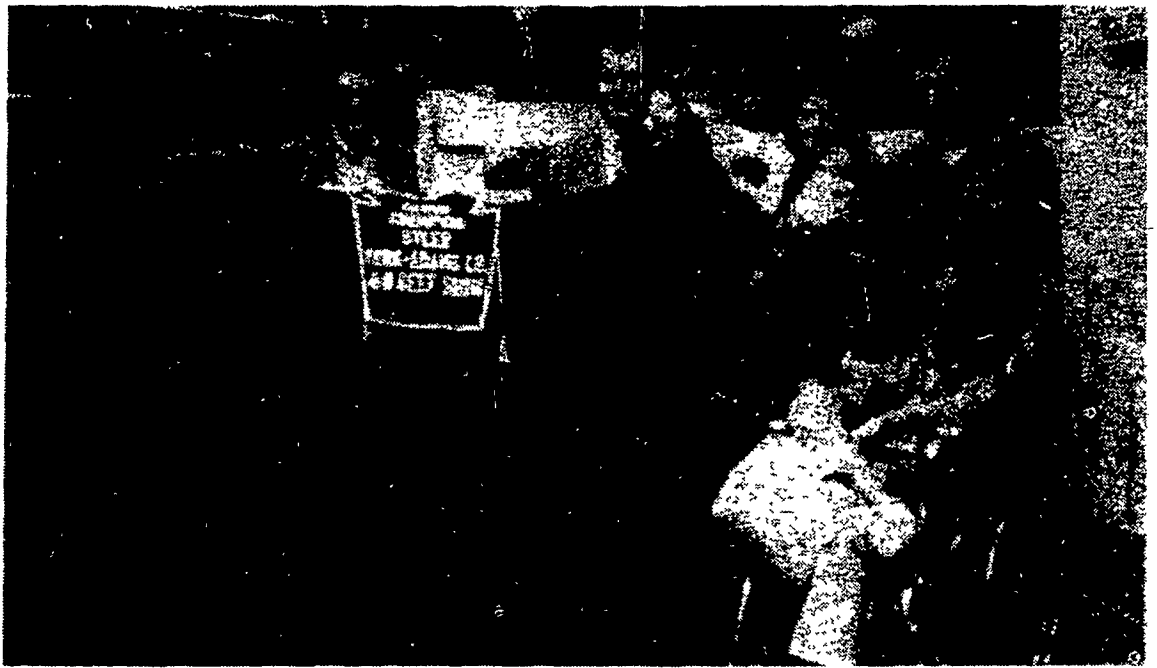
The remaining class champions also each topped the dollar-per-pound mark for their owners.

Champion Limousin was an 1180-pound entry for Joe Druck, of York. Buyer was the Ben Druck Door Company, York, paying \$1.04.

Agway of York, paid \$1.00 per pound for the champion 1095-pound Hereford, exhibited by Edwin Livingston, Dover.

Winner of the Angus division was Cathy Shive, Seven Valleys. Her 1100-pound champion went to Shive's Angus Farm, Seven Valleys, for \$1.02.

Reserve champions in the breed divisions all sold in the 80-cent range. Robert Livingston, Dover, sold his reserve champion Limousin to the Ben Druck Door Company for 84 cents per pound.



Buyer of John Eaton's champ, at a record-breaking \$1.60 per pound for the 1355-pound steer, was Bob Sechrist, left, for Sechrist Auction. Also from left are auctioneer John Frey, champion showman Annette Walter, John Eaton, Sr., and John Eaton, Jr., who braved the sale ring in his wheelchair.

Warrington Farms, Wellsville, paid 87 cents for the reserve Hereford, exhibited by Sonja Shearer of Abbottstown. Reserve champion in the Simmental division was shown by Wayne Stough, Jr., and sold to Willy the Butcher for 83 cents.

Richard Beck and Sons Meats, Seven Valleys, purchased Joann Rishel's reserve winner Angus for 83 cents per pound, and Kristi Kohr sold her reserve champion crossbred to Mike Kawalski for 82 cents.

Prices for all the top four selling champions saw new records for the annual York Round-up and sale. Average on the 43 head of steers, with the champion, was 89 cents per pound, and 85 cents without the champion.

Annette Walter, veteran beef exhibitor, won the champion showman and fitter plaque, presented by Buffalo Valley Angus Farm. She also won the senior age division.

Winner of the intermediate age grouping in showing-fitting was Tammy Eisenhower, who was awarded a plaque from Cedar Hill Farm. Junior winner was Joann Rishel of Glen Rock, winning a plaque presented from Hidden Lane Farm.

A list of beef show winners follows:

- LIMOUSIN
 - 1 Joe Druck, champ, 2 Robert Livingston, res champ, 3 Tom Carpenter
- HEREFORD
 - Class I
 - 1 Steve Erlimer, 2 Matt Young, 3 Tina Hawn
 - Class II
 - 1 Ed Livingston, champ, 2 Sonja Shearer, res champ, 3 Ray Swartz

- SIMMENTAL
 - Class I
 - 1 Tony Spangler, 2 Paul Lawrence
 - Class II
 - 1 Tim Spangler, 2 Dennis Flickinger
 - Class III
 - 1 John Eaton, champ & gr champ, 2 Wayne Stough, res champ
- ANGUS
 - Class I
 - 1 Aaron Laird 2 Susan Eisenhower, 3 Sandy Eisenhower, 4 Deb Hoffman
 - Class 2
 - 1 Cathy Shive, champ, 2 Joan Rishel, res champ, 3 Tim Knisley, 4 Tammy Eisenhower, 5 Connie Hoover
 - Class 3
 - 1 Chris Shive, 2 Kenny Sunday, 3 Doug Caldwell, 4 Elizabeth Dexon
- CROSSBRED
 - Class I
 - 1 Dave Erlimer, 2 Mike Spangler, 3 Eric Quanbeck, 4 Paul Quanbeck
 - Class 2
 - 1 Kristi Kohr, res champ, 2 Julie Myers, 3 Galen Graham, 4 Becky Hoffman, 5 Garry Flickinger
 - Class 3
 - 1 Annette Walter, champ & res gr champ; 2 Jennifer Druck, 3 Kathy Miller, 4 Jim Kohr, 5 Lisa Hoover

At York-Adams Lamb Round-Up

Suffolk lamb brings \$1.64 a pound

THOMASVILLE — Warrington Farms Meats, Dillsburg, set new records at the York-Adams lamb roundup Wednesday evening when they bid last, at \$1.64 per pound, for Troy Ness' 115-pound champion lamb.

A well-grown, blocky purebred Suffolk, Ness' champion was the latest in a series of purple-ribbon winners taken in the past few years by the Dallastown 4-H'er.

Following right behind into the sale arena was the entry of another long-time 4-H exhibitor, Laurie Dobrosky of Glen Rock. Laurie's winning Dorset weighed in at 115 pounds, and sold for \$1.60 per

pound, going to the Brethren Home at New Oxford.

Champion Southdown entry was exhibited by Greg Bankert of Hanover. Greg's 70-pound winner sold to Lenny Dorr for 97 cents.

Angel Dennis purchased the champ crossbred entry, won by Neil Seidenstricker of York, paying 99 cents for the 90-pound winner.

Abbottstown 4-H'er Sonja Shearer's Hampshire champ weighed in at 85 pounds, selling to Willy the Butcher, Stauffer's of Kissel Hill, for 92 cents.

Exhibiting the reserve winner in the Dorset class was Brian Bankert of Hanover. His 95-pound winner brought 95 cents a pound,

sold to Toni Hays.

Preston Wolf, coin dealer, paid 90 cents per pound, for the 125-pound reserve winning Suffolk, pen mate to the show champion, shown by Troy Ness, of Dallastown.

Terry Flory, Red Lion, won reserve in the Hampshire division, selling his 95-pound lamb to Ron Gilbert, York.

Buyer of Mike Arendt's reserve champion crossbred was Ralph Thomas Meats. Thomas' Shrewsbury meat market paid 83 cents per pound to the Glen Rock 4-H'er for his 95-pound lamb.

Service Feed and Supply bought the reserve champion Southdown, paying 91 cents to exhibitor Tammy Flory, Red Lion.

The 35 lambs included in the sale averaged 89 cents, including the champion price. Average price, excluding the champion, came to 84 cents per pound.

A list of show winners follows:

- SUFFOLK
 - Class 1
 - 1 Champ & Grand Champ Troy Ness 2 Judy Wattersdorff
 - Class 2
 - 1 Troy Ness Res Champ 2 Greg Bankert
 - Class 3
 - 1 Christina Kerns, 2 Christina Kerns
- SOUTHDOWNS
 - 1 Greg Bankert, Champ, 2 Tammy Flory, Res Champ
- HAMPSHIRE
 - 1 Sonja Shearer Champ 2 Terry Flory Res Champ
 - Class 2
 - 1 2 Shelly Bankert
- CROSSBREDS
 - Class 1
 - 1 Neil Seidenstricker, 2 Mike Arndt
 - Class 2
 - 1 Niel Seidenstricker Champ 2 Mike Arndt, Res Champ
- DORSET
 - Class 1
 - 1 Julie Anne Miller 2 Niel Seidenstricker 3 Linda Wattersdorff
 - Class 2
 - 1 Shane Seidenstricker 2 Bev Eisenhart 3 Linda Wattersdorff 4 Mark Eberly
 - Class 3
 - 1 Brian Bankert 2 Tom Flory 3 Donna Wilson 4 Amy Dutrey



Although Laurie Dobrosky was busy at Penn State with classes, she still earned the reserve champion place at the York-Adams lamb sale, with Tom Flory handling her Dorset winner. The runner-up was purchased for \$1.60 per pound for the Brethren Home at New Oxford.



Troy Ness took another championship over the York-Adams lamb roundup, with his winning Suffolk. Warrington Farms Meats paid \$1.64 per pound for the 115-pound champion.



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