

Adams capon sale sets record

GETTSYBURG — Once again the Cashtown Lions Club hosted a record setting 4-H capon round-up. An average price of \$5.91 per pound establishes a new record price for 4-H capons in Pennsylvania, according to John Schwartz, Adams Extension agent.

Ronald Howell, York Springs, exhibited the Grand Champion Capon. The 10.25 pound capon was purchased by Adams County Sheriff Bernard Miller for \$12 per pound. Ronald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Howell.

The two reserve champion capons were exhibited by

Elizabeth Myers, Dillsburg and William Shetter, Gettysburg. Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Myers, exhibited a 10.5 pound capon, purchased by Clark Spence, Adams County Home Beverage, Cashtown, for \$9.50 per pound. The 10.25 pound capon exhibited by William, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shetter, was purchased by Gettysburg National Bank for \$7.25 per pound.

John Bream, chairman for this year's show and sale, reported seven Adams County 4-H'ers participated in the Seventeenth 4-H

capon round-up sponsored by the Cashtown Lions Club, the Adams County Poultry Association and the Adams County Cooperative Extension Service. Twenty-one capons weighing a total of 216.25 pounds were sold for \$1,278.80. Bream added that the profit received by these junior executives from this 4-H Capon business is used as operating capital for next year's 4-H capon project and saved to help meet future educational expenses.

The members were judged on the Danish System by Penn State

Extension Poultry Specialist Herb Jordan. The capons were evaluated on conformation, freedom from pinfeathers, cuts, tears, and bruises, packaging and dressing procedure. Members receiving blue merit ribbons for exhibiting superior quality capons were Ronald Howell, Elizabeth Myers, William Shetter, and Patrick McMaster. Daniel McMaster, Jenny Shetter, and Kenneth Shetter received red merit ribbons for exhibiting excellent quality capons.

The Adams County Poultry

Association, in addition to supplying free capons to three 4-H members and buying the trophies for round-up, purchased two capons to be donated to Green Acres for Thanksgiving. The Gettysburg National Bank also donated the two capons they purchased to Green Acres.

Other buyers included Gerald Keller, Adams County National Bank, Glenn Herring, Dale Biesecker, John Schwartz, Carl Frantz, Larry Peters, John Bream, Jr., and Jim Herring.

Larry Peters, Biglerville served as auctioneer for this record sale.

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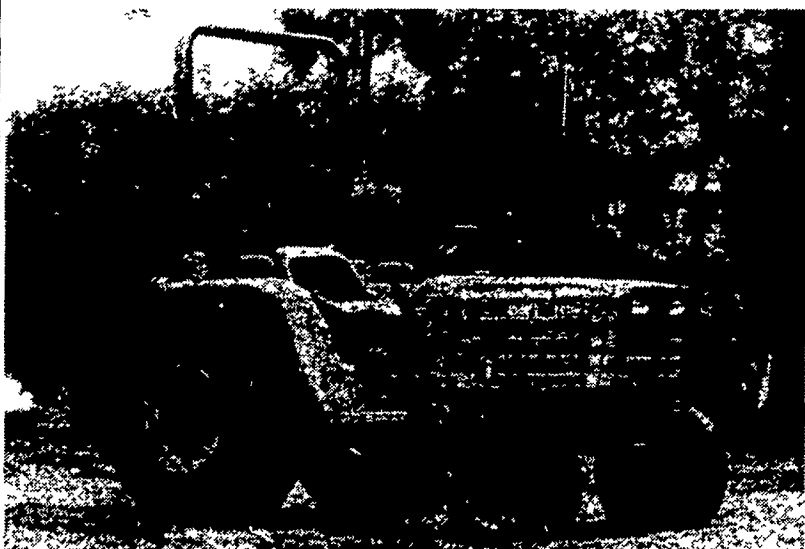


Buyers of the champion capons at the 1981 Adams County 4-H Capon Round-up are standing behind the winning 4-H members (left to right) Clark Spence, Adams County Home Beverage, purchased the Reserve Champion for \$9.50 per pound exhibited by Elizabeth

Myers, Dillsburg; Bernard Miller, Grand Champion for \$12 per pound, exhibited by Ron Howell, York Springs, and Fred Shultz, Gettysburg National Bank, Reserve Champion for \$7.25 per pound exhibited by William Shetter, Gettysburg.

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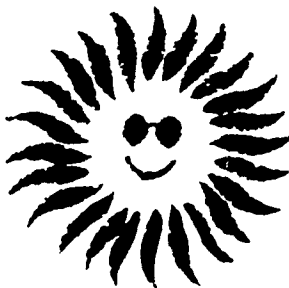
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