

Choice daughter tops Falcon Flight dispersal

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Lancaster — The Complete Herd Dispersal of Falcon Flight Farms, Litchfield, Conn., owned by the late A. Austin Cheney was held at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion, Lancaster, Thursday, December 17. The sale, co-managed by The Merryman Company and The Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders' Association averaged \$739.60 on 100 head. Sale animals went to buyers from nine different states.

Topping the sale at \$2,250 was Falcons Choice Elda, a 3-year-old daughter of Kelloggs Minnie's Choice and out of a dam with 15,729 pounds of milk and 710 pounds of fat as a 10-year-old. "Elda," who scored 79, finished her first lactation at 10,760 pounds of milk and 468 pounds of fat.

She was purchased by Michael T. and Linda M. Hart, new Guernsey buyers, who are in the process of establishing a herd in the Berwick area. The Harts also purchased the second and fourth high-selling animals of the sale.

Second high was Falcons Paul Pippin who scored 85 and recorded 12,754 pounds of milk and 568 pounds of fat as a 3-year-old. "Pippin" sold for \$2,200.

The fourth high-seller purchased

by the Harts was Falcons Fayvor Ginger who scored 80 and recorded 1,074 pounds of milk and 35 pounds of fat on 23 lactation days as a 2-year-old. The Harts purchased the Ginger cow for \$1,900.

Third high selling individual went to Hugh S. Dunning, Walpole, New Hampshire. Dunning purchased Falcons Talisman Birdie, who classified 81 and is one of the current foundation cows of the herd, for \$2,000. Due in July to Maurana Wis Telestar, she is currently projected to 19,257 pounds of milk and 706 pounds of fat as a 6-year-old.

Top volume buyer of the day was Joseph C. Thompson, Smyrna, New York, who purchased 14 head for a total of \$7055.

The herd, founded by Dr. Benjamin Austin Cheney in 1914, was built on a foundation of Bell-Founder and May Rose blood. In later years, a concentration of Coronation-Green Meadow blood was selected to carry on the herd and breeding program.

In April, 1970, A. Austin Cheney purchased the Pine Vista Guernsey herd from the late Gilbert B. Farrington. This additional herd was the foundation of the present day herd.



Michael and Linda Hart of Berwick are at the halter of Falcons Choice Elda, who topped the recent Falcon Flight dispersal sale with a

\$2,250 price tag. The Harts, just entering the Guernsey business, also purchased the second and fourth high-selling animals.

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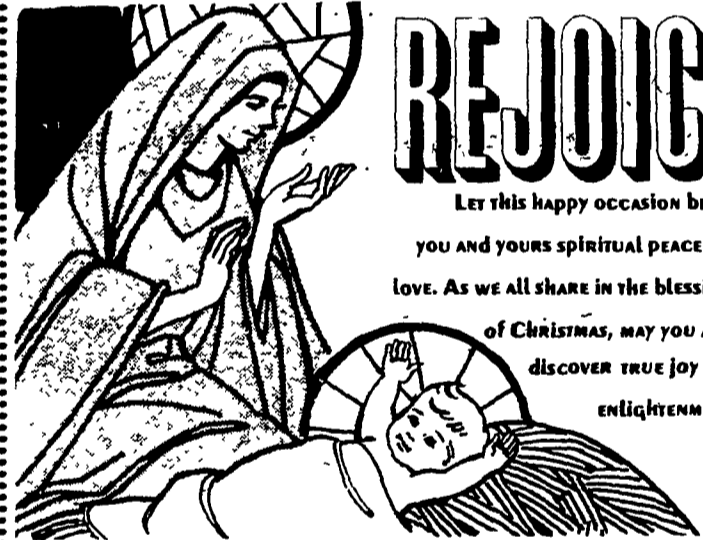
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