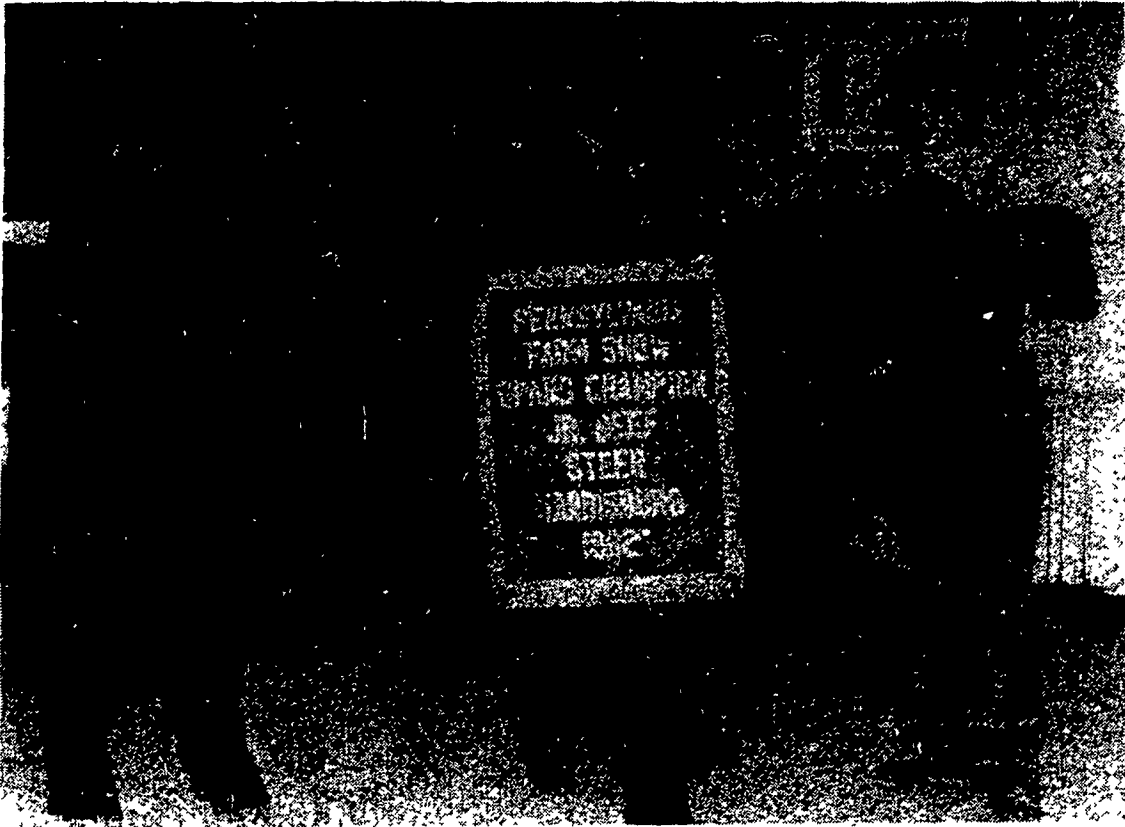


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The Grand Champion Junior Market steer, a 1,305 pound Angus x Chianina x Limousin, is joined in winner's circle by Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell and exhibitor

Guy McKean of Mercer. The steer's owner, Cecil Teets, 19, of Freedom was unable to attend the show due to poor road conditions.

Western Pa. steer gets top Farm Show win

FARM SHOW — Brush Creek 4-H'er Cecil Teets, 19, of Freedom couldn't leave his Western Pennsylvania farm, Thursday, due to poor road conditions, but that didn't stop show judge Miles McKee from selecting Teets' heavyweight champion as the 1982 Farm Show Grand Champion Market Steer.

"I'm going to get right on the phone and tell him to get down here as soon as he can," said an excited and proud father, Clifford Teets.

Exhibited by Guy McKean of Mercer, the 1,305 pound Chianina x Angus x Limousin steer, which wasn't as tall as the other junior entries in its class, caught the eye of the Kansas judge.

"There are some big old horses out there, but this animal is big enough," McKee reasoned.

"He displays meatiness inside and outside the quarter and shows more uniform muscling," the judge added.

McKee explained that Teets' champ would be a "popular, useful

steer on a Kansas feedlot."

"There are many kinds of operations and this is just one person's opinion, but I don't feel I'm wrong," said the judge.

"I like to find a steer that will meet the demand of many segments of the industry. My champion steer needs to show the type of pattern that will please the purebred breeders for growth and weight gain."

The judge continued, "A packer wants a steer with the condition that will assure him a reasonable chance of it grading choice, but also demonstrating high cutability. And, the consumer wants a steer that will yield a tasty cut of meat."

The Teets purchased the steer in March from Walbridge Farm in New York.

"At the time it was the best calf I could buy at that weight," explained Clifford Teets.

Thursday marked the first Grand Champion Farm Show win for Teets' Seldom Seen Farm in Beaver County.

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Record crowds brave cold for Farm Show

BY DEBBIE KOONTZ

FARM SHOW — A record-breaking crowd of 15,000 people braved the chilling three-degree weather to take part in opening-day ceremonies for the 66th annual Farm Show, Sunday.

This figure is an increase of a whopping 11,000 people over last year's estimate and may just be the perfect simile for proving that Pennsylvania agriculture is growing better in more ways than one.

But Sunday's crowd estimate

wasn't the only record-breaker during the week. Wednesday's heavy snowfall didn't detract from the festivities at all as visitor numbers were up again from last year. The shows and the exhibits proved too tempting to keep crowds away as frigid weather outside contrasted with heated competition in the showing. The exhibitors were competing for \$127,000 in premiums.

Once again this year, tradition pulled through and featured Governor Dick Thornburgh on tour

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through the 14-acre complex, along with first lady Ginny, on opening day. Along the way, the Governor was able to view exhibits of farm equipment and production items, and over 8,000 entries of Pennsylvania's finest crops, livestock and poultry.

One of the Governor's favorite

stops seemed to be at the booth of Sperry-New Holland where a 6-foot 'Innovator' robot waited to shake his hand. Said the robot, "I salute you, unit Thornburgh."

Beaming, the Governor said to the crowd, "I wouldn't want to run against him for governor."

"No contest," replied 'Ino.'

After the tour, Governor Thornburgh made his traditional grand entrance into the large arena, along with wife Ginny and Agriculture Secretary Penrose

Hallowell and his wife, Trish.

During the afternoon ceremonies, Thornburgh praised the farm families of Pennsylvania and reaffirmed his administration's commitment to preserving the family farm.

"Pennsylvania farmers and state government, together, have forged a spirit of cooperation that has turned our family farm preservation initiatives of 1979 into laws that can and will assist family farm operations and encourage community conservation for years to come," he said.

"I have total confidence in our..."
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Sheaffer's added entry takes top Holstein honors

FARM SHOW — Holstein show judge Dr. David Hagan looked at a lot of Black and Whites Tuesday afternoon at the Farm Show.

Hagan looked and looked for what seemed like hours until his grand champion walked through the doors for the final class.

Huntsdale Count Crystan Madame, the added entry of Thomas Sheaffer, Carlisle, bested more than 200 Holsteins and caught Hagan's discerning eye.

"She is a large stylish cow whose got a lot of body and looks really good on the move," remarked Hagan. "She's got tremendous dairy character and quality of udder."

As proof of her "tremendous dairy character" the Romandale County Crystan daughter boasts a top record of 19,684 pounds of milk, 782 pounds of fat and a 4.0 percent butterfat test.

The aged cow, however, was only one of several top awards that Tom and Cindy Sheaffer took back to their 400-acre Huntsdale Stock Farm in Cumberland County. Earlier in the competition, their

senior yearling, Huntsdale Pabst Pat, a Char-Sam Elevation Pabst daughter, captured Junior Champion honors. The Sheaffers capped their winning day with the Premier Breeder plaque.

The reserve grand and reserve senior champion, "Marla Bernie Sheree", an aged cow, was exhibited by Ida J. and L. Leroy Plance of Wellsboro. The Plance's Ru-No Citation daughter also claimed Best Udder honors.

Two Lancaster County youths exhibited champions before judge Hagan. Todd Reed of Reinholds, showed the reserve junior champion in the open class. His senior calf, Vern-Lee Ingrid Lisa, a Kit Builder daughter, was named junior champion in the youth division.

Judy Zimmerman of Elizabethtown, exhibited the reserve junior champion in the youth division, Pond Hollow Creek Sue. The Cloister FFA member's senior yearling is sired by Creek Bluff Elevation Lester.

An Elevation daughter was

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Thomas and Cindy Sheaffer are joined by a couple of champion Holsteins. On the left is the grand champion Huntsdale Count Crystan Madame, and at right is the junior champ Huntsdale Pabst Pat. The Carlisle couple milk about 50 Black and Whites at their Huntsdale Stock Farm.

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