

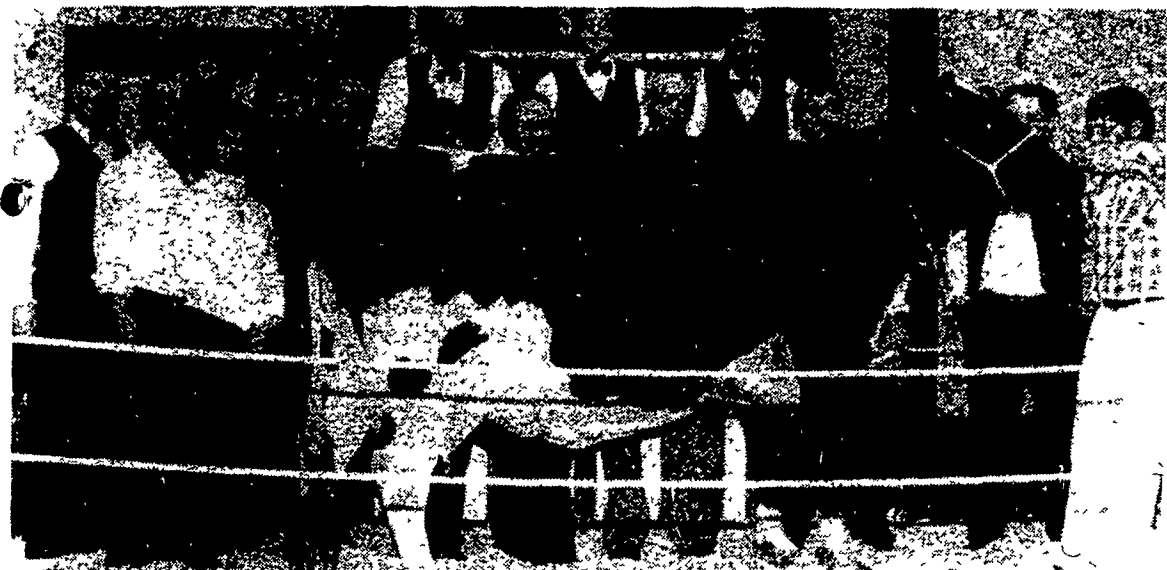
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Record sale highlights PHA convention



Hi-De-Ho Bootmaker Rocket, a 5-year-old dry cow, consigned by Dale Hoover of Martinsburg, brought top price for a live animal during the record-breaking 70th Annual Pennsylvania Holstein Convention in Harrisburg, Thursday. Curti Farms of Waukena, Calif. paid \$14,700 for the Very

Good Rocket daughter, bred to Coag-Bunny Colonel Lyle. The top-seller is joined by bidders Richard and Virginia Yule, center, ringmen Harry Bachman and Bill Nichol, left, auctioneer, top row, Charles Backus, Michael Weimer, PHA rep, Horace Backus, pedigrees, Tom Sheaffer at halter and others.

BY DONNA TOMMELLEO
HARRISBURG — A 5-year-old dry cow and an unborn embryo commanded \$14,700 and \$17,500, respectively, to help push the Pennsylvania State Holstein Convention Sale to record levels Thursday night, here, at the Marriott Inn.

According to PHA executive secretary William Nichols, the sale of 43 registered Holsteins, which took place before a capacity-crowd in the Marriott's ballroom, finished with a \$227,600 gross and a \$5,293 average, for the highest figures in the convention's 70-year history.

Curti Farms, Waukena, Calif. had the final bid on the dry cow, Hi-De-Ho-Bootmaker Rocket, Very Good 86. She was consigned by Dale W. Hoover, Martinsburg.

Sired by Rocket and out of a Very Good Bootmaker, the 5-year-old boasts a top record of 24,870 pounds of milk and 981 pounds of fat on 342 days as a 3-year-old. She is bred to Gold Medal sire Coag-Bunny Colonel Lyle-Twin.

American Breeders Service, DuForest, Wis., was high-bidder for the evening with their purchase of

an unborn embryo consigned by John Gilliland, Warriors Mark.

By paying top price, ABS can choose either a heifer or a bull, due in September, from a strong pedigree. On top, the embryo is sired by Gold Medal sire Sweet-Haven Tradition, an Elevation son. Below, the embryo's dam is a Very Good 88 Bootmaker daughter with a top record of 32,569 pounds of milk and 1,301 pounds of fat as a 6-year-old. Her second dam, a 3E 95 is sired by Wilbar Pride Admiral Peachum, and carries a top record of 31,225 pounds of milk and 1,139 pounds of fat as a 6-year-old.

Gilliland paid \$8,000 for the sale's opener, a 3-year-old Jet Stream daughter. Trans Miller-vale Jet, Excellent 90, consigned by Stardell Farms, Inc. and E.J. Doeberrener, Jamestown, finished her first lactation at 24,371 pounds of milk and 853 pounds of fat. Out of an Excellent Transmitter daughter, she was fresh in December and recently recorded 98 pounds of milk and 5.5 percent buttefat for the tester.

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U.S. Senators sponsor mushroom paid-promotion bill

KENNETT SQUARE — On Tuesday, Senators John Heinz (R-Pa.) and Richard T. Schulze (R-Pa.) introduced a bill which would amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1937 and permit paid advertising for mushroom promotion.

According to Deborah Snyder of the American Mushroom Institute, while this bill is being considered in Washington, AMI will be approaching the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture with reasons why the mushroom industry needs a federal marketing order. At the same time, AMI will be providing USDA with an estimate on how much money would have to be collected for a marketing program.

The push for the federal marketing order and a permit to allow paid advertising are the result of AMI's efforts to help the ailing mushroom industry get back on its feet again in the wake of increased mushroom imports.

"Our marketing program is moving away from processed mushrooms which make up the bulk of the imports," said Snyder. "And we're homing in on the fresh mushroom market, where imports can't compete because mushrooms are too perishable."

If the mushroom growers receive the federal governments support for paid advertising and a marketing order, they will be well on their way to recovering from the effects of the 115 million pounds of mushrooms that were absorbed

into the U.S. market in 1980. As a result of these massive imports, domestic mushroom growers found themselves unable to compete in the processing market. So, in November 1980, the U.S. growers convinced the federal government that it would be in their best interests to impose a tariff until the growers could regroup.

"The U.S. mushroom growers

had wanted a quota restriction of 86 million pounds," recalls Snyder, "but the tariff brought imports back down to 88 million pounds." What led to this reduction was an increase charge tacked onto imported mushrooms which amounted to 28 percent on top of every dollar's worth in 1980, 33 percent in '81, 23 percent in '82, and

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For U.S. economic woes

Walker blames deficit, unemployment

BY SHEILA MILLER
HARRISBURG — President Reagan's proposed 1983 budget has been drawing fire from a lot of people recently. And on Tuesday U.S. Congressman Robert Walker added his criticism and comments



Robert S. Walker

concerning the new federalism and budget deficits during the Dekalb seminar for egg producers, held here at the Marriott Inn.

"You have come through a tough period," said Walker, as he addressed the 300 farmers and agribusiness representatives. "Most of us, looking at the economy over the next few weeks, would say that there is going to be a tough period ahead in the national economy."

"But I believe that we are beginning to see the turn around that is going to bring the kind of economic growth that is going to benefit you as egg producers and benefit this country as a whole. Those of you who are in a business that is as capital intensive as yours are, that have as much stake in the agricultural and economic growth of this country as you do, should

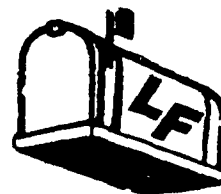
feel good about what is going to come within the next several weeks to the next couple of months."

Walker went on to explain his optimism about the economy even though he acknowledged public pessimism of the President and the future abounds. He compared the present situation of the Administration's economic program to a court strategy in the game of basketball, a sport that boasts Walker as a fan and his brother as a professional player.

"There is no doubt at the present time that the Administration and the economic program are under a full court press," he said. "A full court press is the kind of thing where, if you cave into the pressure, you're likely to lose the game and give the opponents an

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