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Marlu Mars Belinda brought top-price of \$12,200 for a live animal during the annual Spring Promise Garden Spot sale held at the Guernsey Pavillion on Thursday. Purchased by Arie Breedy of Chino, Calif., the open heifer is joined in the sale ring by, from left to right:

Jerry Hall, Douglas Bowman and George St. Onge, consignors; Dick Clark of American Breeders Service; Benny Gunzenhauser, contending bidder; Jay Howes, ringman; Les Hosking, leadsman; and in the auction-stand, Charles and Horace Backus, sale managers.

## Jessie embryo brings \$21,000

BY DONNA TOMMELLEO  
LANCASTER — Bidding stopped at \$21,000, Thursday, for an unborn embryo, the top-selling consignment of the Spring Promise and Garden Spot Holstein Sale, here at the Guernsey Barn.

Willow Street breeder, Mowery Frey purchased the embryo out of Lime Hollow Elevation Jessie, one of the few Holsteins to write a six-generation Excellent pedigree. Consigned by Siam Holstein Partners II of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, the embryo is sired by Glendell or Valiant and due this summer. Frey has his choice of sire and sex of the embryo.

The Excellent 2E dam, and Elevation daughter out of an Irvington Pride Admiral, also completes eight generations of

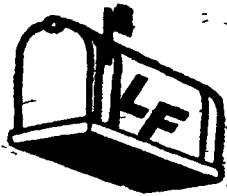
20,000 pounds cows. The Jessie cow boasts a top record of 25,510 pounds of milk and 1,017 pounds of fat as a 5-year-old.

Thursday's sale, managed by R. Austin Backus, Inc. of Mexico, N.Y., marked the 11th Spring Promise Sale and the 41st Garden Spot Sale. According to Backus spokesman Peter DeBlock, Jr, the final tally showed a gross of \$163,600 and averaged \$2,200 on 81 head.

"We're very pleased and thought it was a good sale," DeBlock reported.

The top-selling live animal brought \$12,200. Arie Breedyk of Chino, Calif. purchased the open heifer, consigned by Bernice Syndicate and Marlu Farm of (Turn to Page A22)

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## N.Y. names NEDCO and others in lawsuit

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — New York Attorney General Robert Abrams, Tuesday, charged the Northeast

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Dairy Cooperative Federation, Inc. and four other milk dealers with alleged co-conspiracy to restrict where former Dellwood Foods shippers would be able to sell their milk, said Abrams' staff member Linda Garguilo.

In addition to NEDCO, New York State is suing Glen and Mohawk Milk Association, Queensboro Farm Products, Inc., Tuscan Dairy Farms, Inc. and Oneida-Madison Milk Producers Cooperative Association, Inc. for \$5.4 million dollars according to NEDCO spokesman Calvin Cobb.

"NEDCO vehemently denies the allegations of the conspiracy," said Calvin Cobb. A recent NEDCO report claimed "there is no factual basis for a complaint against NEDCO or its key executives."

In January 1982, NEDCO, a cooperative federation with 64 member cooperatives, acquired the Fraser, N.Y. manufacturing plant from Dellwood Foods, Inc.

NEDCO is required, by agreement with its cooperative members, to purchase all its milk requirements from those members. To secure membership from

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## Adams District honors farmers

BY SHEILA MILLER  
YORK SPRINGS — Two Adams County farmers were honored here Thursday evening as the Adams County Conservation District presented its Outstanding Conservationists awards during the 35th annual banquet.

Dairyman Edwin Shearer of R2 Dillsburg was recognized for his conservation efforts for 1981, while Carl Keller of R3 Gettysburg was honored for his long-term achievements in conservation farming.

Shearer and his wife Judy have only been in the farming business for the past 4 years. They moved to their Adams County 75-acre farm in 1978 from Harrisonburg, Virginia.

The Shearers, who describe themselves as "city kids", attribute their success in farming to

the guidance and assistance they received from federal agencies like the Farmers Home Administration, the Soil Conservation Service, the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service and to "a lot of good friends who held our hands."

"When we scraped our knees getting started in farming with no experience, they were quick to put a Band-Aid on our hurts," said Shearer.

During their four-year career in the field of agriculture, the Shearers have built a registered herd of Holstein cattle that now numbers 50 head. Their 45-cow milking string pumped out an average of 16,000 pounds this year. This statistic is down from their rolling herd average of two-years-ago.

"We had a production average of

over 18,000 pounds in our second year of dairying, but then the drought hit us. We're only now beginning to get back up," admitted Shearer. "It's a lot easier dropping off than building production up again."

With the help of FmHA, SCS, and ASCS, Shearer entered in a long-term cost share agreement for his conservation work. Coping with the erosion problems on the wet, erosion-prone soils required a major construction effort in a short time period.

Along with contour strips, which the Shearers staked off on the entire 70 acres of cropland, the erosion problems in the fields were brought under control with the construction of 3 diversions, 1 dry dam, and 1 drop box to catch water exiting the diversions. The wet

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Adams County Commissioner Thomas L. Collins, left, presents Carl Keller, a beef and grain farmer from R3 Gettysburg, center, and dairyman Edwin Shearer, R2 Dillsburg, with

the Outstanding Conservationist awards during the Adams County Conservation District's annual banquet, held Thursday evening at York Springs.