

Conestoga Classic averages \$1,875

LAMPETER — A Lime Hollow Elevation Mars daughter that milked over 21,000 lbs. in her first lactation topped the revived Conestoga Classic Holstein Sale in Lancaster County Wednesday night.

El-Dell Mars Madeline, Good Plus with an Index of 1538, brought the top price of \$3,600 of the 41 head in the sale, which has been brought back by the Lancaster County Holstein Club after an absence of a

couple of decades.

Consigned by Paul Welk, of Peach Bottom, Madeline was purchased by D. Lamar Witmer, of Manheim, under whose presidency the county sale has been revived by the Holstein Club.

The sale, held on the first chilly, rainy night in quite a spell, was staged under the large pole barn on the Lampeter Fairgrounds and attracted a large crowd of several hundred onlookers. Sale chairman

was John Howard, of Willow Street, and the Backus brothers handled the bidding and banter.

Two other consignments topped the \$3,000 mark in the sale, which grossed \$76,925 for an average of \$1,875.

A Conductor daughter, who milked over 17,000 lbs. in her first lactation and was back at 78 lbs. a

day in July after a June freshening, sold for \$3,200. The dam of Fataja Conductor Laurella has records topping 26,000. Consigned by Gregory Landis, Lancaster, she went to Bob Swope, of Marietta.

The third-high seller came out of the Len-Lyn herd of Galen Crouse, Stevens, and crossed the

Susquehanna to the Knight herd in Airville. Len-Lyn Chief Empress, whose first lactation topped 19,000 and is back at 78 lbs. a day after calving in July, brought \$3,100.

The Holstein Club is hoping to resume the Conestoga Classic on an annual basis and a decision will be made following review of this year's revival.



Three-year-old El-Dell Mars Madeline was the top seller at Lancaster County's Conestoga Classic Sale at \$3,600. Shown with her, from the left, are John Howard, Willow Street, sale

chairman; Paul Welk, Peach Bottom, consignee; D. Lamar Witmer, Manheim, buyer; and Mark Welk, at halter. In auctioneering booth are Charles and Horace Backus.

Dairymen, Inc. opens

investment to former members

BALTIMORE, Md. — Dairymen, Inc. members who held equity in Maryland Cooperative Milk Producers have been given the opportunity to reinvest that equity.

Equity that is due for redemption on September 1, 1982 can be reinvested in the Member Equity Reinvestment Program. Those who choose to participate will receive an interest rate of 15.5 percent or the Louisville Bank for Cooperatives Term Rate, whichever is higher. Interest will be paid annually.

Maryland Cooperative Milk Producers became the Middle Atlantic Division of the Louisville-based cooperative on September 1, 1982.

Already more than 25 percent of the division's dairy farmer members have chosen to reinvest in MERP more than \$50,000 of their 1969-70 certificates of equity which are eligible for cash redemption on September 1, 1982. Division Manager Ralph Strook is pleased with the interest expressed as it represents confidence in and commitment to Dairymen.

Investment programs such as MERP allow Dairymen to plan for the future of the dairy industry by undertaking such projects as the introduction of UHT long shelf life milk in this country. Dairymen's new UHT plant is Savannah, GA is now in production and plans are that the new milk will be available in this area in 1983.

Spring

(PORTLAND, NY — and reserve grand females of the Fifth Fire Classic Foiled H was exhibited by breeders Frank and cey, Spring Bottom field, Adams County.

Before being selected as grand champion by Phil Taylor of Lawton the animal's quality as the show's champion. Winning the purple the younger Spring standing over a star was selected as the reserve grand champion female show. D exhibited the reserve champion heifer, awarded Premier Exhibitor banners.

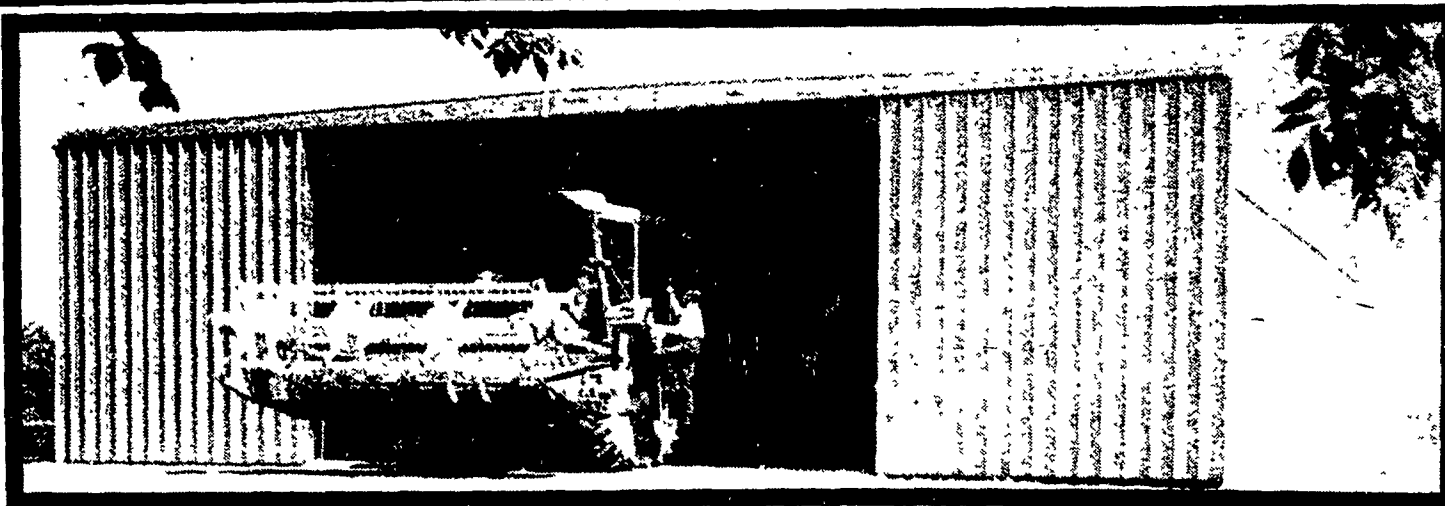
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