

Lancaster District director receives state award

LANCASTER — Lancaster County District Director Robert K. Mowrer of Willow Street has been selected by the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts as the "Outstanding Conservationist" for 1982. The award will be presented at the Association's annual conference Oct. 5.

Mowrer, who has been serving the District as a director since 1968, was introduced to agriculture and conservation through his father — a farm implement dealer in rural Lancaster County.

The retired teacher and engineer for RCA decided to abandon his career at age 55 in order to devote all his time to conservation, especially seeking a state park for Lancaster County. As chairman of a civic committee, Mowrer was instrumental in founding the 224-acre Susquehannock State Park in 1963. The county's only state park is located along the Susquehanna River gorge.

Mowrer served as president of the Lancaster County Park and Open Space Committee which selected the site for the 380-acre Lancaster County Central Park along the Conestoga River. He also was involved in the establishment of Muddy Run Recreation Area by the Philadelphia Electric Company as well as the Middle Creek Wildlife Area by the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

Within Conservation District activities, Mowrer helped establish a youth conservation camp. He also helped establish the Lancaster County Conservancy in 1969. The conservancy has set aside the wild and scenic areas of Chickies Rock, a 150-acre site of cliffs along the Susquehanna River used by the Susquehannock Indians as a lookout, and Trout Run, a 45-acre tract of stream that is surrounded by proposed housing developments.

According to District Chairman Aaron Stauffer, another area

where Bob Mowrer has become active is farmland preservation:

"As a township supervisor chairman for six years (1958-64), he instituted a planning commission and zoning to protect

prime farmlands. In 1979, the county commissioners appointed him to an Agricultural Preservation Task Force which set procedures for reducing loss of

prime farmland in Lancaster County."

"Bob Mowrer has dedicated his life to furthering conservation in Lancaster County," the District chairman expressed.

At N.Y. State Fair

Berks steer brings top bid

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Kirk Fisher of Oley, Berks County, was a first-time exhibitor at the recent New York State Fair at Syracuse. The young Pennsylvanian walked away with some handsome prizes and a record-price for his Charolais steer, winner of Quality Beef Carcass Show.

The steer was sold at auction at Miller Court to P&C Super Markets of Syracuse of \$5.65 per pound. The steer had a liveweight of 1,080 pounds, a carcass weight of 670 pounds, a ribeye measurement of

14.6 inches, a quality grade of choice minus, and a basic yield grade of three.

The carcass show was judged by Terry Dockerty, Extension meat specialist at Cornell University; the 13 steers in the class were judged on foot by Kenneth Brubaker of West Chester, Pa.

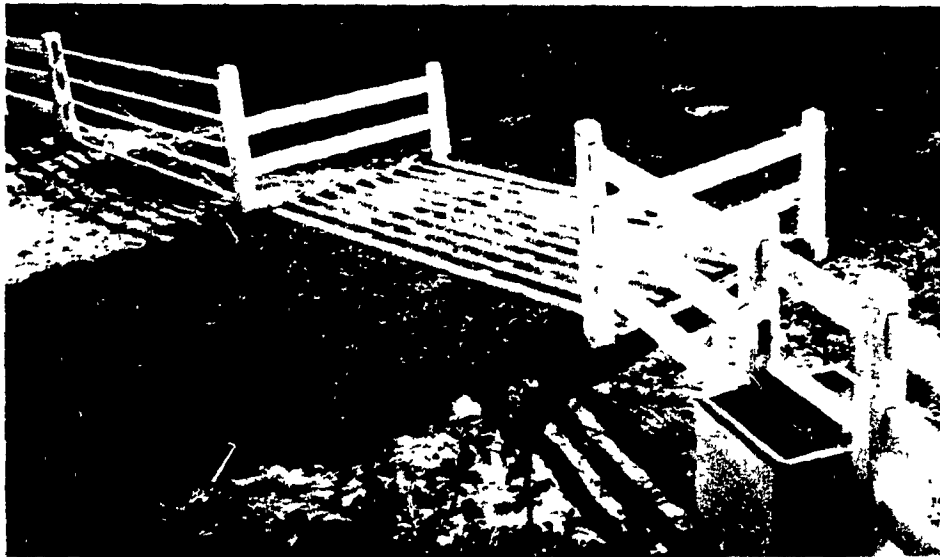
Fisher's steer stood seventh on foot. In addition to the record price, he received a first prize of \$500 for the carcass class and a

trophy from the New York Beef Cattlemen's Association.

Ten of the steers made the beef carcass evaluation requirements that combine quality and cutability and qualified for the auction at Miller Court which attracts a large audience and media attention.

Second place in the carcass show went to Jeff Fisher of Wyoming, N.Y. for his Simmental steer which sold for \$3.05 per pound to Peters Grocery of Syracuse.

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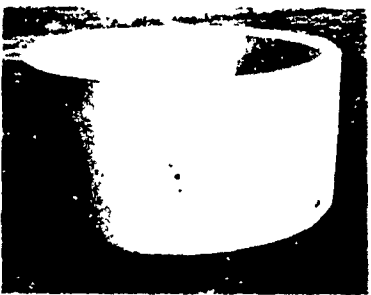
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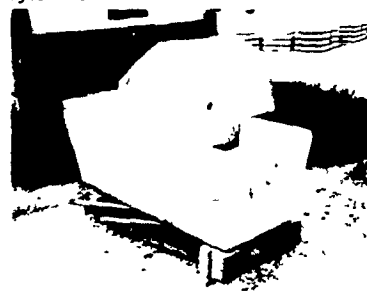
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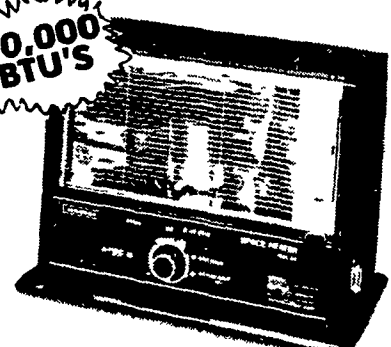
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