

Shorthorn breeders gear up for National

OMAHA, Neb. — The National Western Livestock Show in Denver, Co., will be the site of the 1983 National Shorthorn Show and annual meeting of the American Shorthorn Association, according to Jim Shirley, executive secretary-treasurer of the A.S.A.

Billed as the '83 National, Shirley said, this annual show will prove to be the toughest one of the season with Shorthorn cattle from across the nation competing for the Grand Championship honors.

Alan K. Sears, activities director for the A.S.A., said Shorthorn activities will begin on Thursday morning, Jan. 13, when Dave Hawkins, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mi., will judge the junior Shorthorn heifer show.

Jan. 14 will be the show of cattle entered in the National Shorthorn Seedstock Special at the Stadium Arena, Sears continued. The evening of the 14th, Shirley said, will be Shorthorn discussions — an informal discussion period at the Stouffer Inn geared to review the Shorthorn Performance Records and advertizing Shorthorn cattle.

The opening session of the A.S.A. annual meeting, Shirley said, will

be held on Jan. 15 at the Denver Stouffer Inn headquarters for Shorthorn producers during the event. State delegates will review the past year's activities and plan for the future, he said. New members of the A.S.A. board of directors will be elected to fill the expiring terms of Don Stout, Kremlin, Ok., John Humphreys, Wolcott, In., and Richard Prentice, Fulton, Mo. Prentice is eligible for re-election to the board.

Sears said the National Shorthorn Seedstock Special Sale will

be at the Beef Palace Auction Arena on the afternoon of the 15th, beginning promptly at 1:30 p.m. Animals consigned to this sale, he said, will be of only the highest quality. These animals were pre-screened by a selection committee to insure the finest in Shorthorn cattle will be offered, he said.

That evening, Shirley added is the annual banquet at the Stouffer Inn. The featured speaker, he said, will be Dean F. Berkley, Ph.D., Indiana University, Bloomington, In. Other awards that will be

presented will be the Sire of the Year, Outstanding American Junior Shorthorn Association member, crowning of the National Shorthorn Lassie Queen, and presentation of the A.S.A. board of directors and new A.S.A. officers.

The National Shorthorn Show will be Sunday, January 16 at the National Western Stadium Arena. This show, Shirley said, will see the best from across the United States competing for the Grand Championship honors. Always a tough show, the excitement will be high as judges Bill Able,

Manhattan, Ks.; Don Cardey, Merced, Ca.; and Don Hutzler, Tiffin, Oh., evaluate and place the classes. Sears said the selection of best six head of the show will be held that evening prior to the evening rodeo performance.

The competition continues, Sears added, on Monday, Jan. 17 with the pen bull show in the Livestock Center Judging Arena. Don Cardey will judge this show. Exhibitors will once again see a tough show in the yards, Sears said.

Pa. increases 4-H enrollment this year

LANCASTER — Four-H enrollment in Pennsylvania increased by almost 4,000 during 1982. This means 91,000 boys and girls 8 through 19 years of age are now a part of this informal educational program.

Using four approaches, 4-H attracted 44,452 youth in 2,481 traditional 4-H clubs. In the cities these 4-H clubs offered animal projects such as rabbits, dogs and pets. Repair projects involving small engines helped 4-H'ers and their parents save money by

keeping the family lawn mower running. Many youngsters learned in the traditional food preparation and preservation projects.

A second approach to 4-H occurred in schools. Scientific projects such as embryology enriched the curriculum in much the same way as 4-H founders expanded school curricula beyond the three R's to include practical things such as gardening and canning. School programs in 4-H are held both during free periods and after school. About 32,000


youth were enrolled in this category of 4-H.

Special interest groups are shorter-term 4-H programs concentrating on a single subject. Nutrition education and safety often characterize these programs which attracted 18,700 youth.

Finally, 244 boys and girls were in 4-H as individuals. Some were handicapped, some institutionalized. Others were without means to attend a 4-H meeting, so a parent served as a leader. No one project charac-

terized this small group. They became involved in many things in their 4-H learning experience.

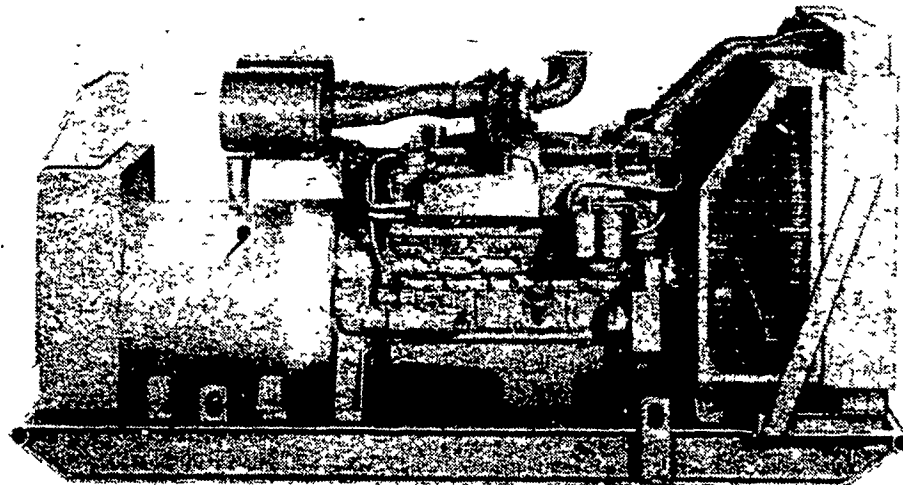
Now the astute reader will have added these figures and concluded the writer couldn't add because the figures totaled over 95,000. Why? Some members belonged to more than one group. The computer at the state 4-H office in the College of Agriculture at Penn State found these duplications and concluded there are 91,780 Pennsylvania youngsters in 4-H in 1982!



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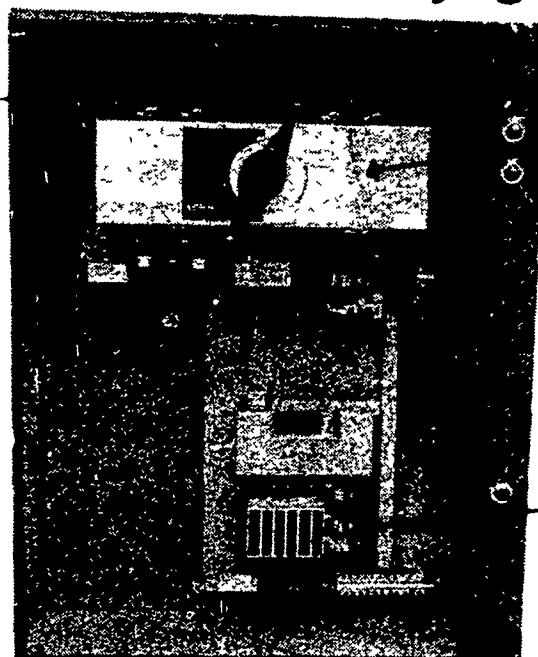
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