

Moores sweep Rambouillet top honors

FARM SHOW — The Kenneth T. Moore family of Rome Bradford County walked away with practically all of the champion honors during Monday evening's Rambouillet open breeding sheep show. The entire family pitched in to lead their massive ovines before the scrutinizing eyes of show judge Leroy Boyd of Starkville, Mississippi.

Moore's daughter, Doris Powell, who grappled with the horned heavyweights of the sheep breed, explained that some of their Rambouillets have crossed the scales at more than 300 pounds, quite a handful for a lightweight sheep showman such as herself and even more so for her sons Richie, 9, and Greoff, 5. After the final judging was

completed Kenneth T. Moore entries had claimed three of the four Rambouillet championship titles, including grand champion ewe and grand and reserve grand champion ram. They also swept the group classes, taking blue ribbons and plaques in Breeders Young Flock, Pen of Lambs, Get of Sire, and Flock.

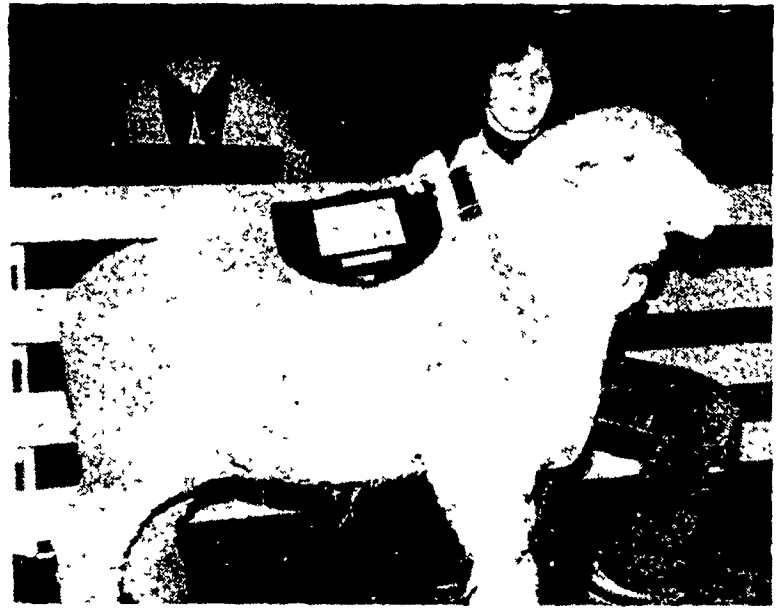
Taking "ladies" before "gentlemen", the Moore's grand champion ewe is a Nelson ewe lamb out of a Moore ewe. Her trip to Farm Show marks the ewe's debut on the show circuit. Both the grand and reserve grand champion rams exhibited by the Moores were homebred.

Doris explained that their spring ram lamb that received the champion nod from Judge Boyd has never been defeated in class during his show career in both New York and Pennsylvania. But, she admitted, both she and her father expected their yearling ram to receive the grand champion distinction; instead he stood in the reserve grand position, must to the family's surprise.

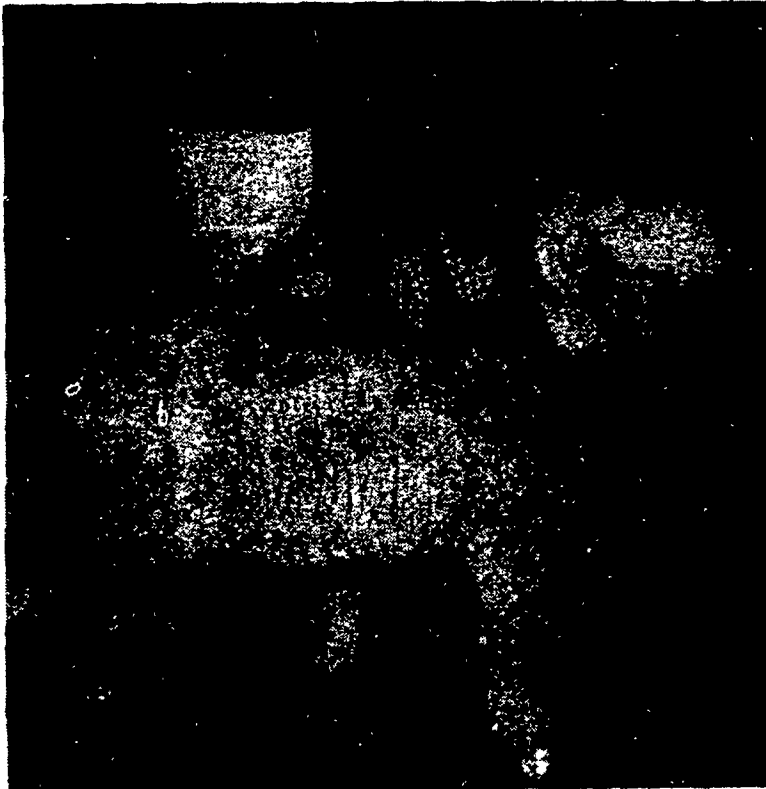
The Moore's raise their Rambouillet sheep, plus Dorsets, Ox-fords, Shropshires, and Hampshires on their 300-acre farm near the New York border. Today their 450-head flock is the sole livestock enterprise on the family farm which up until 1969 also housed a herd of dairy cattle.

When asked if handling these small-pony-sized sheep ever presented a safety problem, especially since both rams and ewes sport long, curly horns atop their heads, Doris smiles and said

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Doris Powell, daughter of Kenneth T. Moore of Rome, Bradford County, holds the family's grand champion Rambouillet ewe. This was the ewe lamb's debut on the show circuit.



Nine-year-old Richie Powell helps mother Doris display his grandfather Kenneth T. Moore's grand champion Rambouillet ram at this year's Farm Show. This spring ram lamb remains undefeated in his show road career.



The reserve grand champion Rambouillet ewe was exhibited by Pine Haven Farm of Newville, Cumberland County. The yearling ram is being held by owner E. Richard Eberts' daughter Diane Conaway.

Corriedale honors

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Corriedale ewe. She is sired by a ram bred by Kin Brothers of Sandusky, Ohio which Mellott purchased as a yearling four years ago. This ram sired Mellott's



The Runkles also won reserve grand champion Corriedale ram honors with this fall ram lamb, held by son Tom.

entire Farm Show lineup of Corriedales, which took Breeders Young Flock and Flock top honors.

Along with his sheep breeding endeavors, Mellott, who says he's been in the farming business "all my life," raises a commercial herd of cattle on his 175-acre Fulton County farm.

Showing this year's champion Corriedale ewe was a father and son team, Jay H. and Thomas J. Funkle of R2 Spring Mills, Centre County. According to son Tom, this homebred ewe was only defeated one time in her show road experience, and that was last fall at the intensely competitive Keystone International Livestock Exposition. The champion ewe was the first-place yearling here at Farm Show.

The Runkle partners also won reserve grand champion honors with their homebred fall ram lamb, plus first-place in Pen of Lambs and Get of Sire.

Like many of the sheep breeders here at Farm Show, the Runkles raise a number of other breeds of sheep — Ox-fords and Suffolks, plus Corriedales bring their flock numbers to roughly 120 head. Along with their ovine enterprise which lends itself to a breeding stock and market lamb business, the Centre County farmers round-out their farm income through fattening about 200 head of hogs each year, and raising a commercial herd of cattle on their 147-acre farm.

Tom recalls how the family started into the sheep business 24 years ago after he purchased his first Suffolk lamb for a 4-H project. Eventually, Corriedales and Ox-fords were added to the flock. When asked which breed of sheep he prefers, Tom smiles and quickly



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confesses his special liking for Corriedales, saying "they're more gentle" than the others. — S.M.

Other show results follow:

- Ram, 1 to 2 Yrs.**
 - 1. 3 Jay H & Thomas J Runkle, R2, Spring Mills, 2 Emil Mellott & Son, R1, Needmore
- Ram, Under 1 Yr.**
 - 1 Emil Mellott & Son, grand champion, 2. 3 Jay H & Thomas J Runkle
- 2 Ram Lambs**
 - 1 Jay H & Thomas J Runkle, 2 Emil Mellott & Son
- Ewe, 1 to 2 Yrs.**
 - 1 Jay H & Thomas J Runkle, grand champion, 2 Tom Hornberger, R1, Birdsboro, 3 Emil Mellott & Son

- Ewe, Under 1 Yr.**
 - 1 Emil Mellott & Son, res grand champion 2 Jay H & Thomas J Runkle, 3 Kathy Weaver R2 Everett
- 2 Ewe Lambs**
 - 1 Emil Mellott & Son, 2 Jay H & Thomas J Runkle, 3 Kathy Weaver
- Breeders Young Flock**
 - 1 Emil Mellott & Son, 2 Jay H & Thomas J Runkle, 3 Kathy Weaver
- Pen of Lambs**
 - 1 Jay H & Thomas J Runkle, 2 Emil Mellott & Son, 3 Kathy Weaver
- Get of Sire**
 - 1 Jay H & Thomas J Runkle 2 Emil Mellott & Son, 3 Kathy Weaver
- Flock**
 - 1 Emil Mellott & Son, 2 Jay H & Thomas J Runkle, 3 Kathy Weaver



Mellott also captured reserve grand champion Corriedale ewe honors during the open breeding sheep show held Monday evening in the small arena.