

Top-selling heifer, Glen Valley Astronaut Tutti was bought by Clair High, left, Middlebrook Farm manager, Quarryville. Kenneth Umble, Glen Valley Farm, Atglen, consigned Tutti.

Relief sale nets \$80,000 for world's needy

BY TRISH WILLIAMS
LANCASTER — The true spirit of helping a fellow man in need is still alive and doing well, thanks to groups like the Mennonite Central Committee, of Akron.

The MCC's Third Annual Pennsylvania Relief Heifer Sale held Thursday at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion netted an estimated \$80,000 for the world's needy.

The sale has grown each year since its beginning five years ago. The first year no heifers were sold and donated straw, hay and implements brought in \$1800. The next year income from the sale doubled. In 1981, MCC held the first World Relief Heifer Sale, bringing in \$80,000. MCC through its diligent efforts has maintained a sale in-

come during the past two years despite hard economic times for the farmers who consign and buy the heifers. The 1982 sale grossed \$85,000; this year's sale fell slightly to \$80,000.

A total of 100 heifers were sold Thursday, all Holsteins and most registered, with a few nice grades. Most of those donated came from Lancaster and Chester Counties, with the remainder coming from adjacent counties, said Wilmer Kraybill, sale manager. Some of the breeds most popular bulls were represented, including: Jemini, Arlinda Cinnamon, Molly Chief, Marvex, Elevation, Astronaut, Pabst, Electric, Sexation, Kenny, Chairman, Triple Threat and others.

The top-selling heifer Glen Valley Astronaut Tutti brought \$1625. Tutti was consigned by Kenneth M. Umble, Glen Valley Farm, R1 Atglen. The buyer was Steven O. Sirota, Middlebrook Farm, Quarryville. Tutti is sired by Paclamar Astronaut and her dam is Glen Valley Marvex Tonya, a three year old.

The sale attracted over 140 serious buyers and many spectators, who bought and consumed food that was donated. After the heifer sale, semen was sold from the following sires: Very, Metore, Dream Street Fast Buck, Spirit, Valiant, East Star, Arrow. Also

sold were donations of hay, straw, firewood, and seed corn.

The MCC will direct the \$80,000 raised to its World Relief Program which sends emergency shipments

short period of time. Adults migrate throughout the structure during cleaning and are found in cracks and crevices, insulation, eaves, etc. which increases the difficulty of achieving adequate control," he explained.

Ventilation systems were addressed by Forest Muir and Bob Graves, both from Penn State Extension. They advised that, generally, greater efficiency comes from large fans, two capacitor motors, lower nameplate amps and smaller motors.

Dr. Spangler Klopp, Inter-Continental Biologics, Inc., and Barrett Cowen, Wiley Laboratory at Penn State, joined the program discussing the Marek's and Gumboro problems in poultry.

Jay Irwin, Lancaster County Extension agent, informed the audience that a 12 1/2 minute slide presentation on the Lancaster County's poultry industry is available for school functions and other programs by contacting him at the Extension office, 394-6851.

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mealworm, known as the darkling beetle, causes not only structural damage to beams and bracing, but has proven to be vectors and reservoirs for several poultry disease pathogens.

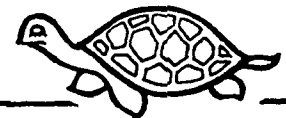
According to Collison, "the adults and larvae of all three species are very active and commonly found in poultry litter and manure. Leaky water fountains, excessive grain, broken eggs, and dead birds encourage infestations.

"The lesser mealworm feeds on damp, moldy grain and is commonly associated with spilled poultry feeds. Both the larder beetle and the hide beetle are scavengers, feeding on stored animal and plant products," he said.

"Achieving adequate control is difficult since thorough cleaning of the houses does not occur regularly. Once the houses become infested, thorough cleaning along with chemical control seems to only suppress the population for a

of food, medical supplies and bedding to the world's most needy people, according to Lowell Detweiler, director of MCC's regional office.

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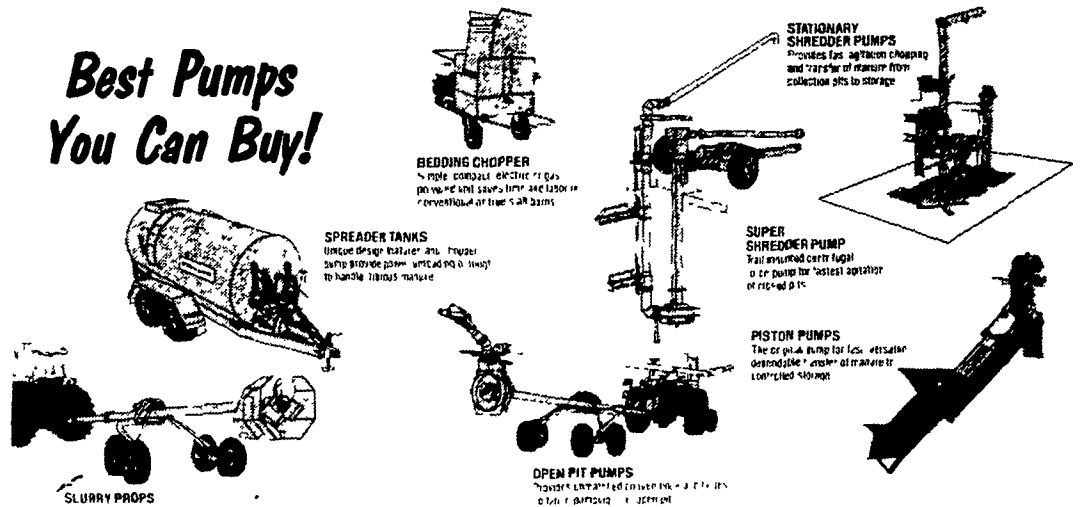
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