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Judge Harold Binder of Colorado presents George Smith III with the Grand Champion banner at the Maryland State Fair Holstein Show, for Smith's winning 4-year-old, Lucky M Pete Gina.

Md. State Fair names champions

By Joyce Bupp

TIMONIUM, Md. — Holstein exhibitors paraded before a full house in the Cow Palace dairy arena Labor Day, as the black-and-whites judging wrapped up several days of cattle arena action at the Maryland State Fair.

In keeping with the western style of champion selection, Colorado judge Howard Binder slapped the rump of the winning 4-year-old, after careful deliberation over the slowly circling parade of class winners.

Exhibited by George W. Smith III, of Smith-Mead Farms, Frederick, the champion is Lucky M. Pete Gina.

Reserve senior and grand rosettes went to the O. Clayton Smith family of Jefferson, with their winning 5-year-old, UCS Dairy Elevation Katie, by Elevation.

For his junior champion, Judge Binder chose the first place senior yearling, sired by Thonyma East Star and exhibited by Michael and Connie Young, Fresno, California.

Pulled into the reserve junior champion slot was the first in-

termediate calf, a Quality Ultimate heifer exhibited by Steve Wood, Nokesville, Virginia.

A highlight of the well-attended show was the Maryland Holstein Association's presentations of several prestigious breeder awards.

Distinguished service winner for 1983 is the King family of Kingstead Farms. Veteran Maryland Holstein leader Ralph Walker was named the outstanding senior breeder, and the outstanding junior breeder honor was conferred on Roy and Sue Crow.

The King family is nationally known for their outstanding bloodlines of registered Holsteins developed over the past several decades at the farm near Damascus. Offspring of the herd are in several foreign countries and numerous Kingstead line sires have gone into domestic sire service organizations.

The late Leslie King founded the Kingstead breeding herd, continued today by his children Irving, Jane, Douglas, Harold and Mary King.

Production, fat and type ac-

complishments have earned the Kingstead herd 28 consecutive Progressive Breeder awards from the national Holstein Association.

A member of the King family estimated that the herd show string has been taking part in the Maryland State Fair for about 35 years.

They've won the Premier banners at the Timonium show, and the Maryland State show, numerous times, and have taken the prized premier breeder honor seven times at the Harrisburg Eastern National show.

Outstanding senior breeder, Ralph Walker, led his first calf into the showring in 1923, at the Montgomery County fair. He was a rookie 4-H exhibitor and the animal he displayed was the family's first registered individual in the herd.

In the early 1930's Walker and his brother, Grover, joined their father, McKendree, full-time on the Gaithersburg dairy farm, with a milking string of about 50 head.

Success of the Walkers' Rolling-

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Sign of times — farmers getting sick & tired of losing more money

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN

GETTYSBURG — There are increasing signs that farmers are getting sick and tired of just losing more and more money and going deeper and deeper into debt.

On Tuesday, independent egg producers from Adams, Cumberland, York and Lancaster Counties will meet with state and federal legislators and Ag Sec. Penrose Hallowell to see what help they can get from conditions that

are causing them to lose three to six cents a dozen on every dozen of eggs they produce.

And in Adams County, one dairyman will continue his efforts to get tax relief from county commissioners during these times when he finds himself going into the hole by another \$20,000 to \$25,000 at the end of each year.

For both — the egg producers and dairyman — it's a combination of governmental actions, weather

and surplus market conditions that have sent production costs spiraling and sent them deeper and deeper into the hole.

Dorothy and Jack Sterner, of Adams County, said that producers are losing an estimated three to six cents per dozen of eggs produced.

"The market for large eggs is 80 cents per dozen," Dorothy Sterner said.

"The farmers are paid about 55

cents per dozen and production costs average between 60 and 67 cents per dozen. That means that right now we are losing about six cents per dozen of eggs we produce."

Increased production costs include higher utility bills and feed. Sterner said his utility costs rose 49 percent last month and feed costs are up some \$40 per ton due to the PIK program. PIK alone increased

production costs by 10 cents per dozen.

The egg producers are also concerned about increasing competition from foreign and domestic large corporate investors. About 25 percent of laying birds in Pennsylvania are owned by foreign companies from Europe and Japan compared to 15 percent a year ago, Sterner said.

At the meeting called by the

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Ag arena takes shape on Penn State skyline

BY LAURA ENGLAND

STATE COLLEGE — On April 15, 1983, several hundred people huddled together under a gloomy, gray sky, defying a threatening thunderstorm, to witness what many had coined "a dream becomes reality."

That dream molding into reality was the groundbreaking of Penn State's proposed Ag Arena, a facility designed to house a variety of agricultural events such as the Little International Livestock Exposition, the Dairy Exposition and the Horticulture Show.

Five months later, visitors to Penn State can see that the dream, indeed, is real. According to Milford Heddleson, a Penn State professor who has coordinated fund-raising campaigns for the building, construction of the Ag Arena is on schedule.

To date, the structural steel frame is up and the laying of a 9-foot-high block wall will begin soon. By winter, the sides and roof should be completed, Heddleson said, and inside work can then be done.

June 1, 1984, is the targeted completion date of the \$1.4 million

facility, Heddleson said, but if all goes as planned the construction could possibly be completed by April.

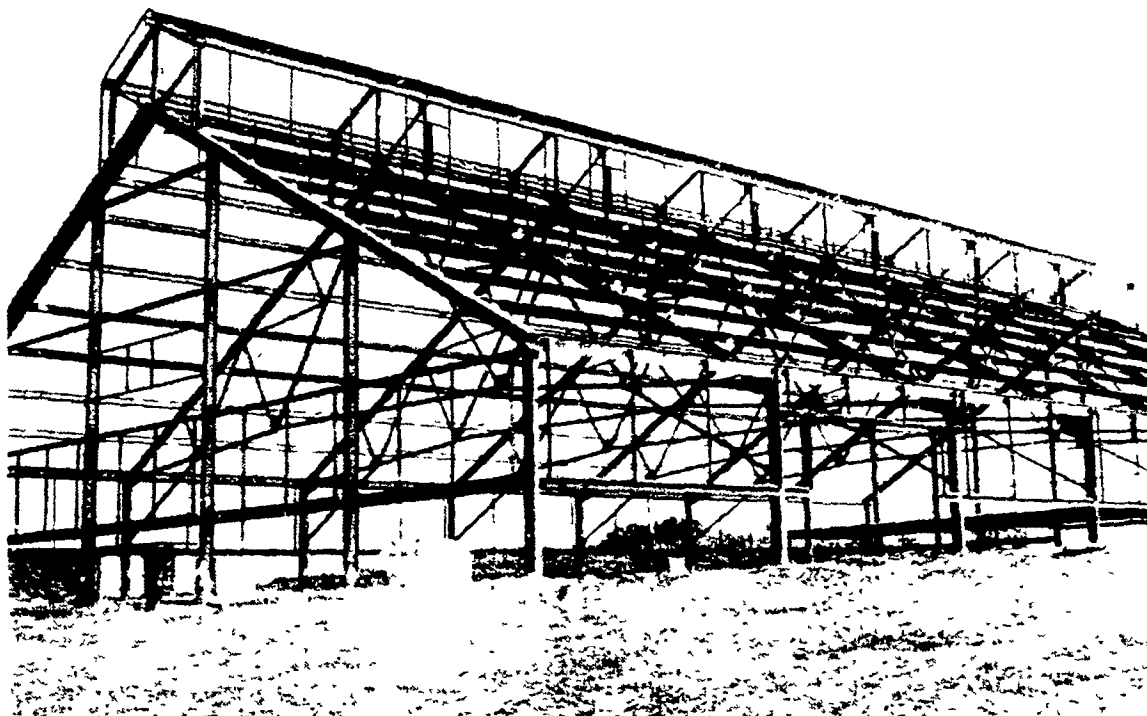
"It's hoped that the Dairy Exposition and the Little I will be held in the Ag Arena next spring," Heddleson said, "but it's certain the Fall 1984 Hort Show will be there."

Until then, fund-raising projects will continue with a barbecue on Sept. 17 leading the 1983 campaign.

The barbecue is set for the Penn State-Iowa football game at Beaver Stadium. Other projects will again include the Winter Phonathon, sponsored by the College of Ag students, and a new professional phonathon running from mid-September through mid-January.

In addition, the Office of Gifts and Endowments will identify major donors, Heddleson said.

When completed, the Ag Arena will consist of an 80' by 150' arena, bleachers to accommodate 600 people, a food serving area, offices, rest rooms and a mezzanine section. The mezzanine area will be used for dances, banquets and exhibits



The construction of Penn State's Ag Arena is evident as the structural steel frame goes up on the building site near Beaver Stadium. Completion of the all-purpose agriculture facility is targeted for next spring.