

National Jr. Dairy Show

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animals among the best. "I wanted to come," Mrs. Welsh said, adding that since both the champions are Pennsylvania Junior Bellringers, she thought they were good enough for this level of competition.

The Welsh Ponderosa Farm includes 180 cows with mostly Holsteins and Swiss, but some Jerseys and Aryshires too. "I like them all," Mike says. They farm close to 1000 acres and this year marks a memorable recovery from a barn fire in March of 1982 where they lost 10 show calves.

"My goal has been that we can get to the point where we can sell animals we can be proud of," Mrs. Welsh states. "Our next challenge is to take this type with other sires to make it better," she concluded.

"Qualities such as dairyness, balance, and how straight the animal walks on its feet and legs," were among the top qualifications for a prize winning Guernsey in the National Guernsey Junior Show, according to judge William McGee, Mississippi State University. As 137 entries from 10 states paraded through the ring, the entry of Mr. and Mrs. Galen McDonald, R1, Imler, and shown by their nephew, Curtiss Feathers, was singled out for one of the top placings.

Green Slopes Poppy's Patrician, a senior heifer calf daughter of South Pens Trailblazer, took the Reserve Junior Championship for the McDonald's Green Slopes Farm.

"I think she is great," McDonald stated and added that because of

her great size and scale, her teeth are always checked in the ring. "Patrician" has been unbeaten in 14 shows this year and Junior Champion in 13 of them. Bred by the McDonalds, she was their only entry, but McDonald added that they had three other good prospects at home but could not bring them.

The Junior Championship went to Holly Griggs, Oklahoma, and the Senior and Grand Championships went to Susan Fish, Missouri. Reserve Senior and Reserve Grand went to Margaret Wallis, Missouri. The state herd award went to Missouri with Wisconsin in second place and Kentucky taking third.

More than 120 junior Holstein breeders from seven states exhibited in the Holstein Junior Show. The "competition was tough," according to dairyman Dick Lewis, Orient, Ohio, judge of the event.

Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Holstein Association and the Pennsylvania Junior Holstein Association, 10 Pennsylvania Holstein youth made the trip to Louisville with their state herd animals.

"We had real good support this year," stated Diane Bowen Bliss, Director of Junior Programs with the Pennsylvania Holstein Association, State College. Adding that they are pushing for full support for this program, Bliss said, "I think they (the youth) get good, valuable experience here," "we did real well, exceptionally

well."

This marked the second year that a state junior herd was taken to Kentucky. Juniors are responsible for paying the trucking and feed, and the Pennsylvania Holstein Association pays for the entry fees, straw, shavings, and hires a herdsman to care for the animals. Partially funded by the Junior Holstein Club Calf Raffle each year, all the winnings from the show go back into the junior association to fund other junior programs. "It's a lot of planning," Bliss stated.

To qualify for the state herd, junior animals must place high in the three major shows in Pennsylvania, the Huntingdon Show,

the state junior show, and the Eastern National. The ten juniors participating this year were Constance Ohlinger, Mohrsville; Benjamin Wolfe, Millville; Irene Benner, Millerstown; Thomas McCauley, Elizabethtown; Luke Bowser, New Enterprise; Shawon Georgetti, Avella; Kelly Krebs, Glen Rock, Daniel Albright, Landisburg; Paul Carr, Somerset; and John Foster III, Petersburg. The herdsman was Creedin Cornman from Carlisle, and Burton Staman, Jr., Montgomery, hauled the equipment to the show.

For all but one of the juniors, it was the first year at this competition. "The major thing we've been trying to teach the kids, is

some professional show habits," Bliss stated. "We're all working together, trying to help the younger kids," she added.

Each junior was given a blue skirt with the Pa. Holstein insignia on it and throughout the show, these skirts could be seen at the head of the class. "It's so everybody knows Pennsylvania," Bliss commented as she said that they did much better this year than they did in 1982.

Shawn Georgetti, Avella, started off the junior show with a first place in the junior calf class with Sha Vic Ta Ultimate Billy Jean. Following this lead, Benjamin

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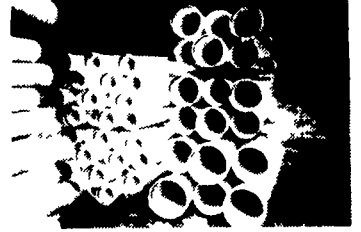
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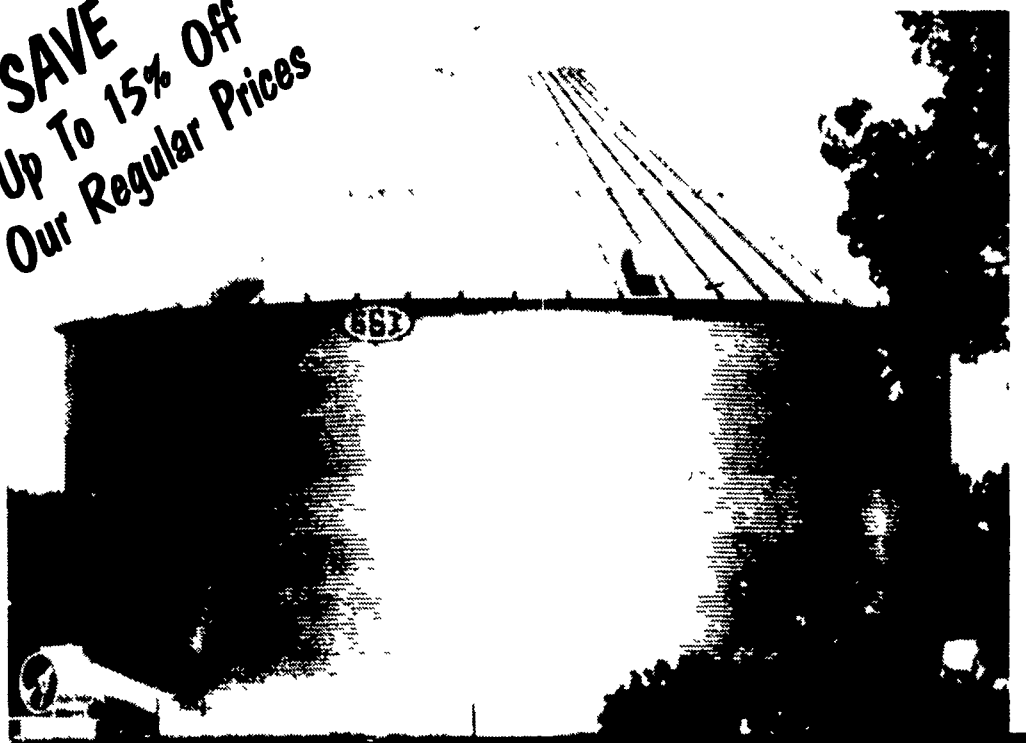
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