

Empire Classic Sale slated for April 28

ITHACA, NY - A group of young people will be assembling hair dryers, shampoo, brushes and combs, not for themselves, but for their Polled Hereford entries in the Sixth Annual Empire Classic Sale April 28.

Hereford Association, the sale and all pre-sale activity, will begin at 12:30 p.m. at Cornell University's Livestock Pavilion.

The young consignors include Darrell and Stephen Card and Melissa Coombs, all of McGraw, and Dan and Diane Mickelson of

Newfield. They will join Polled Hereford breeders from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Rhode Island, who will be bringing a total of 57 head of registered breeding stock to the sale.

The open heifers and young bulls

will be weighed, graded, and frame scored in the late afternoon April 27 and all of the sale cattle will be on review at an Open House that evening.

On sale morning the Livestock Pavilion will be a beehive of activity as juniors and seniors scrub, wash, dry, brush, and groom their consignments for the final time before entering the ring at the call of the auctioneer "Red" Shaw.

Sale manager Robert Card of McGraw said all of the pre-sale activities as well as the sale itself are of interest to beef producers, adding that, "the sale consignments will give a prospective buyer an excellent source of seedstock." The bulls in the sale will have to meet the same structural soundness requirements as do those bulls in the New York

Bull Test. However, there will not be the "bank of performance data on these bulls as is provided at the Bull Test Sale," Card explained. He stressed that, as in all previous Empire Classic Sales, the emphasis continues to be on performance.

The sale will feature 21 cows, either with calves at side or due to calve this summer; 17 open heifers, 10 bred heifers, and nine bulls with most of the breed's top bloodlines represented.

An added feature will be an information program at 7:30 p.m. April 27. Dr. Dan Fox of the animal science department of Cornell University will discuss the Guidelines program and the performance testing program developed by Cornell and the Beef Cattlemen's Association.

Livestock Judging Contest sets Penn State record

UNIVERSITY PARK — During a backlash of inclement weather, some 327 4-H and FFA members, along with 25 collegiate contestants, competed in the 11th annual Spring Livestock Judging Contest held recently at Penn State.

The event was the largest judging contest ever held by the sponsoring Block and Bridle Club. It was the opening event of the 67th Little International Livestock Exposition at Penn State, to climax with "Show Day" today.

In junior beginner competition, Gene Moore of State College was the high individual for total placings. However, Washington County 4-H went on to win the overall team award.

The Chester County 4-H Livestock Judging Team captured the junior advanced team award. Montgomery county's Steve McMahon placed 1st as high individual.

William MacCauley of Atglen, a

Penn State student majoring in agricultural business management, won the collegiate amateur division.

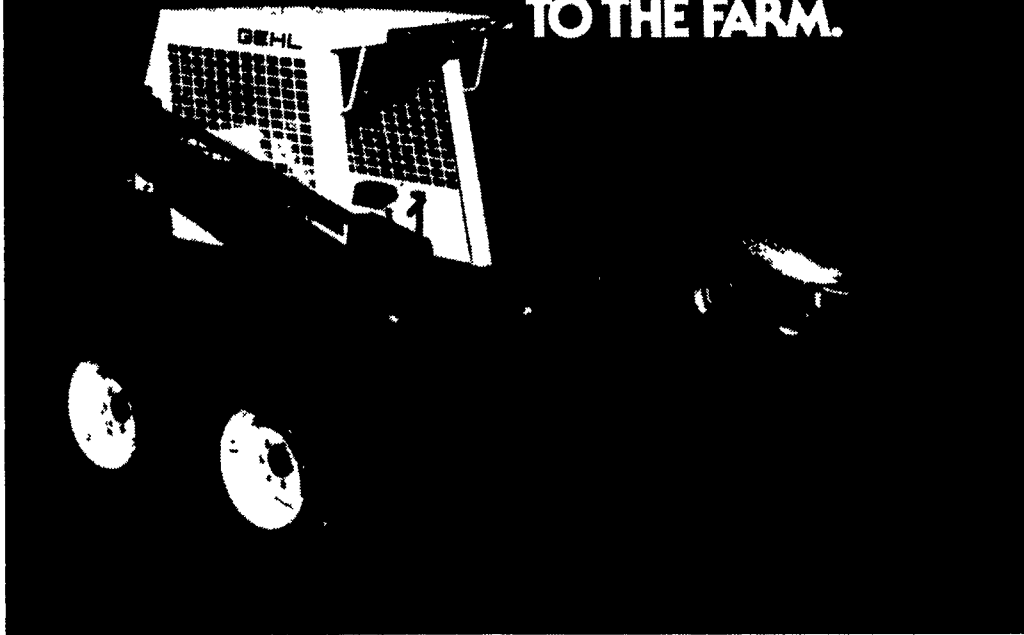
Another Penn State student, Nelson Beam, returned to victory as he won them collegiate professional division for the second consecutive year. Beam is an animal production major and a native Chester countian from Elverson.

Members of the Penn State Block and Bridle Club supervised the contest. Judy A. Long of Carlisle was chairman; her assistant was Nelson R. Beam of Elverson.

"Show Day" of the 67th Little International Livestock Exposition will take place today in the new Penn State Ag Arena. This will be the first event to take place in the structure.

The public is welcome to attend and share in the festivities of "Show Day." A refreshment stand will be available.

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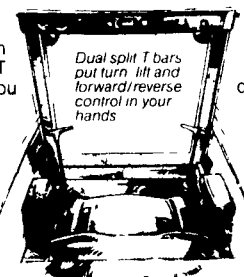
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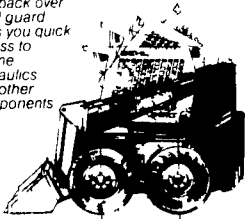
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