

Stewartstown youth wins heifer in drawing



Winner of the W.L. Mummert company's dairy heifer contest is 4-H and FFA member Tom Parks, R1 Stewartstown. With Parks, from the left, are Dick Hamilton, owner of the feed firm; York alternate dairy princess Deb Kann and Jeff Miles, sales representative for the company.

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HANOVER — Tom Parks is a yearling heifer richer this week.

The 15-year-old Stewartstown R1 youth's name was on the winning ticket pulled in a drawing Saturday for a registered Holstein heifer, the grand prize in a contest sponsored by the W.L. Mummert Feed Company of Hanover.

For his luck in the draw, the 4-H and FFA member took home Philka Milestone Chief Vanity, a March yearling bred by Phil Laughman of Thomasville, and purchased at the Adams-York Calfarama sale by the Mummert firm.

Sired by Poverty Hollow Milestone, the heifer's first two dams are both scored Good Plus and the third dam is Very Good. Both grand and great grand dams have records over 20,000 milk and 800 fat.

The W.L. Mummert firm is owned by former Lancaster Countian Dick Hamilton and his wife Janet. Hamilton's decision to purchase a heifer and award it to a youngster had its roots in a suggestion made during casual

conversation with a farmer he visited some time ago.

Both 4-H and FFA dairy-project oriented youngsters in Adams and York counties were invited to send a contest entry letter to the firm, explaining why they would like to win the dairy heifer.

Hamilton was delighted when over 60 letters piled up on his desk, and impressed with some of the "homework" that the entrants had done in studying the pedigree background of the calf and the sire.

"Take good care of her, show her, and let us know where she'll be shown so that we can come and see her," was Hamilton's request to Parks after York alternate dairy princess Deb Kann had pulled his name from the checkered box filled with tickets. In order to win, the youngster either had to be present, or have indicated beforehand that a representative would be there in his place if he was unable to attend.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parks, Tom is a sophomore FFA member at Kennard Dale and a member of the Airville Milk and Money dairy 4-H club. In addition to his contest prize heifer, Parks owns four other dairy animals.

Ira Boyer, York representative of American Breeders Service, will donate a free breeding service, or up to \$50 credit toward ABS semen for servicing the heifer.

In turn, her first heifer calf is to be returned to the Mummert company to continue a "calf chain." Following this initial heifer award, Hamilton plans to alternate the calf drawing contest between Adams and York county dairy youth.

On hand for the contest drawing were representatives of Beacon, Purina and Wayne feeds, who donated an assortment of other prizes including hats, vests and feed, with halters donated by the Caldwell Supply company.

Beacon Milling also announced a 50-cent credit on every hundred pounds of feed purchased by a youth for use in raising a project animal.

Hamilton, following a 20-year career in the Navy, became a partner in a Maryland feed business following his service retirement. He purchased the 60-year-old Mummert feed business in 1977, from previous owner Bill Spahr, and continues to service agriculture customers in Adams

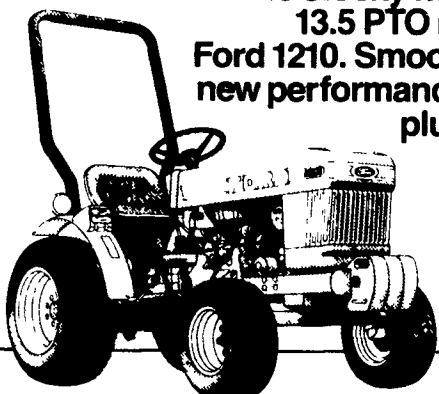
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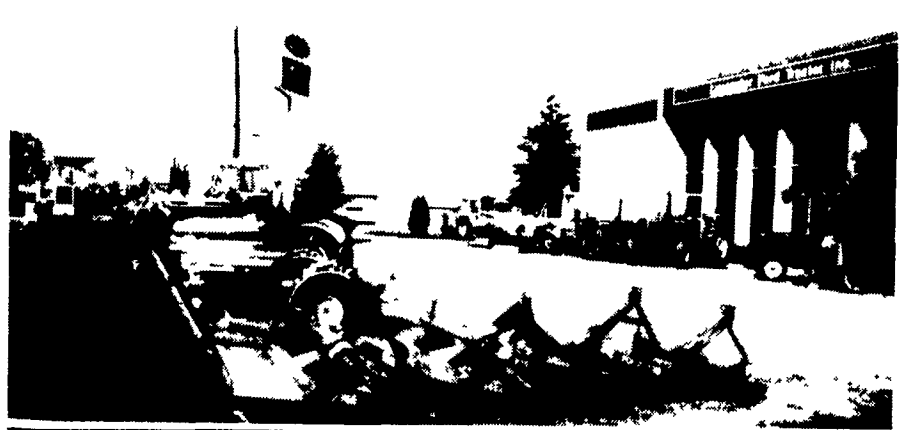
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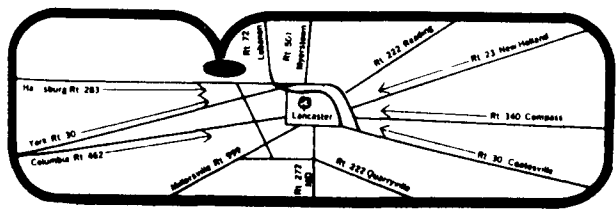


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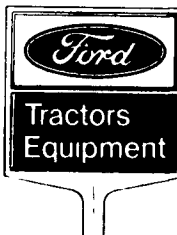
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