

# Chairman calf tops Washington Co. Sale

ARDEN — A January 1984 Cal-Clark Board Chairman calf, the first consignment sold during the Washington County Cherry Blossom Calf Sale, topped the sale at \$2,050.

The calf, from three generations of excellent cows, was consigned by Green-Haven Farm, Claysville. Jack and Dana Synder, Parker, bought the calf.

Second high selling calf, bringing \$1,900, was also sired by Chairman. The September 1983 senior calf was purchased by Beth Sherman, Elemton. Consigned by

McMurray Bros., West Alexander, the heifer is out of a VG-86 dam producing over 21,000 pounds of milk and over 850 pounds of fat.

A Leadfield Columbus-ET and a pair of Plushanski Persuader twins each sold for \$1,600. They were November and May calves, respectively.

Three other calves brought over \$1,000 boosting the sale average on 43 head to \$765.

Volume buyer was Dale Wilson, Cleveland, Tenn., who purchased eight head.

The sale, held at the Washington

County Fairgrounds, Arden, was managed by the local Holstein Club with J.O. Fenstermaker, Hornerville, Ohio, auctioneering and Oren Bender, Accident, Md., reading pedigrees. B.R.

## Sale Reports

The Kinglea Dispersal was held April 24 and 25 by John L. King, Jr. and Roberta M. King on Clabber Hill Road, near Church Hill, Queen Annes Co., Md.

On April 24 there were 189 head of cows sold and they averaged \$1663. On April 25 there were 120 head of heifers and bulls sold for an average of \$1333.

The top Holstein sold was a heifer calf for \$10,600 to Curti Farms, Waukena, California. The 2nd high animal was a cow sold to Fairhill Farm, Chestertown, Maryland for \$9200. The 3rd high was a cow sold to Glenn Freese, Oxford, Pa. for \$6200.

Sale was conducted by Remsburg Sale Service.

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A Public Auction of farm machinery and antiques was held April 28 by W. Glyn and Kathryn Baker, 4 miles northwest of Lewisburg, Union Co., Pa.

Some prices were: J.D. 620 tractor \$3150, J.D. 40 tractor \$1500, Cockshutt tractor w/loader & blade \$2100, elevator \$800, large wooden hand express wagon \$500, 9 pc. decorated bedroom suite \$500, 12 ga. Model 10A Remington shotgun \$140, quilts up to \$400 and string of sleigh bells \$180.

George H. Dietrick was the auctioneer.



These Saanen does are part of Jonathan Merkle's 17-head goat herd.

## Centre FFA'er

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she said. "It tastes just like cow's milk and it's naturally homogenized."

Milk not used by the Merkles is fed to the other young livestock, including the kid goats.

The goats are fed oats, corn, soybean meal and baking soda. The soda, Jon explained, helps raise the butterfat content by neutralizing stomach acids. The ration is topped off with vitamins and minerals.

Breeding is done naturally from

October to January, and does are bred when seven months old. The Merkles have used some artificial insemination, but said they prefer natural breeding.

Jon, with future plans to major in pre-veterinary science, spends about two hours daily working with his dairy goats and other FFA projects. This he does as well as participating in other FFA activities and swimming on the varsity team.

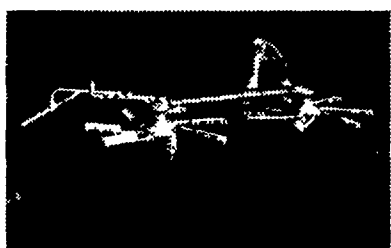
In the future, Jon plans to keep his herd size about the same. His goal is to breed better animals. "It'll be a challenge to see if I can breed better animals," he said.

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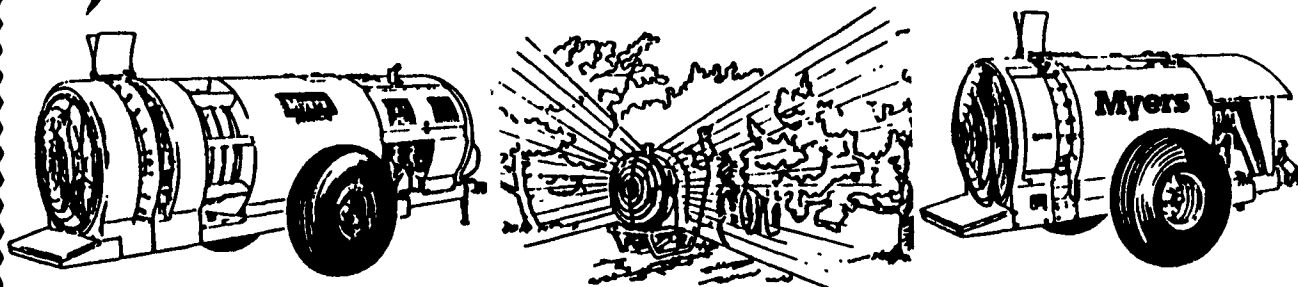
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