

\$7,700 heifer tops Ag Progress Sale

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CENTRE HALL — Two Californians vied for the distinction of taking home the highest selling animal at the Centre-Mifflin Counties Ag Progress Sale, Tuesday evening.

When the gavel dropped, it was Amelio Curti, Waukena, Cal., who purchased the Lot #1 heifer of Terry Branstetter, Tyrone. With the final bid of \$7700.00, Curti must have been sure of what he wanted in the show-winning, open, September heifer. Tom Olson, Turlock, Cal., was the contender.

Bransdale Valient Pete Katie calf was the stylish first place senior calf at the recent Central Championship show at Huntingdon. She went on to Reserve Junior Champion that day. That day also saw her dam's two maternal sisters win first place, Produce of Dam after taking first and second place in their two year old class.

Bransdale Tempo Kris-ET, with a two year old record of 20,168, was named to second-place two year old. Her sister, Bransdale Tempo Kim-ET, VG-86, with an 18,441 and 3.9% test, went on to win the class. There is another maternal sister in this family, Bransdale Eagle Fran Mandy, Ex-92, 2E, who also boasts the high record of 26,609 pounds of milk at five years and a 4.0% butterfat test.

Katie is the daughter of Straight Pine Elevation Pete and her dam's sire is S-W-D Valiant. "She's a good sound foundation animal," her consignor stated after the sale. Pleased that his animal sold so well, Branstetter said that they do not do too much showing of their 70 cow Holstein dairy but they made an exception with this heifer.



Top seller at Ag Progress Sale is Bransdale Valiant Pete Katie at \$7,700 to Amelio Curti, Waukena, Cal. From the left are Don Reisinger representing contender Tom Olson; Judy Vonada, Centre County dairy princess; Roger Green representing purchaser and Terry Branstetter, consignor. Barbara Green is at halter.

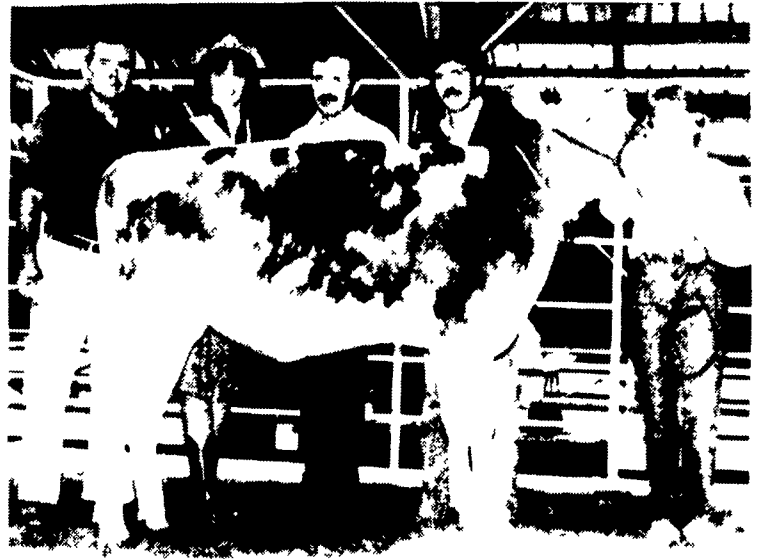
The buyer, Curti, is one of the largest dairymen in California with over 2,000 milking cows. He was represented by Roger Green, sale chairman, as he successfully bid for this heifer and several others in the sale. "He is looking for a deep pedigree," Green stated about Curti. "The very top of the breed is all the man is interested in," Green added.

Billed as a "tremendous family of cows," the high selling animal brought the sale average up to \$1541.88 on the 40 head of young heifers and cows sold. "I think it's running a bit stronger than last year," Sale Chairman Green stated as the average exceeded the

1983 mark.

With a smaller crowd this year probably due to the past few days of good, haymaking weather, the consignment of Michael Dyarman, Shippensburg, was pushed over the \$3000.00 mark to take second high selling honors. Dyer-Acres Nike Prestar-Red was easy to pick out. In addition to her flashy color, the October Leadfield Prestar daughter also boasted high butterfat tests in her family. Her dam has tests up to 3.7% and her granddam tested up to 4.3%. The heifer sold for \$3050.00 on the bid from Don Reisinger, Center Hall.

The sale saw four other animals go over the \$2,000.00 dollar mark as



Second high seller at Ag Progress Sale sold to Don Reisinger, Centre Hall, for \$3,050. From the left are Mark Glick, auctioneer; Judy Vonada, Centre County dairy princess; Art Cling, auctioneer; Jay Houser, pedigrees, and Barbara Green at halter.

the young Holsteins dispersed to New York, California, Pennsylvania, and Iowa. Carl Gates, Warriors Mark, Marquis and Englebucht, Waterloo, Iowa, and Charles Myers, Lancaster, were the volume buyers, each taking home three head.

The other high selling animals included:

\$2700.00 - Penn-Dell Spirit Jaclyn - consigned by Jay and Mary Houser, Spring Mills, and purchased by Amelio Curti, Cal.

\$2150.00 - Sterlinggold Threat Isis - consigned by Tussey View Farm, Centre Hall, and purchased by Lowell Peachy, Mill Creek.

\$2000.00 - Huntsdale Sexation Ivy

- consigned by M. Thomas and Cindy Sheaffer, Carlisle, and purchased by Danny Albright, Landisburg.

\$2000.00 - Lonely-Spot Sexation Garlic - consigned by Thomas Hartle, Bellefonte, and purchased by Charles Myers, Lancaster.

The sale was chaired by Roger Green, State College, and auctioneered by Mark Glick. Jay Howes read pedigrees and Harry Bachman, Annville, was the ringman along with Bill Nichols of PHA. The sale was held at the fairgrounds in Centre Hall and the two sponsoring counties, Centre and Mifflin, offered their best selections of calves, open and bred heifers, and a few young cows.

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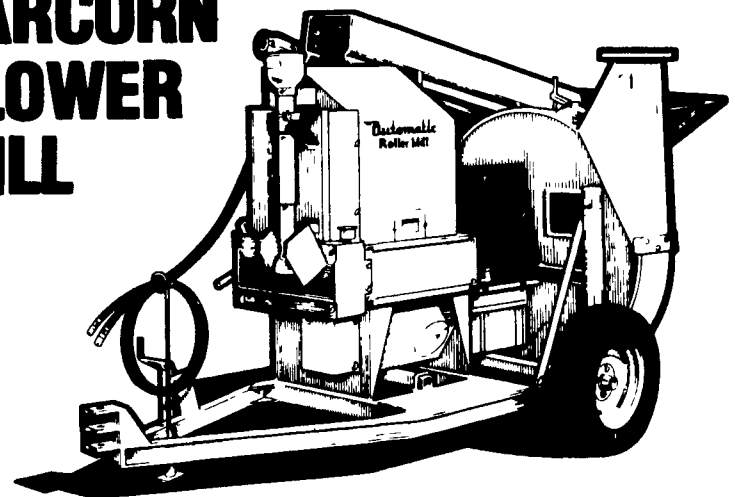
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