

## Kelly herd has record production in Blair Co.

HOLLIDAYSBURG — Thomas W. Kelly achieved the highest herd average for milk, fat and protein in Blair County, according to the annual DHIA summary of the testing year ending September 30th. His herd of 63 cows produced 21,176 lbs. of milk, 771 lbs. of butterfat, and 688 lbs. of protein.

Kelly's herd was the only Blair County dairy to produce over 20,000 lbs. milk. Herds producing over 19,000 lbs. were those of Fred Bechtel, Blackcrest Farms, Clover Will Farms, Marcove Farm, and Charles and Mike Hoover.

Eight herds in the county produced more than 700 lbs. fat for the year. They were: Thomas W. Kelly, Fred Bechtel, Blackcrest Farms, Clover Will Farms, Marcove Farm, Penn-England, Charles and Mike Hoover, and Mil-Ber Farms.

Earning the plaque for the greatest increase in butterfat production was Fred Bechtel with an additional 83 pounds.

Top 2-year-olds were also recognized for high milk, fat, and protein production. Fred Bechtel's "81" topped the fat and milk categories, with 919 lbs. of butterfat and 24,624 lbs. of milk. "Lucy," owned by Charles and

Mike Hoover, produced the high record of 910 lbs. in the protein category.

The high cow for milk and protein production was "Termite," owned by Sheldon Fleck. She produced 30,292 lbs. of milk and 960 lbs. of protein at 7 years and 7

months of age.

"Audrie" produced 1254 lbs. of butterfat to outperform all the other cows in the county. She is owned by Richard Fox and Sons.

Also recognized in the Blair County annual summary were lifetime butterfat production

records. Rodney Metzler, Burket Falls Farm, Baker Farm, Marcove Farm, James Smith, Dennis Smith, RichLou Farm, and Aldon-Acres were recognized for lifetime producers.

Blair County DHIA finished its 56th year with 87 whole-year herds

and 6 owner-sampler herds. The county average for milk production per cow for the testing year was down 322 lbs. from last year. Fat production was up one pound. The number of cows on test was down 17 from the previous testing year.

## Virginville Jr. Grange wins

PORTLAND, Me.—The National Grange selected its 1985 Youth Ambassadors and Young Couple of the Year at a coronation pageant, last Saturday in Portland, Me.

Ambassadors selected were Karen Purcell, Washington, Ill. and Larry LaCorte, Jr., Morgantown, West Virginia. Runners-up were Kara Arnold, Westminster, Colo. and Randall Black, Washington, Illinois. Robert and Sandra Ludi of Gresham, Ore., won Young Couple of the Year and runner-up couple was Richard and Terry Ferguson, Waitsburg, Washington.

First place winners in the national public speaking contest were Nancy Martin, Fontana, Kan. (14-18 age division) and Kara Arnold, Westminster, Colo. (19-35

age division). Taking first place in the sign-a-song contest were Tracy McCarthy, Calif. (individual) and Susan Rush, Walter Hartley, Wendy Knowlton and Lisa Hanrahan, Greenwich, Rhode Island.

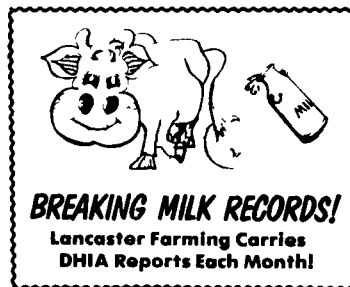
The Grange also presented awards to the Junior Grange of the Nation, Virginville Junior Grange, Virginville, Pa., and Junior Leader of the Nation, Shirley Berger, also of Virginville. Junior Reporter of the Year honors went to Becky Lynn Klenken, Oskaloosa, Kansas. First place in Junior community service was won by East Hill Junior Grange, Seattle, Washington.

In the popular family musical and talent contests, winners were The Bradley Family, Compton,

N.H., Candy Gintz, Spokane, Wash., Eric Vincent, Leicester, Mass. and Maxine Grown, Liberal, Kansas.

Winning best of show in the art contest were (adults) Sandra Pearce, Golden, Colo. and

(juniors) James E. Turner, Oskaloosa, Kansas. Best of show in the photo contest were (adults) Eleanor Kimberly, Monterey, Mass. and (juniors) Eric Bishop, Dowagiac, Michigan.



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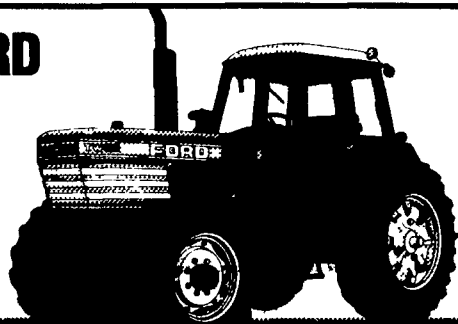
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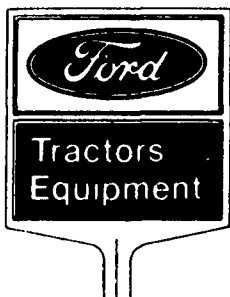


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