

## Bicksler Consignment Nets Highest Bid Of Lebanon Holstein Sale

LEBANON — The crowd milled around the sale barn studying the consignments trying to determine which one they would bid on and which one would sell for the top price of the Lebanon County Holstein Sale.

Several animals were considered as contenders for the title, but when the sale ended Ray Bicksler's consignment netted the high bid of the evening. Russelldale Chairman Regal sold for \$1,650 to David and Ruth Schrack, Womelsdorf.

When Regal entered the sale ring, announcer Dale Hoover

noted, "You can hardly put together a better pedigree than the one behind this bred heifer." Sired by Cal-Clark Board Chairman, she will freshen in early October to Sir C Valor.

Her dam, Russelldale Kingpin Ritzzy, produced a top record of 20,110 pounds of milk as a 7 year old. All of Ritzzy's fat records have ranged from 4.3 percent to 4.7 percent. The second and third dams back have also been consistent producers of fat records over 4.0 percent. Ruth explained the consistently high fat records attracted her and her husband to Regal.

Regal's maternal pedigree includes the sires Whirlhill Kingpin, Winterthur Apollo and Pawnee Farm Arlinda.

A bid of \$1,550 proved to be the second highest bid of the sale when the final tally of the prices was made. Darryl Balmer, Lebanon, purchased the bred heifer Restful-Acres Jet Stream Malin for this price. Consigned by Frank and Virginia Graybill, Hershey,

Malin's credits include a VG-88 dam with four records over 22,000 milk and up to 27,000 milk.

Her next dam back classified VG-89 with an excellent mammary and three records over 23,000 pounds of milk. Sires on Malin's maternal side are Vincent-View Molly Chief, Pawnee Farm Arlinda Chief and Penstate Ivanhoe Star.

Malin will freshen in November 1986 to Crescentmead Chief Stewart. Her maternal sister is projected at 30,055 pounds of milk.

A bid of \$1,500 for Arnold-Acres Basic Picasso rounded out the top three prices. Consigned by Arnold-Acres, Lebanon, Picasso sold to Charles and Jean Dodson, Lebanon. Sired by Marlu Basic, she will freshen in September to Bossir Glen-Valley Starlite Al.

Her dam, a Plushanski Persuader daughter produced a top record of 19,248 pounds of milk.

The most active bidding of the evening came on a 45-day-old heifer calf sired by Whittier Farms Ned Boy. Her dam, Mil-Harv Jade

Citation Jo, produced a top record of 19,896 milk with a 4.1 test as a 9 year old. The calf sold for \$650.

Harry Bachman, auctioneer for

the sale, reported a total sale average of \$1,087 on 47 lots. The 44 bred heifers and just-fresh cows averaged \$1,112.



Consignor Ray Bicksler holds the top-selling animal of the Lebanon County Holstein Sale. Russelldale Chairman Regal sold to Ruth Schrack, center, for \$1,650. Standing with Ruth is her father Roy Miller.

### Kelly Elected

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UNIVERSITY PARK--Bill Kelly, Westmoreland County Extension director and 25-year veteran of the Cooperative Extension Service, has been elected treasurer of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents.

Since Kelly began his ag career as a farm manager in 1956, he has moved on to become a senior extension agent and county extension director involved in projects ranging from a beef and forage demonstration farm to a yearly county-wide rat control program.

In 1983, he received the Distinguished Service Award from NACAA for the role he played developing a 400-acre gift farm into the beef cattle and forage demonstration facility. It became the site of numerous demonstrations and workshops for farmers and agricultural associations.

The farm also generated quality research and data that eventually led to Penn State taking over the operation and continuing it at the southwestern Pennsylvania Pasture Research Laboratory.

During his years in Westmoreland County, Kelly also initiated livestock production programs and organized commodity groups for cattlemen, sheep, wool growers and pork producers. He set up milk marketing schools for dairy farmers and arranged an annual junior livestock show and sale for 4-H and FFA club members.

Working with Westmoreland County cattle producers, Kelly organized the county feeder calf sale, which markets nearly 300 head annually.

CIBA-Geigy, a farm chemical company, recognized Kelly's achievements several years ago when the company named him the state recipient of their Agricultural Recognition Award.

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