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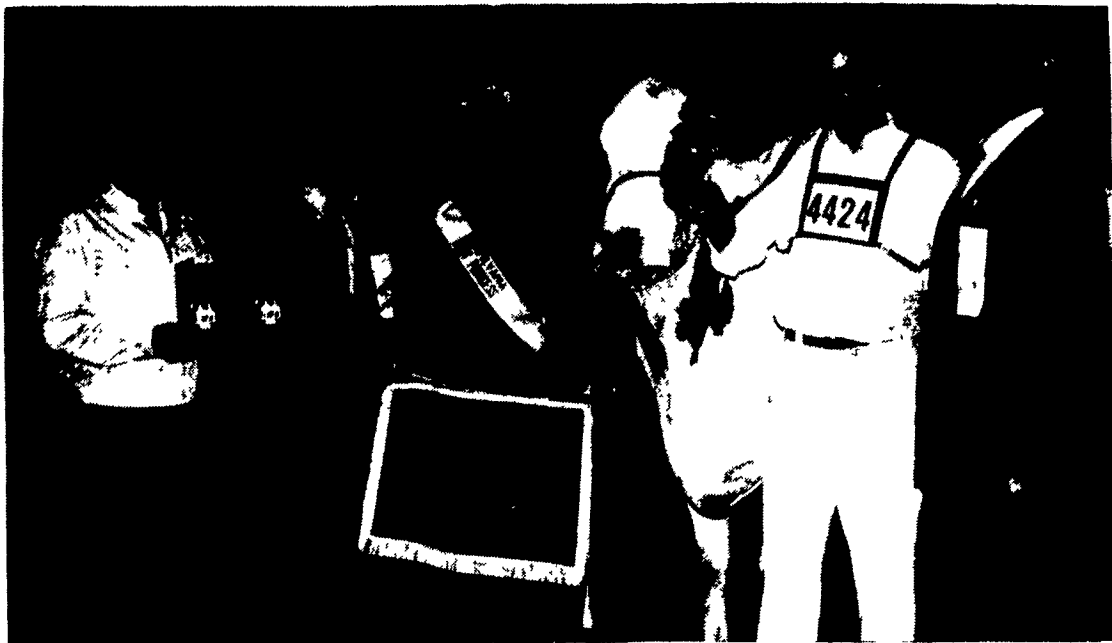
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Supreme champion of the Harrisburg All-American was C Renvale Prestar Della, an aged cow exhibited by Lylehaven Holsteins, of East Montpelier, Vermont. On hand for the presentation were: (from left) Jay Landis, president of Pennsylvania Holstein Association; Judge Loren Elsass; Kimberly Bonzo, PA Dairy Princess; Bob Fitzsimons handling the champion and associate judge George Nunes.

Lylehaven Exhibits Supreme All-American

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 HARRISBURG (Dauphin) — A nine-year-old, Canadian-bred entry of Lylehaven Holsteins, East Montpelier, Vermont, was named supreme champion in the dramatic finale to the 25th Harrisburg All-American Dairy Show.

The six breed champions from the show, which ran through last week at the Farm Show complex, circled before hundreds of spectators gathered in the large arena for the supreme champion award.

Making the selection was a panel of four distinguished Pennsylvania dairy judges: Harry Roth, Atlantic Breeders Cooperative; Obie Snider, president of the show's sponsoring Pa. Dairy and Allied Industries Association; Don

Seipt, vice president of the National Holstein Association, and Lloyd Ebersole, Sire Power.

It was the second champion crown of the day for C Renvale Prestar Della, taking the supreme title just minutes after earning senior and grand champion honors from judge Loren Elsass, Wapakoneta, Ohio. The champion, a Leadfield Prestar daughter, was bred by Russell Hurren, and has production records over 27,300 lbs. milk and 1445 fat.

Reserve grand champion was the runner-up aged cow, Hanover Hill FM TT Marq I, bred and exhibited by Hanover Hill Holsteins, Port Perry, Ontario, Canada. The 7-year-old was also named best senior female bred and owned. She

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Farming Most Hazardous; Medical Center Established

SYRACUSE, NY — Dr. David S. Pratt, Director of the newly established New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health at Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown, was a guest at the Northwest Farm Communicators annual meeting held here this week in conjunction with the Eastern Milk Producers Convention.

In his remarks, Dr. Pratt pointed out the striking disparity between farmers overall health and their alarming rate of job-related injury. "The good news is that farmers are generally healthier than other Americans. They die less often of heart disease, strokes and lung cancer... The bad news is that they suffer more deaths from accidents than others... Farmers are injured and killed at a rate four times greater than the average American worker."

According to the National Rural Health Association, the government spends 42% fewer dollars per capita in rural areas when compared to urban sites. If we are able to succeed in providing quality occupational health services for farmers, we must support equality in reimbursement for all rural health services."

In addition to the widely publicized accounts of farm-related accidents involving tractor overturns and power takeoff dismemberments, Dr. Pratt outlined some very serious, but less well known dangers that farmers endure. He cited several chronic health problems such as hearing loss, arthritis, skin cancer, bronchitis and other lung disorders as specific examples.

The overwhelming evidence pointing to significant health and safety issues related to farming must be viewed in the political context of the national health care agenda. "The Health Care Financing Administration... has stacked the deck against rural hospitals.

Dr. Pratt concluded his remarks with a call to action. "As fragmented interest groups, we will fail, as a concerned agricultural commodity, we cannot help but succeed. We invited conference participants to join in "A barn raising of commitment to a safer, healthier world for farmers, farm workers and their families."

The New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health was recently established at Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown by the New York State Legislature in

response to a bill sponsored by Assemblyman Michael J. Brag-

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Farm-Dairy Organizations Announce Merger

Syracuse, NY — Describing it as a major advance for farmers, officers of three of the Northeast's leading farm-dairy organizations have announced the intent to consolidate farmer ownership of a key segment of the region's milk business.

Clyde E. Rutherford, president of Dairylea Cooperative Inc.; William A. Hiller, president and chief executive officer of Agway Inc.;

and Leonard Wilson, president and chief executive officer of H.P. Hood Inc. announced plans for Dairylea to sell all of its plants, equipment, and distribution business to H.P. Hood Inc., a subsidiary of Agway Inc.

Dairylea, a 2,800 member dairy marketing cooperative based in Central New York, will invest a portion of the proceeds to acquire

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Skawinski Family Named Quality Farmers

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — The Joseph Skawinski family of Varysburg, N.Y., has been named the 1988 Quality Farmers of the Year by Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative. Selected from over 3,000 farmers in nine states, the Skawinskis were honored at Eastern's annual banquet here this week.

Skawinski, wife Sophia and their three sons (Joseph, Stephan, Alan) work together -- each with specific tasks. Their teamwork has made the farm one of Eastern's best. Their 225 milkers produce about 3 1/2 million pounds a year. That's five tons a day, or 20,000

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Ag-Industry Banquet Reservations Available

LANCASTER—The twelfth annual Agriculture-Industry Banquet has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 22 at 7 p.m. at Willow Valley Resort according to Elizabeth Lennon, coordinator of office services for the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce and Industry. This banquet traditionally brings together the farming and the commercial communities

in a united support of the economy of Lancaster County.

The chief financial correspondent for NBC News, Mike Jensen is the featured speaker. Jensen is known to make finance and business easy to understand and to relate them to every day life. He joined NBC News in 1978 after serving as a financial reporter for

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The Joseph Skawinski family, 1988 Quality Farmers Of The Year, has 225 milk cows that produced the highest quality milk of all members of Eastern Milk Producers cooperative. In the photo (l to r): Joseph and Sophia, and sons Allan and Joe.