

Selsy Takes Maryland Miss Futurity

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TIMONIUM, Md. — The Cow Palace of the Maryland State Fair served as the grand ballroom for this year's Maryland Holstein Futurity, as Derrwyn Centra Selsy Red-Et, owned by Gary and Brenda Derr of Mt. Airy, was crowned Miss Futurity during the bovine beauty pageant Sunday night.

"This is the kind of cow we're looking for. She catches your eye from the moment you see her," declared Judge Mike Stiles of Waverly Farms near Clearbrook, Va.

The beautiful, outstanding winner also was awarded the title of grand champion at the International Red and White Show earlier this year. During the Holstein show, she received honorable mention to the grand champion, was named best bred and owned, and was shown in the winning class of exhibitor's herd of five females.

The Derrs purchased Selsy's dam at the state sale in 1986 from My Lady's Manor Farm. She has a three-year production record average of almost 30,000 pounds of milk and 1,400 lbs. of fat. She also has three sons going to artificial insemination businesses.

For the event, distinguished guests were escorted into the arena in convertibles to the music of organist Kim Sites. The guests were presented by David Brauning, master of ceremony.

Guests included Marion Andrews, ringmaster; Maryland Farm Bureau Queen Dawn Downey; Maryland Dairy Princess Laura Zimmerman; county princesses Marie Speak, Kristen Archer, Beverly Collier, and Amy Savage; National Holstein Director Marlin Hoff; State Fair Board President F. Grove Miller; Fair General Manager Howard Mosner; Maryland Holstein President Oren Bender, and Judge Mike Stiles.

Queens and princesses dressed in evening gowns and Ring Master Andrews and Judge Stiles in tuxedos gave the appearance of a royal occasion. Anticipation grew in the audience as the participants paraded their 18 Holsteins around the Cow Palace.

After careful consideration, Judge Stiles dismissed the five finalists from the ring. He then gave his reasons for placing 6th - 18th.

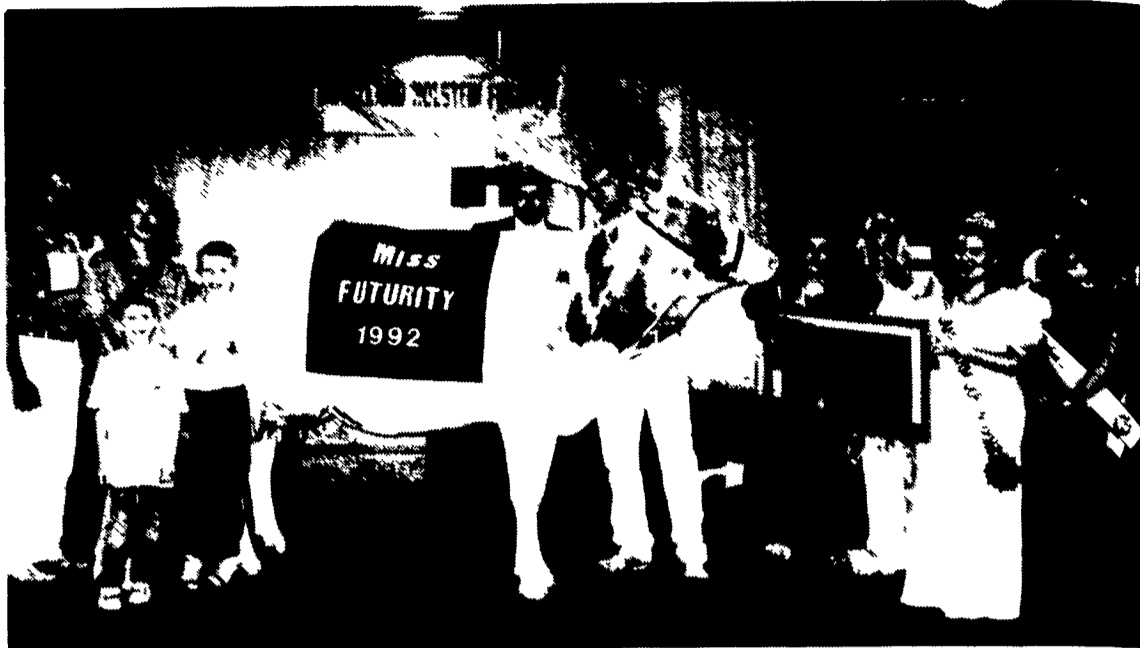
Upon the return of the five finalists, Stiles continued to search for Miss Futurity.

As excitement continued to mount in the huge crowd that gathered at ringside, the five finalists were chosen. They were presented as a court for Miss Futurity as she was paraded around the arena to the applause of the audience.

Judge Stiles' placings for the 1992 Maryland Holstein Futurity, not including Selsy, were Cove Run Vtab Sophia Gem, owned by Bender-Harrison-Iager; Lylehaven Jet Denise, owned by Kelli Savage; W Va Greystone AJRAE, owned by Dr. Francis Daniel; Coldsprings Beaut TORET, owned by Marlin Hoff; Penn Gate Chairman Pats, owned by Steve and Chris Wood, and R Gitt; Savage Leigh Boutoniere Ellie, owned by Kelli Savage; Coldsprings Beaut TIC ET, owned by Marlin Hoff; MSV Astro Jet Wheat Et, owned by Gary L. Derr; Locust Ayr Astro Jet Shelly, owned by Michael & Anita Haines; Unicorn Astro Pamela, owned by Unicorn Associates, Inc.; Windsor Manor Jet Kimberly Et, owned by Jason & Donna Myers; Savage Leigh Starbuck Joy Et, owned by Jami Savage; Locust Ayr Astro Jet Rosie, owned by Michael & Anita Haines; Hobble Hill Kingstead Finesse, owned by Amy Savage; Derrwyn Inspiration Bea, owned by Gary Derr; OCS Dairy Phils Beomca, owned by O Clayton Smith; and Coldsprings Jesse Tokay Et, owned by Marlin Hoff.

Production winners, based on energy corrected milk, were: Derrwyn Centra Selsy Red Et, 27,035 pounds; Lylehaven Jet Denise, 26,226 pounds; Locust Ayr Astro Jet Rosie, 22,531 pounds; OCS Dairy Phils Beomca, 22,291 pounds; and Savage Leigh Boutoniere Ellie, 21,323.

During the judge's deliberation, the audience was entertained with barbershop quartet music from Shock Wave, along with a milk promotion skit by Lower Shore Dairy Princess Beverly Collier.



1992 Maryland Miss Futurity is named with owners on the left, Gary and Brenda Derr with sons Dustin and Brandon. At the halter is leadsman Dennis Patrick, who is joined by judge Mike Stiles and the Maryland dairy royalty and Farm Bureau Queen, including, from left, Laura Zimmerman, Beverly Collier, Christine Masser, Marie Speak, Dawn Downery and Kristin Archer.

The Maryland Holstein Futurity is sponsored by the Maryland Holstein Association to stimulate interest in the breeding and exhibiting of outstanding registered Holsteins in Maryland. It recognizes the accomplishments of the small and large breeder and the FFA and 4-H exhibitor.

The futurity is based upon the nomination of an animal by its owner, to be shown in the futurity show in the year in which she is eligible.

Four payments are required for each animal that competes. The initial nomination is made as a calf with a fee of \$2.50. Four dollars is paid with the renomination as a yearling, \$6 as a 2-year-old and the final payment of \$10 is due as a three-year-old.

For this futurity, the final nomination and payment included 51 entries. This number was reduced to 18 by show night.

The purse this year ranged from \$800 for first place to \$65 for 18th place. An additional \$260 was awarded in increments of \$80, \$60, \$50, \$40, and \$30, to the top five animals for their 2-year-old production record.

Entries for the twelfth Maryland Holstein Futurity for 1995 along with first payments are due by Oct. 31, 1992.

Shank Receives Shrine Honor

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TIMONIUM, Md. — Each year, the Maryland Dairy Shrine honors an individual for their contributions to the dairy industry of Maryland. This year, Ralph Shank of Palmyra farm near Hagerstown was awarded this honor.

The 1992 honoree began farming with his father and brother on a diversified farm. In 1963, Ralph and his wife, Patsy began their own herd which has grown to over 200 head of registered Ayrshires with a current rolling herd average of 14,063 pounds of milk, 4 percent fat, and 3.4 percent protein.

The recipient of two French Trophies for second high herd average from the Ayrshire Breed Association, he has had 18 bulls enter artificial insemination service and was the breeder of the No. 4 CPI bull in July.

Twelve cows from the Shank herd are listed on the elite list as well as the two top individuals on the CFP and CTPI lists.

For more than fifty continuous years, his family has exhibited at the Maryland State Fair. They have been honored with 14 champion cows, 14 premier exhibitor and 12 premier breeder banners. He has also received champion cow and premier breeder and exhibitor awards at the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show and National Ayrshire Shows. His cattle have been awarded 18 All-American, 23 Reserve All-American and 72 nominations.

In addition to his involvement with Ayrshires, he has always been very active in the organizations that support the dairy industry, serving on many local and state board of directors.

He has been president of the county and state Ayrshire clubs

and served as a national director of the Ayrshire Association for over 16 years, completing his term as president this past April.

A familiar face for many years at Purebred Dairy Cattle Association and Dairy Shrine committee meetings, he has served as chairman of both organizations and has been involved with many of their committees. Mr. Shank is currently a member of the board of directors for the Central Maryland Farm Credit.

He has served eight years on the Board of Sire Power, Inc. as an Ayrshire breed representative, on the young sire committee and past president of its Maryland division.

In 1976, he was elected president of Maryland DHI after serving many years as a director to the state board and director and president of Washington County DHI.

Ralph earned 4-H All-Star and FFA American Farmer Awards and continues to support both programs. Palmyra Farm has hosted local, state and regional judging workshops for many years and he encourages his children, grandchildren and many others to take full advantage of the programs available through 4-H and FFA.

When not attending dairy functions, he is very actively involved

with his church. He has been a member of most every committee that guides and supports the church, serving as deacon, elder and president on the consistory.

Ralph's wife, Patricia, and son, Ralph Jr., are his partners in the farming operation at Palmyra Farm. They, along with Ralph Jr.'s wife Terrie and children, Ralph's daughter Mary and her husband Mike Creek and children, were present to help honor Ralph as he accepted the 1992 Dairy Shrine Contemporary.

The Maryland Dairy Shrine remains at the former Maryland Division of Sire Power just off Route 15, north of Frederick, and is open to visitors. The present operation at this facility is owned by Mike Creek.

Future annual business meetings of the Maryland Dairy Shrine will be held at the Maryland State Fair during the Maryland Holstein Futurity. A \$10 lifetime membership in the shrine is encouraged.

Nominating Committee Chairman Jeff Myers held the election of officers for the Dairy Shrine for the coming year. A unanimous ballot was cast for Joe Schwartzbeck, president; Jim Stonesifer, vice president; Madeline Valentine, secretary; and Jack Remsberg, treasurer.

Starbuck Ada Tops

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junior champion.

Reserve junior champion went to Justin Jacobs from The Plains, Va. for his senior heifer calf, Glen Toctin Astrojet Ginger.

The Ross Smith family of My Ladys Manor Farm was chosen premier breeder and exhibitor, receiving Ralph Walker trophies.

MARYLAND STATE FAIR

Holstein Show

JUNIOR HEIFER CALF: 1 Donald & Gloria Savage, 2 Joseph Schwartzbeck, 3 Paul and Shannon Harrison

INTERMEDIATE HEIFER CALF: 1 David, Debra, and John Hardesty, 2 Brett & Michael Haines, 3 Joseph Schwartzbeck

SENIOR HEIFER CALF: 1 Justin Jacobs, 2 Richard Norz Jr., 3 Norman Voss Jr and Marion Andrew

SUMMER YEARLING HEIFER: 1 Holly Burall, 2 Paul and Shannon Harrison, 3 Joseph Schwartzbeck

JUNIOR YEARLING HEIFER: 1. Norman Voss Jr and Marion Andrew, 2 Kelli Savage, 3 Gary L. Derr

INTERMEDIATE SENIOR YEARLING HEIFER: 1 The lagers, 2 O Clayton, Crystal and Clay Smith, 3 Kelli Savage

SENIOR YEARLING HEIFER: 1 Bennett, Heffner and Smith, 2 Jason, Donna, Kelly and Kristin Myers, 3 Karen McComb

JUNIOR CHAMPION Miss A-V Jet Naomi - Norman Voss and Marion Andrew

RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMPION Glen Toctin Astrojet Ginger - Justin Jacobs

JUNIOR BEST THREE FEMALES: 1 Jason, Donna, Kelly and Kristin Myers, 2 Gary L. Derr, 3 Savage-Leigh Farm

DRY COW, 4 YEARS AND UNDER: 1 The lagers, 2 Carl Bender, 3 Thomas Remsberg

DRY COW, 5 AND OVER: 1. Thomas Shaw, 2. Edward Burdette, 3. Knutson Brothers

COW, JUNIOR 2 YEAR OLD: 1. Kingstead Farm, 2. Heffner, Andrew & Morgan, 3 Jami Leigh Savage.

COW, SENIOR 2 YEAR OLD: 1. My Ladys Manor Farm, 2. Hoff & Hagan, 3 Marlin Hoff

COW, JUNIOR 3 YEAR OLD: 1. Gay Ridge & Kingstead Farms, 2 Daphne Sigler, 3 Bret & Michael Haines.

COW, SENIOR 3 YEAR OLD: 1. Marion Andrew, 2 S. Richard Norz, 3 Norman Vosses, Jr

COW, 4 YEARS OLD: 1 Brian Ehrhardt, 2 My Ladys Manor Farm, 3 Wayne & Allen Stiles

COW, 5 YEARS OLD: 1 Gay Ridge & Kingstead Farms, 2 Marion Andrew, 3 Unicorn Associates, Inc

COW, 6 YEAR OLD: 1 OCS Dairy, 2 Jason, Donna, Kelly and Kristin Myers, 3 My Ladys Manor Farm

LONG TIME PRODUCTION: 1. Wayne & Allen Stiles, 2. My Ladys Manor Farm, 3. Matthew Hoff

GRAND CHAMPION: C Aitenbrae Starbuck Ada - Gay Ridge & Kingstead

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION Land-O-Hills Supreme Et - Marion Andrew

PRODUCE OF DAM: 1 Marlin Hoff, 2 Jason, Donna, Kelly and Kristin Myers; 3 Unicorn Associates.

DAM AND DAUGHTER: 1 Unicorn Associates, 2 Edward Burdette, 3 Thomas Shaw.

SENIOR BEST THREE FEMALES: 1 My Ladys Manor Farm, 2 Gary Derr, 3 Jason, Donna, Kelly and Kristin Myers

EXHIBITORS HERD OF FIVE FEMALES: 1. Gary Derr, 2. My Ladys Manor Farm; 3 Jason, Donna, Kelly and Kristin Myers.

Lebanon Ag Land Sign Up

LEBANON (Lebanon Co.) — The Lebanon County Agricultural Land Preservation Board is accepting applications Sept. 1 through Dec. 31, 1992 for round 3 of the Lebanon County Agricultural Land Preservation Program.

Application forms are available from the Lebanon County Conservation District, Lebanon Valley Agricultural Center, 2120 Corn-

wall Road, Suite 5, Lebanon, PA 17042-9788 or by calling (717) 272-3377. Applicants are encouraged to make an appointment with District staff before applying.

To be considered for round 3, applicants need to submit information by Dec. 31, 1992. Applications received after this date will be considered for round 1, Jan. 1 through April 30, 1993.