

Grace Tops National Guernsey Show Finales

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio — The grand finale of the three national Guernsey shows was held in Louisville, Kentucky, on Nov. 9. Judge Lee Majeskie of Beltsville, Maryland, served as the official for the 239 Guernseys that passed before him in the ring.

Judge Majeskie added another show to the continual rivalry between two well-known 4-year-old cows, Wincrest Vayette Grace and Westlyn Tom Dee. After some deliberation, the final decision was handed down and Wincrest Vay-

ette Grace was awarded with the grand champion banner of the open show.

"Grace," an Excellent-95 Wincrest Velmas Vayette-ET daughter, is owned by John and Bonnie Ayars and Ken Winters of Mechanicsburg, Ohio. She has production records over 27,000 pounds of milk in 365 days.

The reserve grand champion title went to the second place 4-year-old, "Tom Dee," a Westlynn Emory Tom daughter owned by the partnership of Mark Rueth, Randy Kortus and Clark and Joy Vilter, Hartland, Wisconsin. "Tom Dee" did come out in the lead at the national Guernsey show in Madison where she was named grand champion.

It was fitting for a royalty like Burgess Farm Franks Princess to be crowned with junior champion honors, according to the American Guernsey Association. "Princess" is owned by Walter and Amy Record of Lyme, New Hampshire, and was also the first place junior yearling of the show. The first place summer yearling, Four Winds Frank Tina owned by Clark and Joy Vilter of Hartland, Wisconsin, was named reserve junior champion.

In the race for the total performance award, another well-known 4-year-old cow came into the limelight, O C S Dairy Daisys

Diadora, an Excellent-90 Frank daughter owned by Oscar Clay Smith of Jefferson, Maryland, received the plaque for this award.

She has production records to 27,050M 4.6% 1,251F 3.3% 887P at 3-06 in 305 days. "Diadora" was also the reserve grand champion of the junior show.

The total performance cow award recognizes the cow earning the most points based on production, placing in the show, yield deviation, appraisal score, and bonus points if the animal was bred by the owner.

Mayflowers Volcano Bliss, the second place aged cow owned by

Dan and Loretta Mithoefer of Silver Lake, Indiana, was named the best uddered cow of the show. Four Winds Farm, Hartland, Wisconsin, had the first place exhibitor's herd; and Ohio won the first place state herd banner.

The premier breeder banner went to Marfred Farms, Saluda, South Carolina. Bob Griggs and Mark Erdman, Seminole, Oklahoma, took home the premier exhibitor banner.

The American Guernsey Association is the national organization for the registration and promotion of Guernsey cattle and is headquartered in Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

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REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio — Heather Hjetland of Topeka, Kansas, recently took top honors in the senior showmanship class at the National Junior Guernsey Show in Louisville, Kentucky.

Barney Hornback of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, served as the judge. Heather received a plaque and a \$100 savings bond donated by Dan and Loretta Mithoefer of Silver Lake, Indiana, for her outstanding performance with her partner, 4-year-old Veguita Czar Roselind.

Mike Hickman of Cleveland, Tenn., placed second in the senior division showing his junior yearling, Hickman Valleys Doris BT Frank. He received a \$75 savings bond donated by Clark and Joy Vilter of Hartland, Wisconsin.

In third was Matthew Ferguson of Rockdale, Texas, with his junior yearling, Golden Dew Trusty Ilene. Matthew won a new show halter donated by Steve and Johnna Mills of Saluda, South Carolina.

In the junior showmanship class, Judge Hornback was very impressed with his first place winner Emilie Blough of Middlebury, Indiana. Emilie showed her junior calf, Brookside Perfecto Julie, and received a plaque and a \$75 savings bond sponsored by Dan and Loretta Mithoefer of Silver Lake, Indiana.

Amanda Derr of Carey, Ohio, placed second with her junior calf, Mona Lous Tex Josie. She was awarded with a \$50 savings bond by Clark and Joy Vilter of Hartland, Wisconsin. In third was Lucas Ayars of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, with his senior calf, Land of Living Smokin Melody. Steve and Johnna Mills of Saluda, South Carolina, donated the new show halter Lucas received for placing third.

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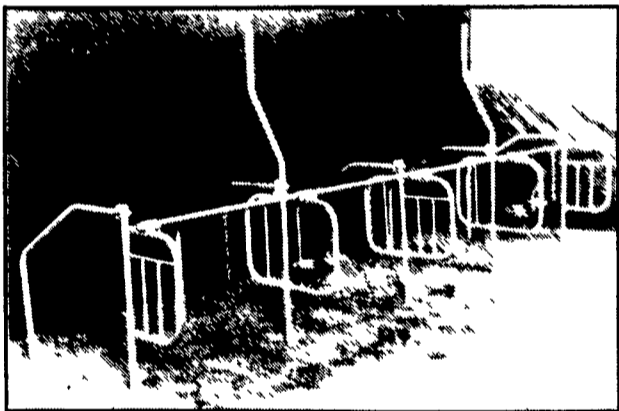
gram Award was presented to Curtis and Ann Day. The award is based on production improvement in milk, protein, milkfat; mastitis management and reproduction management. The Day herd was first with 99 points.

Glenn Newswanger, Shippensburg, was second with 92 points. Paul M. Snyder, Shippensburg, third with 81 points. Woody Kelson, Shippensburg, fourth with 80 points and Larry Weidmen, Newburg and Highland Vue Farms, Newville were tied for fifth with 78 points.

Harry Fritz was recognized for his past efforts as regional DHIA manager and David Sherk of RD2, Newport was introduced as our new regional manager. Harry retired as regional manager Nov. 1. Mike Brymesser, Boiling Springs and Neal McCulloch, Newville, were elected to three-year terms on the advisory committee of the Cumberland local unit of DHIA.

In other business, David Walton, Carlisle who completed his three-year term as director was recognized for his efforts. Mike Brymesser will be replacing David on the advisory committee.

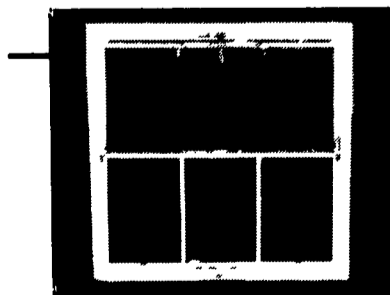
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