

Butler Fair Queen Wins State Title

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American Kennel Club registered Dalmatians, have been involved in the fair ever since. Paul has been president of the county fair board for all of its 25 years.

Now held for five days in late August, the Perry County Fair sits on land previously owned by John Snyder, who originally leased the land to the fair committee for \$1 per year, and then after about three years, sold the land to the committee under a 5-year agreement to pay it off. A year later, Snyder's life was claimed in a farm accident.

There are three buildings at the Perry County Fairgrounds, one is dedicated to Harry Schreiber, also a founding director, another to Stew Gibb and family, and another to Paul and Ruth.

The original nine-member board has been expanded to its current 15 members, and Paul said that again it has been his experience that many of the same people involved in the Grange have been driving forces behind not only the Perry County Fair, but many other county fairs.

"I would say we have a well-rounded fair, a nice exhibit of agricultural livestock, foods are pretty

well distributed, a nice display of produce and commercial exhibits. It's an all-around nice county fair," Britcher said.

For its 25th anniversary, Britcher said the fair featured The Flying Wallendas — a world known high-wire acrobatic family act — that performed 11 shows in five days.

"I think we outdid ourselves last year," Britcher said, smiling.

He said the fair attracts from 30,000 to 35,000 people during the week and has no admission charge, though it charges a parking fee.

Paul has also served as a member of the state fair association board of directors for eight years and he and Ruth have traveled to Las Vegas to the national fair convention for the past seven years.

"I personally like this (the state) convention more than the national," he said. "Here you're working with fairs about the same size. At the national they have some big fairs and there isn't always a lot in common."

In addition to his volunteer efforts for the county fairs, Paul also has been involved with helping with the Farm Show family living exhibits and competitions for the past four or five years.

A Grange member for 58 years, Britcher said he has met a lot of interesting and "wonderful" people through his fair activities and Grange activities. "A lot of fair people are Grange people." He was state Grange chaplain six years ago.

As an aside, Britcher had brought along to Hershey a rabbit doll that he sewed to give to a fellow fairperson who had earlier bought another rabbit doll he sewed and donated for a fund-raising auction.

The rabbits were sewed from discarded World War II medical cloth and same-era feedsack cloth. The first rabbit was a female, named Ruth and her dress was made of the flower-pattern feedsack cloth.

The rabbit he brought along to give to the owner of "Ruth" was a male mate named, appropriately, "Paul," wearing a shirt made of the same feedsack cloth.

He said the person who bought "Ruth" paid \$75. "I thought that was too much," he said, "so I made this one to give to her."

"I'm a much better sewer than a carpenter or handyman," he said.

And just as Randall advised parents of fair queens to support their daughters efforts, Paul said his five children and four grandchildren, especially Stacy Ebersole "have backed us 100 percent" in supporting fairs.

In addition to the fair queen selection and coronation, the annual PSACF convention serves to provide an opportunity for fair people, show people and associated people to meet.

The event is actually held in cooperation with the Pennsylvania State Showmen's Association.

Along with entertainment act promotions, exhibits and displays, as well as a talent showcase evening when acts perform in an attempt to get performance bookings at fairs, the convention goes through meetings of fair officials and seminars to attend.

Some of the topics this year included how to handle missing or lost children, the media during emergencies, violence on the fairgrounds, emergency management, concession management, taxes, ticket sales, methods of identifying paid attendees, show ethics, judging, and publicity.



As the American Dairy Goat Association Youth Representative, Katie Biddle will represent the ADGA at their national show and at the annual convention the following year. Katie was a former Pennsylvania Dairy Goat Ambassador.

Pennsylvania Woman Touts Goats Around The Nation

SPINDALE, N.C. — Mary Katherine Biddle, 19, daughter of Lewis and Gail Biddle of Boalsburg, Pennsylvania, was selected the 1995-1996 American Dairy Goat Association (ADGA) Youth Representative on October 17, 1995, during the ADGA Annual Convention held in Syracuse, New York. The ADGA, one of the most progressive livestock associations in the United States, is a registry for six breeds of dairy goats, with a current membership of more than 13,000 dairy goat enthusiasts from all over the world.

Each participant in the ADGA Youth Representative Competition was required to present a speech on a topic assigned to them at the meeting, answer questions about dairy goats, and provide a resume of achievements for the judges to consider. The winner represents the ADGA at their National Show and Annual Convention the following year.

When her parents became aware that she was lactose intolerant at only two years of age, they tried goat's milk at a friend's suggestion, and were astonished at the sudden improvement. Lactose intolerance is a problem faced by many people and Katie is dedi-

cated to educating the public about the wonderful properties of goat milk as well as the other products of the goat industry such as cheese, yogurt, soap, ice cream, and butter.

Katie has been involved with the dairy goat industry for 14 years and currently has a herd of 32 Saanens, Alpines, and Nubians, which includes four permanent champions. Katie was the overall winner of the 1990 Centre County Livestock Judging Contest and the 1995 Champion overall fitter and showman at the Centre County Grange Fair. Katie is the president of the Penn State Students for the Responsible Use of Animals (SRUA) club and a volunteer at local wildlife rehabilitation facilities. Chairman of the Pennsylvania Governors School for Excellence in Agricultural Science, she was also the recipient of two Agricultural Science Scholarships this year.

Katie is pursuing her B.S. in dairy and animal science at Penn State University and plans to go on to graduate school to obtain an M.S. in animal behavior or nutrition. Afterwards, she hopes to become a professor, dividing her time between research and teaching.



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QUESTION — Mrs. David Fisher, 1068 Back Maitland Rd., Lewistown, PA 17044, is looking for "Engine Whistles," the fifth reader from the Alice and Jerry series by Row, Peterson, and Co.

QUESTION — Al Freysz, Middletown, Md., would like to know where to obtain parts for a Bonanza apple parer.

QUESTION — Bill Sherwood, Beavertown, is looking for two items. One is a kid's wagon made by Sherwood Company with the name Sherwood printed on the side. The other is a goat wagon. Both should be older models that are in good shape and priced reasonably.

QUESTION — Sandra Laughman, Hardin, Mo., wrote that she read about a woman who creates pickled fabrics. Sandra would like information on the procedure and ingredients to use.

QUESTION — Lisa Sparr, Upper Falls, Md., would like to know how to get the grates on a gas grill clean.

QUESTION — Lena Hoover, Shippensburg, would like to order wigs through the mail. She uses the wigs for doll's hair. The wigs should be inexpensive but good quality.

QUESTION — David Hoover, Ephrata, wants to know if Joseph Barr one dollar bills are collector items. There are five in a set.

QUESTION — Yvonne Lawrence, Newburgh, N.Y., would like to know where to purchase a rhubarb and soda mixture used for indigestion. She used to purchase it in a pharmacy but finds the New York pharmacies don't stock it anymore.

ANSWER — Mrs. Anthony Zimbichi, Englehart, N.J., wanted the complete address of a Hess' Bon Ton Store that sells solar-powered candles. The stores are now called Bon Ton Department Store. One is located at 600 Park City Center, Lancaster, PA. Call (717) 393-9494.

ANSWER — In answer to Elva Mathiot's request to purchase an unde washer made by Stanley Home Products, Inc., Ruth Newcomer, 3077 Miller Rd., Washington Boro, PA 17582, has one to sell. Please contact her at (717) 872-2646.

ANSWER — Lena Hoover wanted to know where to purchase wigs for dolls. Thanks to a reader from Bernville, for writing that Carolee Creations has a catalog and a complete doll hair making system of both real and imitation hair. Contact them at 787 Industrial Dr., Elmhurst, IL 60126 or phone 1-800-323-1739.

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