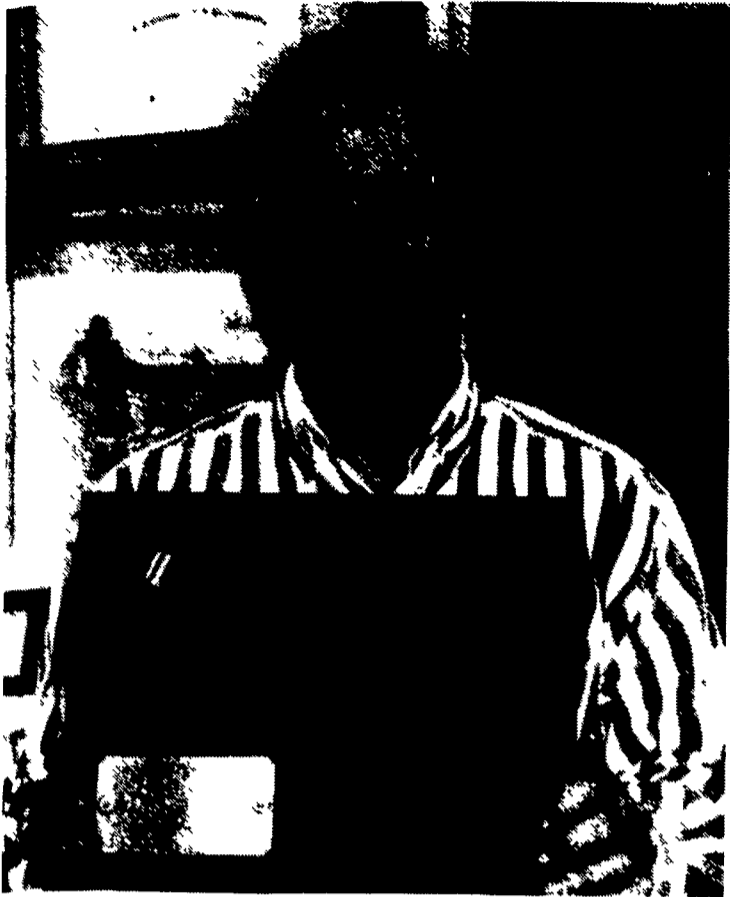


Ephrata Auctioneer Wins Bid Calling Contest

Grazing Course Set



John Rutt II won the bid calling contest for auctioneers at the Pennsylvania Farm Show last week.

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) - John Rutt II, Ephrata, in Lancaster County took first place in the bid calling contest at the 82nd Pennsylvania Farm Show. It is the second year the contest was held in the Family Living and Agricultural Learning Center, after an eight-year hiatus. Last Year Rutt placed third.

Second place at the Farm Show went to a Lancaster Countian, Larry Neuhauser, Lancaster.

A total of 24 licensed auctioneers participated in the contest that helped raise money for the Farm Show Youth Scholarship Foundation. This year 13 scholarships worth \$2,000 each were awarded to young people who have shown livestock at the Farm Show.

One of the items offered for sale was the champion bushel of apples, along with a second bushel. It was sold for \$250 to Omar Landis Auction Service who gave the bushel back to be sold again. In subsequent bidding, the apples were sold several times, netting a total of \$610 for the scholarship fund. The first \$250 was donated to the Southcentral Food Bank.

Eight judges evaluated each of the contestants. Four judges

watched the auctioneers as they sold a variety of items, scoring each contender on salesmanship, appearance, and microphone ability. The bid-calling ability and auctioneer's speech were evaluated by the remaining four judges who listened to, rather than watched, the performance.

An overflow audience gave their rapt attention, as well as their dollars, to make the contest successful.

Other placings were third, Sandy Brittingham, Vanderbilt, Fayette County; fourth, Larry Porter, Conneaut Lake, Crawford County; fifth, August Bender, Nazareth, Northampton County; sixth, Philip Hurst, Denver, Lancaster County; seventh, Jessica Shaub, Quarryville, Lancaster County; eighth, Vince Cianci, Transfer, Mercer County; ninth, Tom Abruzzese, Bath, Northampton County; and 10th, Robert Roshon, Newport, Perry County.

The contest was coordinated by the Central Chapter of Pennsylvania Auctioneer's Association. The Association is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

LEONARDTOWN, Md. — The University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Services has scheduled a grazing short course for livestock producers in southern Maryland.

The five-week program will be presented at two locations from 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.: Prince George's County Extension office in Clinton on Mondays from Feb. 23 through March 23 and at the St. Mary's County State Office Building in Leonardtown on Tuesdays from Feb. 24 through March 24.

Through the program, livestock and horse owners will receive information on the practices and benefits of controlled grazing and be given tools to begin more intensive management of pastures.

The cost for the program is \$15 per conferee registered by Feb. 9 (\$25 after Feb. 9), \$5 per guest, and includes one conference notebook per conferee and refreshments. Call your Southern Maryland Extension Office for more information or (301) 868-8783 to register.

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BRAMBLES - PEST MANAGEMENT FOR BRAMBLES -

Nigerian Room

1:30 *Standard Practices:

Weed Management - Dr. Barbara Goulart, Penn State University

Insect Management - Dr. David Handley, Highmoor Farm

Disease Management - Dr. Wayne Wilcox, NYS Ag. Exp. Station

2:30 *Alternative Practices - What's "Non-Standard" That Works?

Weed Management - Dr. Marvin Prtts, Cornell University

Insect Management - Dr. David Handley, Highmoor Farm

Disease Management - Dr. Wayne Wilcox, NYS Ag. Exp. Station

3:30 Questions and Discussion with Speakers

4:00 Adjourn

TREE FRUITS - Trinidad Room

1:30 Root Death in Tree Fruit

Factors Influencing Root Lift Span - Dr. David Eissenstat, Penn State University

Impact of Pesticides On Root Mortality - Christina Wells, Penn State University

Mychorrhizal Interactions With Soil Pests - Dr. David Bryla, Penn State University

Putting It All Together - Dr. Dave Eissenstat, Penn State University

12:00 *Fire Blight Symposium - Dr. James Travis & Dr. George

Greene, Penn State University, moderators

Variety Susceptibility - Dr. Kenneth Hickey, Penn State Univ.

Rootstock Susceptibility - Dr. James Travis, Penn State Univ.

Maryblyt - Dr. Paul Steiner, University of Maryland

Streptomycin and Antagonists - Dr. Ken Hickey, Penn State University

Copper Sprays - Dr. Paul Steiner, University of Maryland

Plant Nutrition Factors - Dr. George Greene, Penn State University

Relationship of Orchard Factors to Fire Blight

Susceptibility - Dr. Robert Crassweller, Penn State University

Pruning Techniques for Fire Blight - Dr. James Travis, Penn State University

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