

Lancaster Farming *Antiques Center*

Records Set At Fifth All-Dairy Antiques Show

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Records for attendance, exhibitors, states represented, and quality of items were all set at the fifth annual All-Dairy Antiques and Collectibles Show conducted Sept. 21-25 in Harrisburg.

The Jersey breed was featured. Twenty breeders and enthusiasts from Pennsylvania and Maryland provided beautiful displays of rare photographs, paintings, Elsie and Elmer (Borden) items, and porcelain cow models from around the world. Anchoring the central Jersey exhibit were original signed, oil-on-canvas paintings done in 1892 by an itinerant artist. According to owner, Margaret P. Kendall, State College, the prize Jersey heifer and bull belonged to her great uncle, Milton C. Paige, who operated a dairy farm in Manchester, N.H.

Also in the center display case was a "herd" of rare porcelain and other Jersey models (bulls, cows, calves) exhibited by W. Paul Anderson, State College; Patty McMurray, Eighty Four; Dr. Duane Norman, Fulton, Md.; Penn State Department of Dairy and Animal Sciences, University Park; and Jeff and Michele Reasner, Newburg.

Seventy-six exhibitors from 12 states reveal the show's success. Five years ago only 18 exhibitors set up displays.

Fourteen "charter" exhibitors returned for their fifth consec-

utive year and were awarded special commemorative plaques during the Sunday open house. These included Donald Ace, State College; Darwin Braund, State College; Diane and Martin Brumbaugh, Curryville; Leslie and Elaine Firth, Mercer; Donald Lerch, Camp Hill; Lolly and William Leshner, Bernville; David Morrow, State College; Catherine and Willard Odenwelder, Myerstown; Pasto Agricultural Museum, University Park; Michele



These oil paintings were done by M.E.B. Miller, itinerant artist, in exchange for wintertime room and board.



Many rare and unusual things are displayed in this beautiful exhibit of small dairy items. The Dazey glass ice cream freezer sold for \$950 and the wooden White Mountain pint ice cream freezer brought \$695.

and Jeffrey Reasner, Newburg; Martha and James Roberts, Scio, N.Y.; William (Bill) Smith, Lancaster; Ellie and Margin Stout, Tunkhannock; and Arlene and Claude Wambold, Perkiomenville.

All exhibitors were introduced and presented with certificates of

participation by Charles Itle, director of the All-American Dairy Cattle Show.

Martha and Jim Roberts of Scio, N.Y. received very special awards of lifetime memberships in the National Dairy Shrine from Darwin Braund, volunteer manager of the All-Dairy Antiques and Collectibles Show. In making the presentation he emphasized the show committee wanted to recognize the Roberts for five years of dedicated support with Martha's Milk House. This exhibit is for display and education only — nothing is sold.

It consists of a portable 1900s milk house with hundreds of antiques and collectibles with special emphasis on old and extremely unusual items. One of the Roberts' favorites is an 1856 American Cow Company "automatic" milker. Many of the items belonged to Martha's grandparents.

The most unusual item on display by the Roberts is a 1934 deposit bottle return produced by the Bottle Saver Co. of Buffalo, N.Y. It is in mint condition after extensive reconditioning by Jim. Years ago the consumer would return the quart milk bottle to the retail market and receive a nickel in exchange automatically by this apparatus.

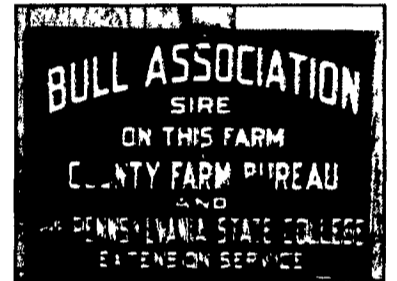
Twin brothers Arthur and Alfred Reist and their families from Lancaster provided special exhibits. Their original heavy hitch fifth-wheel milk wagon from Price's Dairy, Cold Springs Farms was a magnificent piece. Their beautifully restored one horse, home delivery wagon attracted much attention. An original condition dog and goat wagon provided an interesting contrast in size.

Advertising and promotional signs were abundant. Of special note were two Jersey signs. They

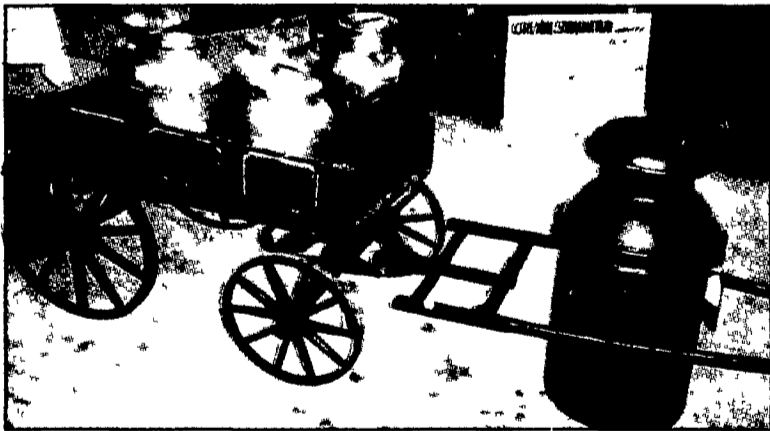
Tunkhannock attracted much attention and favorable comments. The background and history on a large count added interest.

The show officially opened at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 although early birds were wandering through as exhibitors finished their final preparations. Among early visitors were Duane and Grace Green from Elsie, Mich. They have been multi-year attendees and always return home with many select items purchases from several exhibitors to add to their extensive collection. Duane said they "might" exhibit in 2003. The "long dis-

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A bull association was a group of farmers owning jointly three or more bulls and organized with written constitution and bylaws. This early 1920s sign had two large holes probably made by high-powered rifle or shotgun slugs — a very common indignity inflicted on nearly all signs on barns and outbuildings.



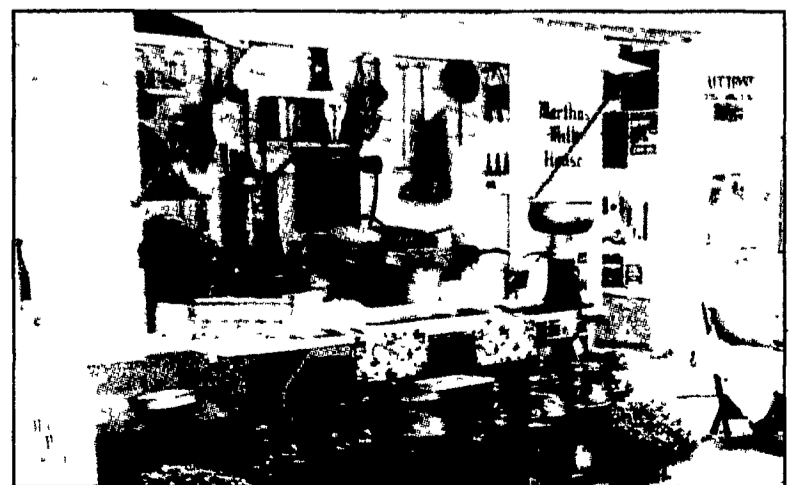
This original child's Badger Farm Wagon could be pulled by a large dog or goat. The large milk can (11½-gallon or 100-pound) was embossed "Hershey Creamery Co. 1923" and sold for \$150.



Beverly Robison Minor (1959 Pennsylvania Dairy Princess) stands beside Jersey milk bottles from dairy of her late father (Clyde Robison) and lovely Jersey prints she and her sister, Connie Robison Lusk, collected.



Early milk equipment displayed by Martha and Jim Roberts.



Martha Roberts takes a well-deserved rest by her "Martha's Milk House." The giant milk bottle, left, is a 1934 Deposit Bottle Return container.