

Ted Hunt's Hereford Steers Annex Indiana State 4-H Club Crown

Herefords annexed another major honor in the large state fair steer shows when one of their representatives was made grand champion over all breeds in the final interbreed competition among the 238 steers shown in the 4-H Club Beef Feeding Classes at the 1953 Indiana State Fair, Indianapolis. This grand champion "Walter," was fed and shown by 14-year-old Ted Hunt, Lafay-

ette, Ind., who is quite a young showman.

Prior to winning this supreme honor at Indianapolis, this Ted Hunt steer won his class and was selected as the champion steer of the Hereford division of this show by Dr. A. J. Dyer, judge of the show, and animal husbandry professor at the University of Missouri, Columbia. "Walter" was sired by The Vagabond Mischief, formerly of Walter L. Gray Farms, Crawfordsville, Ind.. The Vagabond Mischief headed the Gray herd until its dispersion last June, when he was purchased by George W.

R. Meyers, Wheatland, Ind. This grand champion is a very trim, stylish, lowset, short-coupled, dark-coated steer that shows much quality and sufficient finish.

The reserve champion Hereford steer of the 4-H show was the first-prize heavyweight, shown by Bill Nelson, Galveston, Ind. He topped a strong class of 25 steers and is deep and thick and well finished. Standing second to the reserve champion in class was a steer shown by Craig Kintzel, Nappanee, Ind. The reserve champion steer of the Hereford Gold Medal show here, another very deep-bodied, thick, mellow, heavily finished steer was in third place for Joseph P. Moster, Rushville, Ind.

Ted Hunt demonstrated his ability to select and feed top steers in more ways than one. In addition to his grand champion topping one class, another of his steers also took the blue in the third class of the Hereford division and his third steer placed fifth among the 25 mediumweights shown. The champion Hereford Gold Medal steer, shown by Jackie Berlet, Walton, Ind., placed seventh in this class, thus giving evidence of the strength of this 4-H steer show. David Greiver, Fowler, Ind., and Harold Zeltwanger, Bremen, Ind., placed second and third respectively, with their lightweight steers and Larry Schuman, Columbia City, Ind., and James Smoker, Wanatah, Ind., two veterans of many years of showing in Hoosier 4-H shows, placed second and third, respectively, with their medium-weight steers. Marilyn Gamble, Romney, Ind., was named the champion Hereford showman.

The list of the top winners by classes follows:

Awards

Lightweight, Up to 899 Pounds—20 Shown. 1. Ted Hunt, Lafayette. 2. David Greiver, Fowler. 3. Harold Zeltwanger, Bremen. 4. Wendell Yoder, Wakarusa. 5. Nancy Preston, Veedersburg. 6. Arthur Moser, Bremen. 7. Gracie Lou Vance, Peru. 8. Linda Marker, Wakarusa. 9. Dean Nelson, Walton. 10. Harold Harper, Worthington.

Mediumweight, 900 Pounds to 1,024 Pounds—25 Shown. 1. Hunt. 2. Larry Schuman, Columbia City. 3. James Smoker, Wanatah. 4. Jane Smoker, Wanatah. 5. Hunt. 6. Marilyn Gamble, Romney. 7. Jackie Berlet, Walton. 8. Betty Jean Cates, Williamsburg. 9. Bonnie Berlet, Walton. 10. John Coulson, Sullivan.

Heavyweight, 1,025 Pounds and Over—25 Shown. 1. Bill Nelson, Galveston. 2. Craig Kintzel, Nappanee. 3. Joe Moster, Rushville. 4. Elaine Liptrap, Williamsport. 5. Bill Birk. 6. Bill Nelson. 7. Everett Schuman, Columbia City. 8. Sherry Harneson, Silver Lake. 9. Marilyn Gamble, Romney. 10. Robert Webster, Crawfordsville.

Champion. Ted Hunt.

Reserve Champion. Bill Nelson.

Produce of Dam. Betty Jean Cates.

Get of Sire. No exhibitors.

Showmanship. Larry Schuman, Joe Moster, Marilyn Gamble, Jane Smoker, and Eddie Davies, Milligan.

Champion Hereford Showman. Marilyn Gamble.



"Walter," champion 4-H steer at the 1953 Indiana State Fair, is shown with his exhibitor, Ted Hunt, Lafayette, Ind., youth who is at the right holding the halter. Pictured with the youngster and his steer from left to right are Claude Harper, head of the animal husbandry department at Purdue University, Lafayette; Walter Wimmer, superintendent of the beef cattle department at the fair, and Harold Handley, lieutenant-governor of Indiana.—Foster Photos, Indianapolis.

