STAFFORDSHIRE

Staffordshire County Show

Holstein Classes

Judge: Mr. J. Lawson, Cockerham, Lancashire (Sweetings)

Champion: Holdcroft & Sons' Dovetrent Shottle Queenie

Reserve: Holdcroft & Sons' Dovetrent Prom Sandra

It was twenty five years since Mr. Lawson last judged at the Staffordshire Show and although the numbers forward at the show were reduced owing to health restrictions, he said that he was very impressed with the quality of the cattle presented to him.

Judging began with a strong class of six Junior Heifers with first place going to Kelly Woodcock's home-bred Atwood Braxton Piper who is by Regancrest Braxton out of Atwood Astrondycal Piper. Second was Holdcroft & Sons' home-bred Dovetrent Fever Bridesmaid who is by Crackholm Fever out of Dovetrent Blade Bridesmaid. Third was another heifer from the well known Queenie family at Dovetrent this time Jordan Queenie by Gillette Jordan out of Dovetrent Sid Queenie.

The Heifer-in-Milk class was won by John Lomax's home-bred Chorlton Observer Sara who is by De-su Observer out of Nobad Goldwyn S Sara. Second in this class was Holdcroft & Sons' Dovetrent Sid Queenie (mother of the third prize winner in the previous class) who is by Pine-Tree Sid out of Shottle Queenie who went on to be our Champion today. Winner of the Junior Cow class was the girl mentioned above Dovetrent Shottle Queenie who is obviously by Picston Shottle out of Skylight Queenie. She was followed by John Lomax's home-bred Chorlton Buster Olive by Chorlton Ghost Buster out of Chorlton Jordan Olive.

The Intermediate Cow in-milk class was won by the fabulous Dovetrent Prom Sandra who is by Mr. Derry Promotion out of Dovetrent Gibson Sandra.

The "Group of Three Females" Class was won by Holdcroft & Sons, as was the "Mother and Daughter" Class.

Holstein Young Breeder Classes.

Judge: Mr. G. Lucas, Lockerbie, Dumfries & Galloway (Superior)

Champion Calf: Dovetrent Jordan Queenie

Reserve Calf: Dovetrent Windbrook Queenie

The Junior Calf class was won by Holdcroft & Sons' Dovetrent Jordan Queenie who is by Gillette Jordan out of Sid Queenie. She was followed by D.R. & B.A.Cotton's home-bred Chasmar Caspion Pet 45 who is by

Tallent Caspion out of Chasmar Pet 36. Third was P.Hill & Son's Hydaways Bradnick Fuzzy who is by Regancrest-GV S Bradnick and out of Hydaways Atlas Fuzzy. The Fuzzy's were one of the original families when the Hydaways herd was established in 1942. This was a very strong class of seven calves and gave our Judge quite a challenge for his first class.

The Intermediate Calf class was won by Kelly Woodcock's exhibitor bred Atwood Meridian Corbie who is by Sully Hart Meridian out of Atwood Buster Corbie. She was followed by Holdcroft & Sons' Dovetrent Fever Bridesmaid who is sired by Crackholm Fever out of Dovetrent Blade Bridesmaid. The Bridesmaid family are very regular attendants at this show! Third in this class was P. Hill & Son's Hydaways Atwood Jane who is by Maple-Downs-IGW Atwood and is out of Hydaways Jeeves Jane.

The Senior Calf class provided another winner for Family Holdcroft with yet another from the wonderful Queenie family by Gillette Windbrook out of Roy Queenie. Next came P. Hill & Son's Hydaways Fever Pamela, another calf at the show by Crackholm Fever, out of their very well known Pamela family.

Handler Classes

Junior Handler class: Many thought that the highlight of the show was provided by the four and five year old sisters Stephanie and Elizabeth Tomkinson, who showed their calves in this class. The judge particularly said in his remarks that these girls knew everything there was to know about their calves and that he thought that they would be the stars of the future. Stephanie was the winner of the class, closely followed by Elizabeth.

Intermediate Handler Class: The winner of this class was Peter Cotton and he went to be a very worthy Champion Handler. Second was Ed. Stubbs, followed by Lauren Marshall in third place.

Senior Handler: The competition in this class was obvious for all the spectators to see and after much deliberation the judge awarded first place to Lauren Taylor, who was in fact last year's Champion. Second place went to Lucy Hill and in a very creditable third place was first time competitor Sophie Warner.

Champion Handler: Peter Cotton, also winner of the Herdwise Trophy Reserve Champion Handler: Lauren Taylor.

The ladies of the Holstein Club again provided much appreciated refreshments for our members and friends.

Malcolm E. Watson