



SHOVELING CORN INTO A conveyor are Harry H. Ranck, R2 Ronks, and his son Parke, 23. Ranck, together with another son, Harry Jr, 21, operates a 117 acre dairy and beef cattle farm. (LF Photo)

Good Bulls, Too

Selective Breeding, Hard Culling Brought Ranck Herd to Fore

By BOB BEST

Harry H. Ranck, R1 Ronks, who has topped the Red Rose DHIA in butterfat production for the past two years, is a modest man. To hear him talk, all he has ever

done is provide a boarding house for Holsteins.

According to him, it was sort of an accident that his father bought the original foundation stock, an excellent bull was kept on the



THIS IS A VIEW OF THE farmstead and meadow of the Harry H. Ranck farm. These Holsteins topped the county DHIA in butterfat production this year with a

herd average of 612 pounds. Ranck has raised his own replacement stock for the herd since 1949. (LF Photo)

farm on a hope, and his two sons really run the dairy business.

But when you get into the dairy business on the 117 acre farm a little farther, some of the good management and sound business principles that he has followed

start to shine through.

Among them are a program of selective breeding and culling that has been going on for over 20 years. Feeding is done with home grown grains mixed to a special formula, and the boys

were raised with the cows.

Ranck started in the dairy business as a young man when a new herd of foundation heifers from Ohio were brought on the farm following the loss of the previous

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