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ROBERT GROFF goes over dairy production records with Ralph Snyder, feed company advisor as daughters, Sharon and Joyce, look on



ONE OF THE first labor-saving devices Robert installed on the farm after taking over was his bulk-bin system. Feed is gravity-fed into his cart and hauled right on around the barn with minimum effort and time. Keeping the aisles cleared not only improves sanitation, but makes feeding easier, he reports. —LF PHOTO

Quality Pays on This Farm

ing their DHIA testing year with a herd average lb. butterfat brings a feeling of achievement to Mr. s. Robert C. Groff, Groffdale Farm, Quarryville. The Groffs purchased the 127-acre farm last year after rented the place for three years. Their 1958 production is even more commendable when it is compared with their 1956 average of 11,448 lb milk and 424 5 with eighteen cows.

year just completed, increase in the number of milkers to twenty-five and 13,202# milk and fat, indicates the time and thought devoted to the care of the herd's foundation animals and the care management provided by Groffs. Groffdale herd is primarily of Rag Apple breeding and the "Lucifer" line is intensified. Cows are bred to Pennstate Anjoucifer, he by the Southern Pennsylvania Breeding Association's Sovereign do Antonio and out of the Lucifer Josey Bethe produced 20,948 lbs. of milk and 1,003 lbs. of fat in four-year-old and is a member of Lauxmont Adjuvifer.

Groff used a "Lucifer" sire and has ten of his daughters approaching pro-

duction age. Lucifer Garwood Daisey, bred by Groff, producing 15,666 lbs. of milk and 620 lbs of fat in 308 days as a four-year-old, serves as an example of what may be anticipated.

Purchased for foundation cows and justifying their selection are Glededda Majorette, V.G., with 16,194 lbs. of milk, 4.6%, 748 lbs. of fat in 305 days at eight years; Erma Wayne Colantha, V.G. 19,190 lbs. of milk, 3.6%, 682 lbs of fat, 305 days at nine years; and Kay Princess Rag Apple, with 17,616 lbs. of milk, 3.7%, 648 lbs. of fat at five years.

Younger members adding lustre to the herd are Breezy of Rocky Roost with 13,230 lbs of milk, 3.8%, 508 lbs. of fat and Groffdale Pabst Coral, bred at the farm and completing with 11,128 lbs of milk, 4.5%, 506 lbs of fat

both in 305 days at 2 years. Another Groff production is the V.G. Tri-Aqua Lucifer Doris now making a 600 lb. fat record in the herd of Maynard Hall at Clyde, New York.

Prior to establishing his first herd at Denver, eight years ago, Bob had served three years as a DHIA tester. His animals have been enrolled in DHIA and HIR since that time.

Tied in with the carefully selected Groffdale foundation cows, is a feeding and management program of the same calibre. Bob and his feed company advisors Ralph Snyder and Tom Bair keep an eagle eye on production and condition of each cow.

The combination of good cows, a quality grain ration, very good roughage, and good management permits Bob's statement: "It hasn't been necessary to sell any cow for beef because of low production."

Much of the herd's ration is produced on the home farm. A portable hammermill visits Groffdale each week to grind and mix the dairy ration. (Turn to page 7)

'59 County Farm Bureau Meet in Pavilion, Feb. 18

Farmers from throughout Lancaster County are expected to turn out for the 24th annual meeting of the Lancaster County Farm Bureau Cooperative Association scheduled for Wednesday, February 18.

Charles Burkins, general manager of the farmer-owned organization, said the all-day session will start at 10 a.m. in the Guernsey Breeders Sales Pavilion, located along Route 30, about six miles east of Lancaster.

Luncheon will be served at noon with the afternoon program starting at 1:30 p.m. Burkins promised the afternoon session will be concluded by 3:15 at the latest.

Guest speaker for the program will be John Newlin of the Interstate Milk Producers Cooperative Association.

Other speakers will include Max Smith, County agent; Mark S. Hess, Penna. Farm Bureau Co-op Assn. manager of feed operations and former director of Lancaster County Farm Bureau; C. K. Baumbach, Nationwide

Insurance Companies district manager; Willis Z. Esbenshade, Lancaster County Farm Bureau president; H. R. Metzler, treasurer; Chas. Burkins, manager, and John E. Wolgemuth, assistant manager.

During the business session, four directors will be elected to serve three-year terms. The nominating committee has announced the following slate of candidates.

Northwestern District — Abner Risser, Bainbridge, RD 1, and John M. Wolgemuth Mt. Joy, RD 1.

Northeastern District — Samuel E. Heisey, Sheridan, RD 1, and David Witmer, Valley Road, Lancaster.

Southwestern District — David Neff, Washington Boro RD 1, and Robert Brinton, Quarryville, RD 1.

Southeastern District — Howard D. Wagner, Quarryville, RD 2, and Melvin Stolzfus, Ronks, RD 1.

Manager Burkins emphasized that time will be allotted for additional nominations to be made from the floor of the meeting

Polls Named for Tobacco Vote

Dorothy Y. Neel, Lancaster County ASC office, Friday released the list of polling places for the Type 24 Cigar-Filler (Type 41) Tobacco Grower referendum marketing quotas for the next three crops of Lancaster County leaf

Neel said that if at least two-thirds of growers approve quotas; quota allotments based on acreage, price supports at 80 percent of the average price for the Type 41 leaf for the next three years, and penalties for overplanting will be in effect for the 1959, 60 and 61 crops. If the quotas are disapproved, there will be no price supports or penalties.

Any person engaged in tobacco production in 1958, as owner, operator, tenant or share-cropper is eligible to vote.

Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Mrs. Neel stated.

The polls are:
1. Conoy, W. Donegal, Mt. Joy, E. Donegal, W. Hempfield, Rapho and E. Hempfield townships, vote at Red Rose Dairy, 1/2 mile south of Florin.
2. Penn, Warwick, Eliza-

beth, Clay, Manheim, Ephrata, W. Earl, E. Cocalico, W. Cocalico and Brecknock townships, vote at McCormick Farm store, 1054 South State Street, Ephrata

3. E. Earl, Earl, Leacock, Strasburg, Upper Leacock, Salsbury, Caernarvon, East Lampeter and Paradise twps. vote at Intercourse Fire Hall.

4. Eden, Bart. Sadsbury, Colerain, Little Britain, Fulton, Drumore, E. Drumore and Providence townships, vote at Quarryville Fire Hall

5. Manor, Conestoga, Pequea, Martic, Lancaster and W. Lampeter townships, vote at P. A. L. S. Community Building, Conestoga.

Senior Extension Club Sponsors 'Spring Square Dance Festival'

The "Second Spring Square Dance Festival" will be sponsored at 8 p.m., March 28 by Lancaster County Senior Extension Club at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion

Callers will be Jack Haritzell and Emmett Bulla from Bloomsburg, who called the State Festival at the Farm Show.

Lois Killian, secretary of the Extension group, has announced there will be prizes for the group coming the greatest distance, the largest group, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for top squares.

Deadline Set For Chester Co. Tour

Chester County Agent Robert A. Powers has announced that reservations for the Chester County Dairymen's bus tour to Maryland and West Virginia must be in the Extension office by Feb. 20.

Bus fare for the trip is \$10 and total cost approximately \$20, Powers said.