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terfat and 14,556 pounds of milk, and the herd of Titus M. Hurst, Lititz R2, making 554 pounds of butterfat in 14,882 pounds of milk. A total of 51 herds in the association had averages of 500 or more pounds of butterfat for the year Lancaster County last year had 39 herds with averages of better than 600 pounds, Carl Hollinger, state DHIA fieldman, told the 500 members present at the noon meeting in the Hotel Brunswick. He said Los Angeles County,

California, was high in the nation with 53 herds over the 500 pound mark. Hollinger said during December, Pennsylvania University processed 240 Lancaster County herd records with just a little over 15,000 cows. This, he said, is just 21 per cent of the cows in the county on test, but the state average is 19 per cent. He said Pennsylvania set an all time high for production last year with all cows on test averaging 10,813 lbs of milk and 423 pounds of fat. Potter lead all counties with an average of 482 lbs of fat while Luzerne had an

average of 460 pounds. Lancaster County ranked 28th among the counties with 425, or just two pounds above the state average. In other business, members elected three new directors to three year terms. They are John J. Oberholtzer, 171 Newport Road, Leola, Irvin Musser, Mount Joy R1, and Kenneth Skiles, Narvon R2. Jay Landis, president of the association was toastmaster.

**Brucellosis In State Dairy Herds At Lowest Rate On Record**

Harrisburg — The percentage of brucellosis infected Pennsylvania dairy cattle dropped to 0.11 per cent, an all-time low, during the six month period ended October 25. The highly encouraging report, revealed by Dr. P. V. Clarkson, chief of the division of brucellosis, Bureau of Animal Industry, State Department of Agriculture reflects a trend that began almost immediately when the brucellosis control program was initiated some years ago and has been most marked in the last seven years.

Contrasting the results of the brucellosis test for the period March 27 to October 25 of this year with that of the test from September 1, 1960 to May 4 of this year, the report shows that the number of suspect herds dropped from 268 to 192. The number of herds suspicious to the milk ring test — the first phase in screening herds — declined from 76 per cent to 54 per cent; the percentage of suspicious herds which revealed infection on blood test, which determines absolute proof of infection, dropped from 66 to 38, and the percentage of suspicious herds which revealed infection on blood test also declined from 24.6 per cent to 19.7.

The testing period covered all commercial herds that produce milk for human consumption in the Commonwealth. In the six-months period the number of dairy herds in the Commonwealth decreased from 35,000 to 34,949. But while the number of herds went down by 51, the number of cattle in the herds increased by 52,889, from 901,258 to 954,147. This also reflects a continuing trend—a decline in the number of herds but an increase in the number of head of cattle. Dr. Clarkson also said Clearfield County was joining two other counties as "free area" counties. This status is achieved only when cattle infection is less than 2 of one per cent and herd infection is less than one per cent.

"This is very gratifying," said Secretary of Agriculture William L. Henning. "The goal is every county a free area."

The other two free area counties are Philadelphia and Monroe. The four poultry virus diseases for which vaccines are available are Newcastle, fowl pox, bronchitis, and laryngotracheitis. Each is caused by a different virus.

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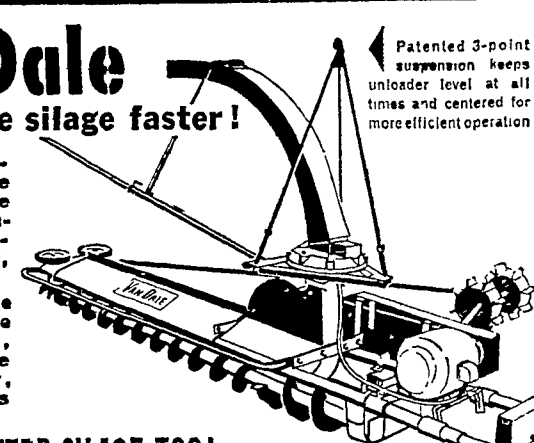
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