

● **Holstein Judging**

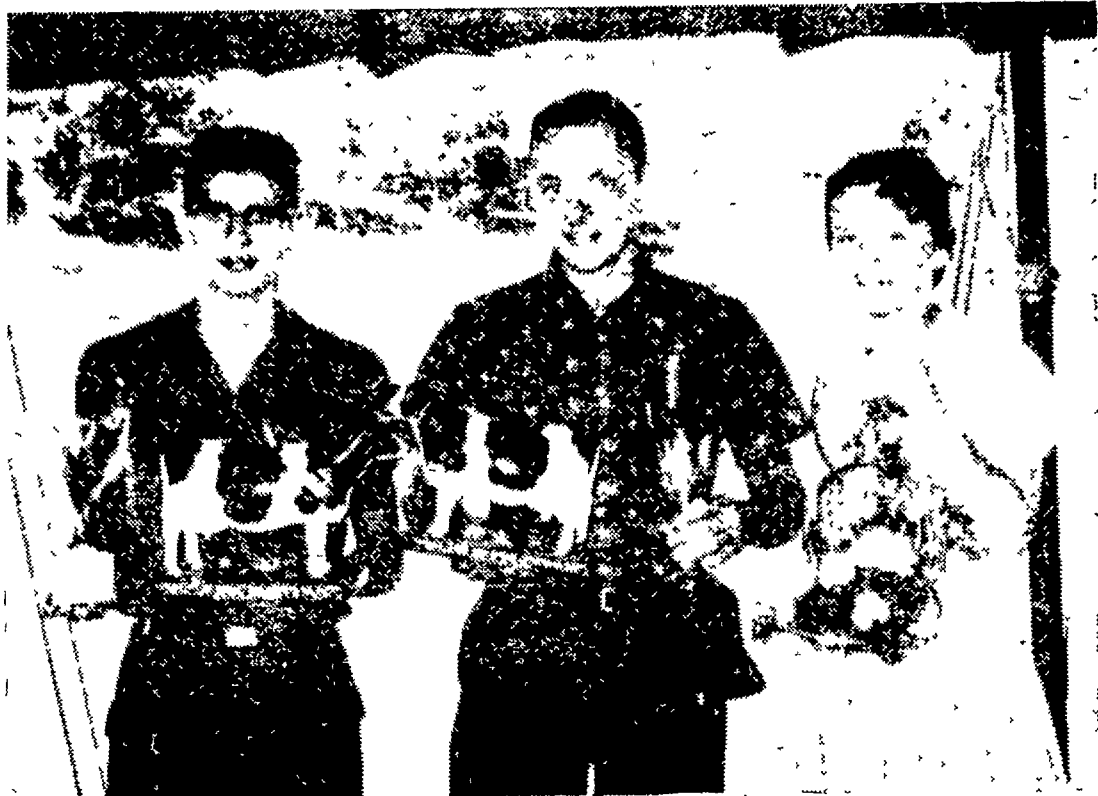
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Zimmerman, Ephrata R1, second to fifth respectively
Raymond Myers of Mount Joy R2 placed at the top of the youth division with 250 points Robert Wenger, Quarryville R1 was second and Harold J. Biubaker, Mount

Joy R1, was third Fourth was Donald Kraybill, Elverson R2 and Gerald Martin, Ephrata R1, was in fifth place.
Peifer, who farms 150 acres and milks 28 purebred Holsteins at Mylin's Corner, has been farming for seven years He placed in the ribbons at the field day judging three years ago, but "never came out on top before".

Mrs. Kaufman, consistently near the top of the scoring, was top scorer among all three divisions in the contest last year at the Salunga farm of A. W. Wickenheiser.

Peifer received a model Holstein cow and a year's possession of a challenge trophy, as did Raymond Myers for his win in the junior division Mrs. Kaufman received a floral wall decoration.

Official judge was Donald Seipt, manager of Keystone Farms, Easton, Pa.



WINNERS OF THE JUDGING CONTEST at the annual Holstein Field Day on Thursday display their trophies. Left to right are Raymond Myers, Mount Joy R2, winner of the junior division; Melvin Peifer, Willow Street R1, top judge in the entire contest as well as the men's division, and Mrs. Robert Kauffman, Elizabethtown, winner of the ladies' division. L. F. Photo

● **Breeders Role**

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cattle breeding business

He called for patience in working with so-called brood cows, even though they may not now be making large amounts of milk. He said, "I hope we do not let go of brood cows because of the drought." There are many "tail-enders who are not brood cows" which should be culled before the brood cow.

Seipt called attention to what he named "The Unwritten History of the Breed" which he said is sometimes more important than written pedigrees in improving the breeding stock.

He mentioned such things as the inherited tendency of cow families to develop broken down udders, mastitis, crooked legs, and so on. He said this "unwritten history" can be learned only by rubbing elbows with other breeders over a bale of hay at fairs, shows, sales and field days. Much of this history is learned by accident, he said, but it is an important part of improving the breed.

New DHIA Program

Robert Hess Strasburg R1, the breed representative to the state Dairy Herd Improvement Association reported that state delegates have instituted a study of "TNT testing".

Hess explained that there has been a move toward total Nutrient Testing of milk. Some state DHIA organizations are already using the newer testing program instead of staying with the old standard of butterfat testing alone. He said there was a feeling on the state DHIA board that milk may eventually be sold on the basis of total nutrients because of the widespread unfavorable publicity about fat and weight consciousness.

Temporary Feed Program

County Agent M. M. Smith reported that the county Agriculture Disaster Committee, of which he is a member, had decided not to declare the county a disaster area at this time.

He said there would be very little advantage to most county farmers if the county were to be so designated unless the federal government should make feed grains available to disaster areas at a reduced rate, or furnish financial assistance on transportation of hay to disaster areas.

He said loans at low interest rates from the Farmers Home Administration would be available to only those farmers who could not obtain credit elsewhere.

Smith suggested some emergency measures farmers can use to supplement short for-

age supplies, but reminded farmers that the emergency crops would be helpful only if rain comes during the next few weeks.

He thought that the short-fodder corn might best be made into silage, and suggested that dairymen could seed corn, at the rate of about a bushel per acre, with a grain drill. This puts on about 50,000 seeds per acre and can furnish a lot of forage if it can get to the tassel or silking stage before frost. The corn should be seeded before the first of August.

Temporary pasture both this fall and next spring might be realized from plantings of rye, either Balbo or Tetra Petkus,

or Dual or Redcoat wheat as well as domestic ryegrass and field brome.

Grasses will make quicker recovery if they are well fertilized, he said. Pastures and hay fields might do well to have a "shot of 0-15-30 for legumes or a complete ferti-

zer for pure grass stands."

Smith said more efficient use could be made of short forage supplies through the use of the forage testing service at the Pennsylvania State University, and made a plea for dairymen to cull the inefficient cows from their herds.

Bulk Fertilizer Day Scheduled

LANDIS VALLEY, PA. --

Hundreds of farmers and fertilizer dealers from throughout Pennsylvania are expected to descend on this Lancaster County farming Community August 2 for a fertilizer bulk handling field day.

Planners of the day-long event think it will be the first of its type in this area.

All farmers and fertilizer dealers are invited. The field day is being held to show both farmers and fertilizer dealers the latest techniques and the value of the bulk method of fertilizer application. Co-operating in the field day which is being sponsored by the F. S. Royster Guano Co., are most major farm equipment manufacturers, and the Agricultural Extension Service of Pennsylvania State University.

Highlights of the program include discussions of the use of pesticides in fertilizers, calibration of spreading equipment, forage fertilizer and soil testing and plant tissue testing.

The program to be held approximately four miles North of Lancaster on U. S. 222 at the Ira B. Landis Mill near the Pennsylvania Farm Museum will begin at 10 a. m. The morning will be taken up by the informal discussions. Lunch will be available at the Mill.

In the afternoon bulk fertilizer demonstrations utilizing latest equipment will be made under actual field conditions.

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