

● Royers

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the farm is a combination of Blossom and the ending of Creamelle

Mrs. Royer met her future husband in the beef club and after they were married moved onto the farm of Herbert's parents where they still live. Beef and chickens made up the major part of the farming program but Mrs. Royer took her dairy cow along with her.

Disasterous beef prices in 1952 and an outbreak of Newcastle disease in the poultry flock encouraged the young couple to look more and more toward dairying as the major farm enterprise.

The elder Royers could not be convinced that dairying had a future on the farm, but Herb and Rhelda spent a day convincing the Hershey dairy that they should furnish a milk market for the milk from three cows. The Royers hauled their milk to Kissel Hill to meet the milk truck for the first year but then contacted Cloister Dairy at Ephrata. After borrowing the money to construct a milking parlor, they

started shipping milk to Cloisters and have been selling there ever since.

Much of the success that has come to the Royers is due to the purchase of Caernarvon Rose Elaine, whom they purchased as a two year old heifer, fresh three days at the last Conestoga Classic sale at the old Keystone sale barn, Mount Joy. Mrs. Royer said they did not know where they would get the \$530 purchase price but they bought the heifer consigned by Bill Reid, Oxford. She was from the Stoltzfus herd, which had bred the first 4-H heifer Mrs. Royer owned.

Elaine's first calf was a daughter by the Regal bull at SPABC, but when the family saw Osborndale Ivanhoe at the bull stud, they decided he would fit into their breeding program.

In the hospital for a serious operation, Averrill Royer, the daughter of the couple, was promised the calf if it turned out to be a heifer. Elaine gave birth to twin heifers, but one died at birth. The remaining twin, Blossomelle Zsa Zsa, be-



THE GUEST OF HONOR COULD NOT BE PRESENT at a recent celebration in the Akron Restaurant, but the celebration went on just the same. The program was in honor of Blossomelle Zsa Zsa, a Holstein heifer which had just completed the nation's second highest butterfat record for a two year old. Celebrating in the absence of the honored guest were her owners, the Royer family, seated, left to right, Mrs. Rhelda Royer, Lynn, Averrill, and Herbert Royer, all of 2025 Oregon Pike. Standing, left to right are Peter McCracken, Manheim feed dealer; M. M. Smith, county agent; Ray Rudisill, Beacon Feed Advisor; Roger Emig, Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeders Co-op; Earl Groff, Strasburg R1; J. Harold Bomberger, D.H.I.A. Tester; Dr. Gil Porter, Head of Research for Beacon Milling Company; Victor Plastow, associate county agent, and Chester Weist, feed company fieldman.

came Averrill's 4-H project and was reserve champion at the district 4-H show in 1960.

At the 1961 Pennsylvania Farm Show, Zsa Zsa was junior champion of Pennsylvania and was nominated for All American Senior Yearling Heifer. As a two year old, Zsa Zsa produced 23,958 pounds of milk and 992 pounds of butterfat in 365 days, the second highest butterfat record ever made by a two year old.

Zsa Zsa freshened again on

May 1 with a heifer calf by Glenafton Drummer, formerly in the Lehigh Valley stud. She is now producing about 113 pounds of 3.7 per cent milk a day. Three times a day milking is included in the tender loving care treatment.

Elaine continued to pass on her dairy characteristics, and a full brother of Zsa Zsa, named Black Gold, has recently been purchased by the SPABC at the age of 17 months.

Still another of Elaine's pro-

geny will soon be going into 4-H club work. Julia, her latest daughter, will be the first project heifer of Lynn, the Royer's son.

It has been a quick climb to honors for the Royers, but it has not been without hard work and disappointments. The cows show the results of the tender loving care Mrs. Royer speaks of, and by all indications, Holstein circles will be hearing more of the Blossomelle herd in years to come.



A NOONTIME SNACK OF BEET PULP helps to keep appetites good in the herd of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Royer. Here Royer, far left, stands beside "Elaine", one of the foundation cows in the herd. The Royers have found that the beet pulp helps the cows make better use of pasture and hay, and keeps them in good condition. L. F. Photo.

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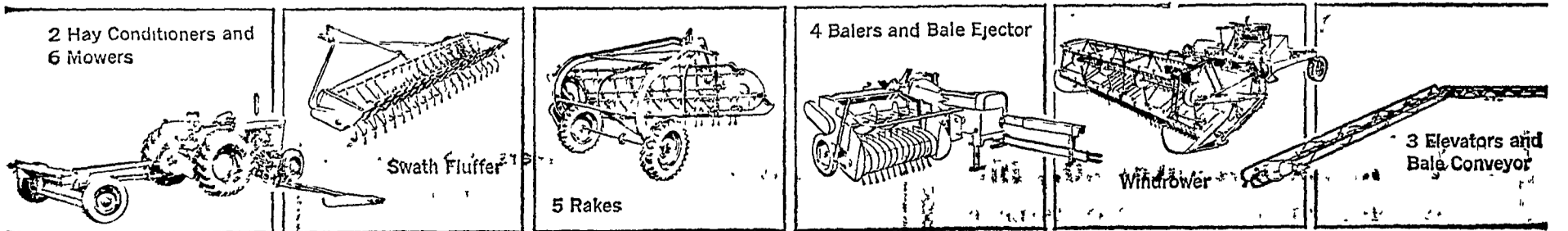
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