

## Averril Royer Wins Two Of Three Top Awards At Dairy Banquet

The three top awards at the 4-H Dairy Banquet, scheduled for last night at the Memorial Methodist Church at Quarryville, were for high record book score, champion fitter and champion showman at the county dairy roundup. Two of these went to Averril Royer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Royer, 2025 Oregon Pike, Lancaster.

Winner of the champion showman award was Mary Ellen Kettering, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Kettering of Lititz R3. Miss Kettering is a junior at Manheim Township High School.

Miss Royer talked 964 of a possible 100 points to lead the county 4-H'ers in record book scoring. In the county 4-H dairy roundup in August, her junior yearling Blossomelle Golden Bubbles was judged the best fitted animal in the show, earning the champion fitter award for Miss Royer.

According to dairy club adviser Victor Plastow, Miss Royer was further honored by being chosen one of eight 4-H'ers to represent Pennsylvania at the National Dairy Conference to be held at Chicago, December 1-3. She will be representing the Holstein breed.

Runnerup in the record book scoring and topping the Guernsey division, was Audrey Wagner, Quarryville R1.

Reserve champion fitter award went to June Aaron, Quarryville R1, and reserve

champion showman honors to Nancy Stoltzfus. Individual breed champion recognition went to Donna Eshelman, Elizabethtown R1, Ayrshire; Stephen Arrowsmith, Peach Bottom, Jersey. J. Nelson Landis, 1804 Hempstead Rd., Lancaster, Guernsey; and Richard Rutt, Quarryville R2, Holsteins.

## Secretary Bull Reports Dairy Picture Good

Leland H. Bull, State Secretary of Agriculture, said Thursday night the income picture for dairy farmers definitely has improved in Pennsylvania.

Speaking at the eleventh annual meeting of the Daily Institute of the Erie Area, Bull said the average price received by producers for milk in the first nine months of this year has been \$5.06 per hundredweight. This compares with \$4.66 for the same nine months last year, according to reports of the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Bull said the total milk production was down 16 percent in the first nine months this year but that the value of milk produced was up 6.9 percent and the prices received for milk was up 8.6 percent.

Although farmers received more money for milk, the number of milk cow herds declined

## ADA & Council Slates Annual Meeting Here

The annual dinner meeting of District 18 of the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council of New York will be held in the Plain and Fancy Restaurant near Bird-in-Hand

in the first nine months this year by 3,500 herds, and milk cows declined from an average of 792,000 for the same period last year to an average of 755,000 for this year.

In dropping to a low of 742,000 last month, milk cows now number less than they did on farms of this state almost a century ago, Bull cautioned.

"This drop in cow and herd numbers must be stopped if we are to have an adequate quantity of milk for our ever-increasing population," he stressed.

The better prices received for milk have helped boost gross income figures for farmers in this state, Bull noted.

Overall figures for the first eight months of this year reveal that gross income reached \$583,000,000, as compared to \$534,000,000 for the same eight months in 1965. This increase of \$49,000,000 in sale of all livestock, livestock products and crops "may help to encourage efficient producers to stay on the farm," Bull said.

"The outlook for continued improvement of this farm income picture is as bright as it has been in the past two decades," the Secretary concluded.

on Wednesday, Nov. 16, beginning at noon, according to Harry Unger of Chambersburg, district board chairman.

The meeting is open to all dairy farmers in Adams, Berks, Chester, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon and York counties, which make up the district, whether or not they are members.

A review of the work of the organization during the current year and a look at plans for 1967 will be given by M. E. Erickson, membership director.

During the business meeting, directors will be elected to the local seven-man board.

The American Dairy Association and Dairy Council of New York is a producer-financed, producer-directed organization that promotes the sale of fresh, fluid milk through research, education, advertising, merchandising and publicity and public relations.

## Esbenshade Reelected To Agway Board

Willis Z. Esbenshade, Lancaster County farmer, has been reelected to the board of directors of Agway, Inc.

Esbenshade was named to a three-year term on the board at the second annual meeting of Agway members, held October 20-21, in Syracuse, N. Y.

The district for which he is a director includes Perry, Cumberland, Franklin, Adams, York and Lancaster counties in Pennsylvania; and Washington, Carroll, Frederick, Baltimore and Harford counties in Maryland.

Esbenshade has been a member of the Agway board since the merger of Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Cooperative Association and Agway in 1965.

Prior to the merger of the two cooperatives, he had served on the board of PFBCA since 1958.

Esbenshade operates a 112-acre farm on which he raises beef cattle, poultry and sheep. He is the fourth generation of his family to work the farm.

## Poultry Sci. Head

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oratory assistant and graduate assistant.

Before entering Cornell, he studied poultry husbandry for two years at the New York State Institute of Agriculture and Home Economics and served in the U. S. Army Air Force from 1942 to 1945 on active duty in the southwest Pacific.

From 1952 to 1964, Goodwin was geneticist for Kimber Farms, Fremont, Calif. While at Kimber Farms, he was a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Pacific Dairy and Poultry Association, a member of the National Advisory Committee for Random Sample Testing of Poultry, and in 1961 he was program chairman for the National Poultry Breeders' Roundtable.

Since 1964, he has been associated as geneticist with Heisdorf and Nelson Farms, Kirkland, Wash. During this period he was invited to participate in a conference on undergraduate training in the animal sciences sponsored by the National Academy of Science and was the company's alternate representative to the Agricultural Research Institute of the National Research Council. He also began a two-year term as director of the Poultry Science Association.



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