

● **Dairymen**

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I'm working." But the farm group seemed to get as many looks of critical analysis from the weavers as they gave in return.

Many of the farm women purchased material from the fabric shop to take home and many reported the visit very interesting.

The first stop of the day for the 200 dairymen on the tour that left the Conestoga Transportation Terminal Wednesday morning at 8.00 a.m., was the 1300 acre, 250 cow herd of Robert Eichelberger. The Eichelbergers have a modern 350' x 50' comfort stall barn with pipeline milkers and rubber mats on the stalls.

In the February DHIA test there were five cows milking over 100 pounds of milk a day to 110 pounds, and first calf heifers milking 74 pounds a day. The herd produces 6,800 pounds of milk a day.

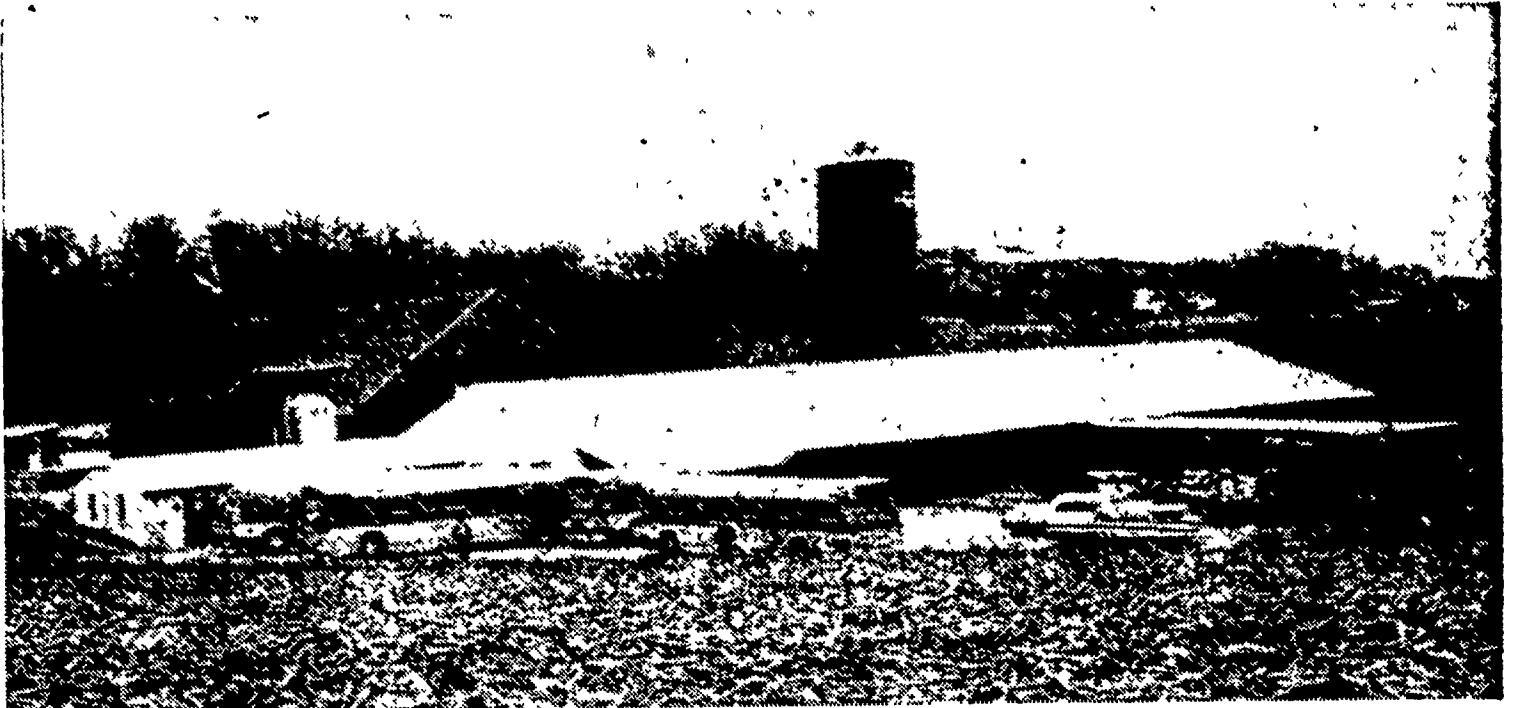
The second visit was to the high herd in milk in the nation last year for herds of 50 cows or more.

Sinking Springs Farm, under the management of Herman Stebbins, has a herd average of 19,334 pounds of milk, 725 pounds of butterfat and individual cows up to 1,200 pounds of butterfat in a lactation. First calf heifers milk to 90 pounds.

The manager in greeting the group said, "I believe cows are creatures of habit. We milk at 4 p.m. and 5 a.m. I don't think it important what time we milk but that we do it regularly every day is important."

The final stop was the loose housing retail milk farm of the Joseph Stump family.

Under the banner of Stump Acres this family milks 65 Registered Holsteins and sells up to 185 gal. of the milk at their retail outlet right on the farm. They have 90 free stalls and a herringbone milking par-



THE LOOSE HOUSING barn and the retail milk outlet of the Joseph Stump Family in York County. The Stumps sell up to 185 gal. of raw milk a day at the farm

where they have 65 Registered Holstein milk cows.

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A 150 COMFORT STALL BARN owned by Robert Eichelberger and visited by the Lancaster County Hol-

stein Tour on Wednesday.

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lor The farm has 500 acres Myrtle has a 4-year-old record of 22,988m, 4.6%, 1,050f tillable. The herd has close to a 600 pound butterfat average and the chicken dinner at noon and re-

top cow, ADA Regal Lucifer

turned to Lancaster at 5:00 p.m.



ON THE HOLSTEIN TOUR. (left to right) Victor Plastow, Associate Lancaster County Agent; Jay Landis, Tour Committee Chairman; Paul Zimmerman and John Herr, Tour Committee; Herman Stebbins, Sinking Springs Farm Manager;

and John Smith, York County Agent. The cow is Sinking Springs Ivan Margo, classified Very Good 87 with Excellent udder. Her two-year-old record is 305d 16,756m 645f

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**Improved Pastures Boost Dairy Profits**

Larger herds and limited acres may demand more intensive management, but "high quality" pasture is still one of your least expensive sources of feed nutrients, Pennsylvania State University agronomists say.

And there is more and more evidence to suggest that some

where either zero grazing or good pasture is also essential stored feeding is the main pasture system. While the reasons aren't always clear, it's a fact that cows on pasture just seem to "do better" than cows kept mainly in confinement.

What returns can a dairyman expect from good pasture? A five year rotation grazing study just completed by Dr. John B. Washko provides some interesting answers. For example, as a

yearly average of five drought years, a mixture of Vernal alfalfa and Pennlate orchard grass yielded 47 tons dry matter, 1,550 pounds crude protein and 5,000 pounds of total digestible nutrients. During the same five years, corn for silage grown on a nearby field averaged 49 tons dry matter, 1,000 pounds crude protein and 6,000 pounds TDN.

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