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International Delegation To Visit Pa. All-American

Twenty-one nations — representing the largest international delegation to any dairy show in the United States — will visit the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show

Delegates to the second World Holstein-Friesian Conference will attend final day activities at the All-American, which will be held in the Farm Show Building, Sept. 23-27.

Formal sessions of the World Conference will be held at the Penn Harris Motor Inn, adjacent to Harrisburg, Sept. 22-23. These will be followed by inspection tours of Holstein breeding farms in surrounding counties and attendance at the All-American Show.

Representation at the Conference is limited to three members from each country. The 21 countries — including the U.S. — are Canada, Mexico, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Brazil, England, Sweden, Denmark, Luxembourg, West Germany, France, Switzerland, Italy, Israel, New Zealand, Australia and Japan.

Flags of each of the visiting nations will be displayed in the large arena of the Farm Show Building during the judging of the Eastern National Holstein Show being held in conjunction with the All-American.

Robert H. Rumler, secretary of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, Brattleboro, Vt., said the delegation will ar-

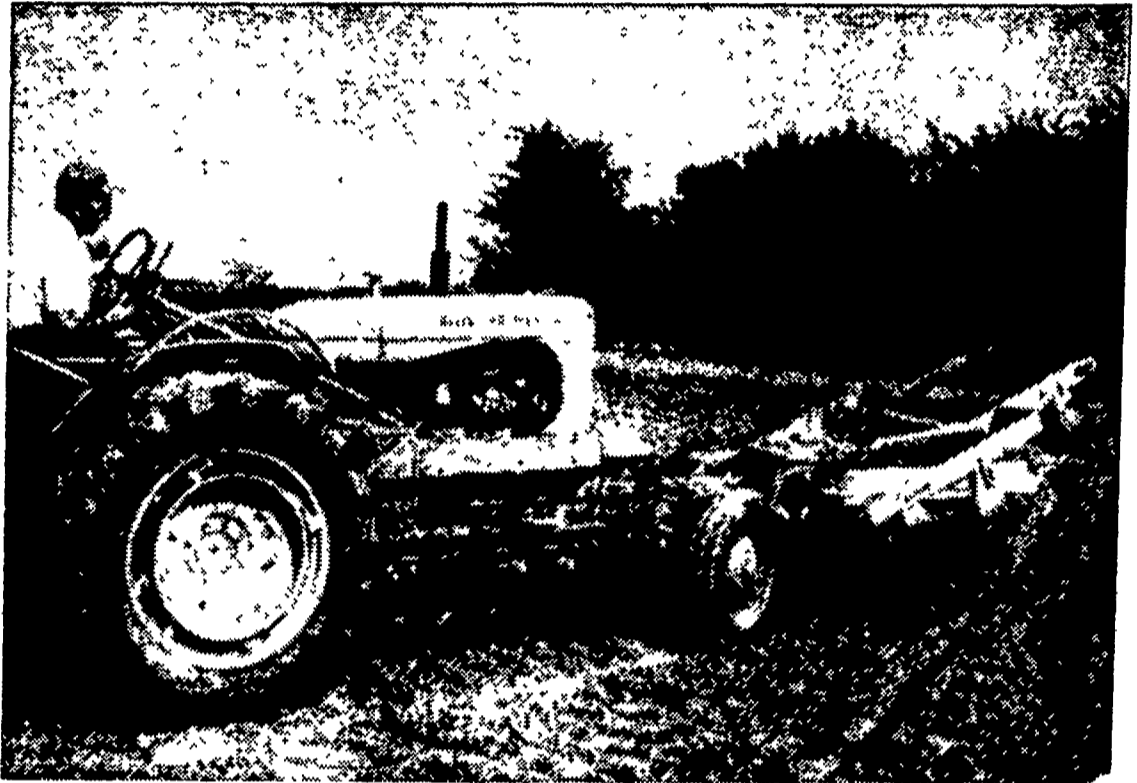
rive in Canada Sept. 19 for a two-day visit, and travel from Niagara Falls, N.Y., to Harrisburg on the 22nd.

The first World Holstein-Friesian Conference was held in Amsterdam, Holland, four years ago. Holland is the original home of the Holstein breed.

Akers Cow Tops DHIA Report

A Holstein cow owned by Curtis E. Akers, Quarryville R2, completed the highest 305-day lactation in the Lancaster County DHIA in July according to the monthly report. Iva produced 19,591 lbs. of milk, 885 lbs. of butterfat with a 4.5% test. Second high lactation was completed by a Registered Holstein cow owned by J. Mowery Frey Jr., 401 Beaver Valley Pike, Lancaster. Monica produced 23,909 lbs. of milk, 838 lbs. of butterfat with a 3.5% test in 305 days.

The herd of Dr. Paul S. Schantz, Ephrata R1, had the highest daily butterfat average. This herd of 170 cows averaged 44.6 lbs. of milk, 1.87 lbs. of butterfat with a 4.2% test. The herd of Red Rose Research Center, 226 Pitney Road, Lancaster, placed second. This herd of 254 Registered Holstein cows averaged 50.9 lbs. of milk, 1.81 lbs. of butterfat with a 3.6% test.



TOBACCO HARVESTING MACHINE. Ross Walter, a construction worker from Willow Street has made a workable machine to spear tobacco. He has worked

nine years on the invention and has now established a family corporation to begin the manufacturing process. L. F. Photo

Tobacco Harvesting Machine Perfected By Local Inventor

By Everett Newswanger
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"Instead of having a horse or a boat as a hobby, I work on my tobacco harvester," said Ross Walter, a Willow Street construction worker by trade. And Walter's hobby is about to pay off.

It all started nine years ago when Ross was put to work spearing tobacco to "pay for his dinner" one day after being away from the work for 20 years. It wasn't long before he decided there had to be an easier way. They have mechanized everything else so —

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People said it couldn't be done but Walter says, "If I get an idea in my head I am natured to stick to it until it works." And there has been a lot of "sticking-to-it" to be done. The local inventor had nothing to start with like they did when the first baler was invented. The idea of a knottor could be taken from the old binder and the hay rake could be converted to a hay pick-up. Walter had to start from the beginning idea. Also, the season for testing the machine is very short — maybe six weeks each summer in the tobacco cutting season. He had to find the flaws each summer and work on them over winter.

But Walter persisted and this reporter saw the new tobacco harvester demonstrated at the Oliver Kibler Farm, at Washington Boro R1, Wednesday afternoon.

It Works
The harvester is mounted with five bolts on any wide-front-end tractor that has 20 inches clearance from the

ground to axle. The pick-up that is hydraulically raised and lowered is mounted on front and the spearing and filled-lath ejection mechanism is carried under the tractor.

In working position the pick-up is lowered to the point where the three prongs on front are running in the ground about six inches. The beets pick up the stalks and carry them up to a chain with fingers that grab the butts and start the stalks on their way back over the spear and onto the lath.

Of special interest (because it was a special problem worked on by Penn State engineers and has a special patent) is the electric control that runs the hy-

draulic motor to move the stalks toward the spear. The pick-up moves constantly but the feed chain moves only when a stalk is in position.

Walter has obtained another special patent on his idea of holding the spear with a magnet. Each time a lath is full and released laterally onto the ejector belt running backward under the tractor the magnet falls.

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Pa. Price Level Down 3 Percent

Prices received by Pennsylvania farmers in mid-August for agricultural products declined 3 percent from the previous month according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. Contributing most to the decline were lower prices for all crops except fruit which was unchanged. Partially offsetting the decline were higher prices for dairy and poultry products.

Eggs, selling for 37 cents a dozen were one cent above the previous month and four cents above a year ago. Turkeys were up a cent, while broilers were down a cent. The preliminary estimate of August milk price at \$5.85 was 15 cents over the previous month and 10 cents above August last year.

Field crop prices were all lower except for barley which was unchanged. Oats led the decline with a mid-month price of 65 cents, it was 13 cents below the previous month. Corn at 1.14 was down 2 cents, wheat at 1.10 was down 1 cent and rye at 94.

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Deadline Nears For ASC Committee Election Vote

Farmers were reminded this week that Monday, September 16, is the last date for turning in a ballot in the election of community ASC committeemen. Fred G. Seldomridge, Chairman, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee, explained that ballots were mailed recently to eligible voters of record; they must be returned to the county ASCS office — by mail or in person — not later than September 16, 1968.

Qualified voters in the election are all farmers who are eligible to take part in one or more of the farm programs which the committee administers. Lists of eligible voters in each community are available for public inspection in the ASCS county office.

Anyone who believes that he is eligible to vote but who has not received a ballot is urged to get in touch with the county ASCS office immediately. Eligibility to vote is not restricted by reason of sex, race, color, religion, or national origin.

For each community where an election is being held, three regular committee members and two alternates will be elected. The chairman, vice chairman, and third regular member of the elected community ASC committee will serve as delegates to the county convention, where farmers will be elected to fill vacancies on the county ASC committee and where the committee's chairman and vice chairman will be chosen for the coming year. The county convention will be held at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 27 in the Farm & Home Center.

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Farm Calendar

Sunday, Sept. 8

12:30 p.m.—Ephrata Adult Family Picnic, Reamstown Memorial Park

Monday, Sept. 9

9-11—Pennsylvania Florist Convention, Marriott Motor Hotel, Philadelphia.

6:30 p.m.—Lancaster Co. Bee Keepers meet, Samuel B. Bawel's Home

—Garden Spot Community 4-H Club tour of Lancaster Newspaper Bldg.

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