

Milestone Holstein Convention Held At Anaheim, California

The 84th Annual Convention of Holstein-Friesian Association of America, held recently at Anaheim, California, was unique from start to finish. While about every Convention record was broken, it was the business transacted by the elected delegates that assures the meeting an historic significance.

Bylaw Changes

In a ballot vote of 154 to 66 the delegates inaugurated a separate herd book to record purebred red and white Holsteins. Additionally, provisions were made for registry in the present Association herd book of so-called "off-colored" purebred female black and white Holsteins born on and after July 1, 1969. Both provisions become effective January 1, 1970. The name of the animal is to be followed by the letters "CC" and the herd book (registration) number is to be preceded by the letter "B". Offspring of these "off-colored" females that meet present color marking requirements may be registered without carrying any special identification. Offspring of "OC" designated animals not meeting present color requirements will not be eligible for registration.

With regard to the separate herd book of purebred red and white Holsteins, traceable to registered black and white ancestry, allowance was made for a six month moratorium to begin January 1 on the Bylaw provision which denies registration of animals two years old and older. It should also be noted that the names of red and white Holsteins when recorded in the new herd book must carry the suffix "red" and the herd book numbers are to start with "1". The Board of Directors has taken the position that if Registered Red and White Holsteins are to be shown, since they are to be recorded in a separate herd book then they should be exhibited in separate classes from those provided for Registered Black and White Holsteins.

In other Bylaw changes, action was taken to permit a speed up in hearing procedures and limitation of privileges of a breeder during investigations when these appear to be desirable. Bylaws as amended now state that upon the filing of charges the right of the member to transfer animals on the records of the Association shall be suspended pending the decision of the Executive Committee after the hearing of such charges. This procedure to be in effect when the charges question the propriety of the registration or the reliability of the production records of animals owned by the member.

A change in the Bylaws concerning Junior membership in Holstein-Friesian Association of

America makes it possible for a youngster to become a Junior Member during the first year of 4H or FFA project work rather than after one year of work has been completed. Provisions were also added to the Bylaws defining an "inactive junior member" as one who has not registered or transferred an animal during the preceding four year period.

Resolutions

In other action the delegates approved a resolution directing that an ear tag number or other herd owner identification number, when submitted on the application for registry be printed on the Certificate of Registry. This will become effective as new applications and certificates are printed. Approval was given to a resolution that calls for the appointment of a committee to study the publication of performance data of the breed. Meanwhile the Association's Type and Production Yearbook shall continue to be published. Subject matter of other resolutions ranged from positions regarding pending federal legislation and tax plans to commendation of the American Dairy Association and the National Dairy Council.

Elections

Harold W. Craun, Roanoke, Virginia, was elected President of the Holstein organization. Craun has served as a Board member of HFAA for eight years followed by two years as Vice President. During his long association with the dairy industry,

he has held numerous offices in Virginia and is a past president of the Virginia Dairy men's Association. A graduate of V.P.I., Craun is currently a representative for Pet Milk Company. He follows R. DeWitt Mallary, Bradford, Vermont, who completed two years as President of this, the largest dairy breed organization in the world.

Newly elected association Vice President is Mr. A. C. "White" Thomson of Burlington, Illinois. He too has previously served as a national director and is the immediate past chairman of the Executive Committee. Thomson is an auctioneer-sales manager. His lifetime of experience in the dairy industry includes being the first Holstein recipient of the Klussendorf Trophy and having served on the staff of "Hoard's Dairyman". He is a past president of the Illinois Holstein Association and served as a director of both the Colorado and Kansas Holstein organizations. He is a graduate of Kansas State University. His many judging assignments have taken him from coast to coast and Latin America.

The terms of four directors expired with Richard B. Keene of Gilbertsville, New York, being the only new addition to the sixteen man Board of Directors. He replaced Nicholas Kolk of Goshen, New York, who chose not to be considered for re-election. Keene is a Cornell University graduate and presently operates a Registered Holstein farm. A native of New York, Keene earlier served as Holstein fieldman in the state and more recently was a member of the Holstein classifiers staff. He will serve on the Rules Committee of the Board. Three other Directors

were elected to their second four year terms. They are Maurice Keene, Auburn, Maine; W. R. Brooks, Louisville, Colorado; and Edwin C. Fry, Chestertown, Maryland.

In the process of handling the two day business session and making some landmark decisions, the Convention delegates, with help from other members, their families and others in the industry, set numerous Convention records. A total of 1,549 were officially registered for the Convention according to Mr. & Mrs. Willard Clark, Cal-Clark Farm of Hanford, California, co-chairmen of the registration, hospitality and information committee. Also setting new attendance records for a Holstein Convention were 1,125 attending the annual banquet and the 628 ladies who took part in a special tour of Universal Studios. In like manner, the National Fiesta Sale, last officially scheduled event of the Convention, provided a new high average for Holstein Consignment Sales. Fifty head were sold at an average of \$4,392 each.

Conventioners were generous with their praise of Convention General Chairman Alvin J. Quist, Fresno, California and all of the other committee chairmen, committee members and Holstein breeders and friends in the state who hosted a delightful week. In 1970 Holstein Conventioners will travel East for an annual meeting in Boston.

Ephrata FFA Wins Regional Safety Award

The Cloister FFA chapter of Ephrata Area High School has won the Regional II Fair and Home Safety award for the second consecutive year. Jeff Pfautz, president, received the plaque on behalf of the chapter at the State FFA convention held at Penn State last week.

An award application has been forwarded to the National FFA office for competition on the national level.

The award is presented to the chapter doing the best job promoting farm and home safety throughout the year.


Cloister chapter members gave demonstrations, radio presentations and presented exhibits on safety. In addition, they offered a hunters' safety course and a tractor-machinery safety course to members of the chapter and the school's junior ag club.

Mayflower Compact


The Mayflower Compact was the first written plan for self-government in America. It was signed aboard the ship, Mayflower, before the new colonists built their settlement at Plymouth.

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