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by their winnings in the show ring during the past year. A record 403 head shown at the State Black and White Show led to later winning of first state herd honors at the Eastern National and Central National Holstein Shows; Grand and Reserve Champion Female honors at both these shows. He expressed appreciation to the state membership of 4586 dairymen for their support of State Holstein programs — states sales, a 13% increase in number of herds in the classification program and judging schools.

Retiring Fieldman David Slusser challenged the dairymen to place greater emphasis on youth work at the local level. He called for further effort toward breed improvement and challenged the Holstein breeders to assume their responsibility for promotion of dairy products. He cited the decline in per capita consumption and urged dairymen to take the leadership in reversing this trend.

Secretary William C. Nichol credited membership participation with making an impressive record of accomplishment in 1969. He reviewed the annual report and called for more emphasis on registered cattle on dairy farms — improved breeding programs and effective merchandising in the years ahead.

National Directors William L. Conyngham of Luzerne County and Obie Snider of Bedford County reported on concerns of the national association.

The County Holstein Club award was presented to Tioga County.

Recognized for having animals nominated for All-American honors: Clarence Cornman, Jr., Newburg, Pa.; Andrew Stoltzfus, Elverson, Pa.; Arthur Baxter, Stoneboro, Pa.; Paul Whiteford, New Oxford, Pa.

Holstein breeders receiving recognition for outstanding herd production based on herd size were: Pasquo P. Pecora, West Hazelton, Pa.; Calvin M. Will, Berlin, Pa.; Sinking Springs

Farm Inc., York, Pa.; McChesney Bros., New Galilee, Pa.; and Dean W. Hearn, Williamsburg, Pa.

The Hearn herd with an average of 890 lbs of fat and 21,451 lbs milk and the Sinking Springs herd with an 800 lb fat and 21,014 milk average are the top two herds in the nation.

Recognized as a state leader for an individual cow lactation was a Registered Holstein owned by J. Mowery Frey & Son, Lancaster, Pa.

Five herds gained recognition for high breed age average in body conformation: J. R. Simpson & Sons, Butler, Pa.; Paul B. Zimmerman, Ephrata, Pa.; Keystone Farm, Easton, Pa.; J. Mowery Frey & Son, Lancaster, Pa.; George M. Knight, Jr., Airville, Pa.

Plaque awards for participation in the winning State Herd at the recent Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show and Eastern National Holstein Show went to Allen Dairy Farms, Inc., Mechanicsburg, Pa.; H. Wayne Locke and Robert M. Hege, Mercersburg, Pa.; George M. Knight, Jr., Airville, Pa.; Raymond A. Seidel, Richland, Pa.; Oakes Brothers, Jackson Center, Pa.; Richard E. Smith, New Enterprise, Pa.; Robert E. Gitt, Littlestown, Pa.; and Arthur Baxter, Stoneboro, Pa.

An Outstanding Herdsman Award — plaque and luggage — was presented to Ray "Jake" Emig of Cumberland County for services rendered in caring for the state herd at the Central National Holstein Show.

Dairy Specialist Harvey Shaffer reported for Extension Dairy work at the Pennsylvania State University. He reported a significant increase in use of the Forage Testing service.

Robert Rumler, Executive Secretary of the National Holstein Association, Brattleboro, Ver-

mont, addressed the convention on Friday afternoon. Interpreting change for Holstein breeders, Rumler contended that sentiment gave way to the reality of economics when the rules for color markings were changed at the last national meeting. He cited major accomplishments by the national organization brought about by long range goals, intermediate planning and daily execution. Continued emphasis on the fundamentals of registration, classification, transfers and production testing are vital.

Membership Service awards were presented to five different local Holstein clubs: Most New Members — Lancaster County; Highest Percentage of Renewals — Franklin County; Most Consistent Growth over Five Year Period — Warren County 1st, Mercer County 2nd, and Dauphin County 3rd.

The Holstein breed's most coveted award, the Progressive Breeders Registry based on herd production, classification, and herd health went to Robert Mellett, Mercersburg, Joseph M. Reno, Valencia; Jacob K. Stoltzfus, Honey Brook, James M. & Robert D. Curley, Montrose; Harold J. & Ellen Mae Ranck, Cochranville; David E. Roth, Loysville, Bach-Echo Farms, John E. Melchor, Easton, Richard Kingsley, Columbia Cross Roads, Ferndale Farms, Frank Reist, Lebanon; Maynard Rothenberger, Lansdale, Jefferson D. Yoder, Elverson, Warren N. & Karl L. Hertzler, Elizabethtown, George Bridenbaugh, Martinsburg, John W. Gaut, Scottsdale, Nathan J. & Alda Mae Lehman, Chambersburg, John M. Umble, Atglen; John C. Thompson & Sons, Newtown, Peters Farm, Emil Peters, Port Matilda; Keystone Farm, Easton; McChesney Bros., New Galilee, and Pennsylvania State University, Dr. Homer Clominger, University Park.

Resolutions were adopted as follows: Commending Pennsyl-

vania Department of Agriculture on Brucellosis eradication program; urging all dairymen to work for and vote in favor of the forthcoming Milk Marketing Referendum; commending all committee members who assisted with the State Convention; and supporting the establishment of a Bureau of Rural Affairs within the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

With the announced retirement of V. A. Houston, Director-At-Large, the membership elected Obie Snider, Bedford County, as his replacement on the Board of Directors.

Local Holstein Clubs in North-

west Pennsylvania will host the State Convention in 1970.

New York auctioneer and dairyman, Harris Wilcox, spoke on "Facing the Challenges of the 70's" at the close of the business meeting. Wilcox asked the audience to join with him in singing one verse of "America" then proceeded to remind his listeners of the freedoms we enjoy, the Biblical instruction we have to love our neighbors. Hate destroys, love builds and we've got a lot of building to do.

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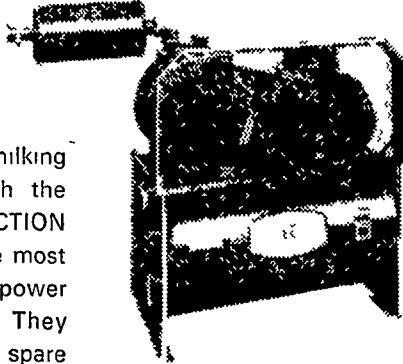
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