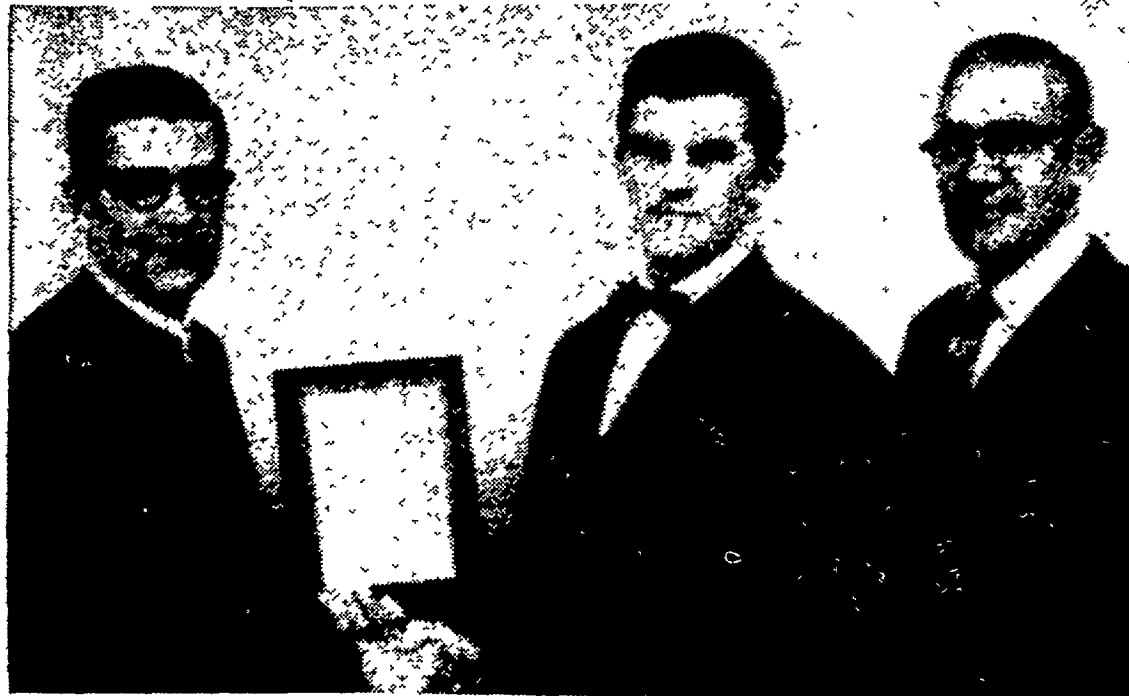


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David L. Landis (center) this week receives a plaque for the highest herd average in the County during 1970 from J. Eby Hershey, Gordonville RD1, Red Rose

DHIA vice president. Donald S. Eby, DHIA president, is on the right. The 29 head Landis herd averaged 16,465 pounds of milk and 652 pounds of butterfat.

David Landis Herd Tops '70 DHIA

An award for the highest Lancaster County Dairy Herd Improvement Association average for the 1970 testing year was given this week to David L. Landis, 1896 Colebrook Road, Lancaster.

Landis' herd averaged 652 pounds of butterfat and 16,465 pounds of milk for an average of 29.2 registered and grade Holsteins.

Second place went to Curtis E Akers, Quarryville RD1, with an average of 647 pounds of butterfat and 16,995 pounds of milk from an average of 35.3 registered and grade Holsteins.

The Paul B Zimmerman herd at Ephrata RD1 was third with 643 pounds of butterfat and 16,523 pounds of milk for an average of 31.2 registered Holsteins.

These were among the outstanding area herds honored at the annual DHIA dinner meeting at noon Tuesday at the Farm and Home Center.

Altogether some 389 herds with an average of more than five cows were cited for exceeding an average production of 400 pounds of butterfat.

In addition, some 419 cows

were listed for producing 4,000 pounds of butterfat or more by lactations in the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association. Five herds were cited for exceeding average production of 5,000 pounds of solids-not-fat. They are: Carl L Martin, Ephrata RD1, 1,244 pounds solids-not-fat; Roy H and Ruth H Book, Ronks RD1, 1,227 pounds; Henry W Martin, Ephrata RD1, 1,153 pounds; Sunny Craft Farms, Ephrata RD1, 1,146 pounds, and Dr Paul S Schantz, Ephrata RD1, 1,060 pounds.

The 1970 report showed that an average of 18,727 cows were on the Red Rose DHIA testing program in 1970. The average production was 487 pounds of butterfat and 12,598 pounds of milk.

The figures show an increase of 650 cows on the testing program and an average increase in milk production of 120 pounds per cow. The butterfat average remained unchanged from a year ago.

The average number of cows per herd was listed as 44.9 this year compared to 43.1 a year ago.

In comments on the DHIA

program over the past year Max Smith, Lancaster County Agricultural Agent, said, "The dairy industry continues as one of the major agricultural enterprises in Lancaster County. Dairymen continue to produce more milk from fewer cows which is a trend for many years to come. Expansion has taken place on many dairy farms in the recent decade but must be accompanied with good management in order

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Farm and Home Foundation Annual Banquet Scheduled

The seventh annual dinner meeting of the Farm and Home Foundation of Lancaster County will be held at 6:30 p.m. Jan 28 at the Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster.

Melvin R Stoltzfus will be toastmaster. The invocation will be given by Noah W Kreider. A trio from the Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren will provide music.

Speaker for the evening will

be Reid Ferguson, vice president of Pennsylvania State University.

Nomination and election of directors will be conducted by Willis Z Esbenshade.

During the business session, George Lewis will give the treasurer's report and Howard H Campbell will give the business manager's report. Scholarships will be announced by M. M. Smith.

Lehigh Valley Co-Op Combines Operations With Country Belle

Two of Pennsylvania's leading dairy cooperatives have combined their management operations, announces Alpheus L. Ruth, President of Lehigh Valley Cooperative Farmers, Allentown, and Robert Flick, President of Country Belle Farmers Cooperative.

The Country Belle Cooperative of Pittsburgh and the Lehigh Valley Cooperative Farmers, Allentown, officially signed a management contract effective January 1, 1971.

Briefly, the management contract between the two dairy co-ops means that manufacturing, purchasing, and selling of dairy products, and all other

products customary to the dairy business will now be under combined management and direction of Richard L. Allison, Executive Vice President, and General Manager of Lehigh Valley Cooperative Farmers. The regional manager of the Pittsburgh area will report to Allison.

The Country Belle Cooperative makes sales of about \$24 million annually. Lehigh Valley Cooperative Farmers sales will approximate \$75 million in 1971. Allison estimates that the combined cooperatives will make sales in excess of \$100 million during 1971.

Country Belle has about 260 members, while Lehigh Valley has 820 members.

Four Southeastern Pa. Counties Added To U.S. Gypsy Moth Regulated Areas

Lancaster County and three bordering counties have been added to the Federal gypsy moth regulated area, the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced recently.

Because of the continuing spread of gypsy moth, the local counties are among 14 previously unregulated counties in three states which have been added to the regulated area.

The revised regulation of the Federal gypsy moth and brown-tail moth quarantine designating regulated areas became effective upon publication in the Federal Register on Jan. 8.

All or part of the following counties will now be regulated for gypsy moth for the first time. Broome, Chenango Jefferson and St. Lawrence in New York, Chester, Columbia, Dauphin, Delaware, Lancaster, Lebanon, Montour, Northumberland and Sullivan in Pennsylvania, and Cumberland in New Jersey.

Gypsy moth is a seriously destructive insect pest of forest, shade and fruit trees in the Northeast.

In summer months, millions of gypsy moth caterpillars devour the leaves of trees, often killing them. During the summer of 1970, 800,000 acres of woodland were defoliated, tripling the acreage stripped in 1969 and six times that of 1968.

The dead or denuded trees reduce property and recreation values, destroy wildlife habitats and permit soil erosion and water runoff.

Federal quarantine regulations are designed to prevent the artificial spread of gypsy moths from infested areas to uninfested areas.

Timber products, woody plants, stone, and quarry products and other articles that might be carrying the insect must be inspected and certified free of insects before being moved.

The area earlier regulated for this pest included all of Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island and most of New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine and New Jersey.

Also included in the regulated area were eastern portions of New York and Pennsylvania. Surveys show that the insect is now spreading into Maryland, Delaware and Virginia, although no source of infestation has been found to warrant regulatory action, the USDA said.

Egg Marketing Assn. Meets

At a recent meeting of the Pennsylvania Egg Marketing Association, Fred Pontz distributed a questionnaire on egg purchase policy and then explained that the accumulated confidential information might prove to be interesting and perhaps valuable.

The nominating committee proposed the following members for the 1971 officers of the Association: President, Earl Hess; vice-president, Tom Smith; Treasurer, R. Clair Sauder; and secretary, E. J. Lawless Jr. The directors, Robert Shelly and Ben Burkhold-

er, will continue in office for another year.

Larry Kegerreis of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Marketing staff presented a quick version of the flip chart promotional program for the Northeast.

The program was financed by donations from each of the 11 states involved. The actual work was accomplished by New York State.

The idea is profit and according to a survey, eggs can furnish 24.9 per cent gross profit in the dairy division and two

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Farm Calendar

Monday, January 25
7:30 p.m. — County FFA meeting, Manheim Central High School.

Tuesday, January 26
Ephrata Young Farmers, Recreation-Night, Junior High School.

Wednesday, January 27
12 Noon — Mount Joy Farmers Cooperative Association, Annual Meeting, Hostetter's Banquet Hall, Mount Joy.

Thursday, January 28
6:30 p.m. — Farm and Home Foundation Annual Dinner Meeting, Farm and Home Center.