

# Mrs. Akers Helps With Dairying, But Her Love Is Sewing

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Everett High School, Bedford County, in 1950. He was a tester for 11 or 12 years.

Actually, this is how he met Ruth. He tested milk for her father.

A good danyman, he placed second in high butterfat for his herd this year in the county DHIA testing.

He is a member and director of the Lancaster County Holstein Breeders Association, and a member of the Pennsylvania and the National Holstein Breeders Association.

Akers entertained four Wisconsin dairy farmers March 4 to dinner at a restaurant and drove them to see some places. The Pennsylvania Holstein Breeders Association arranged the tour of several Lancaster County Holstein herds March 4 and 5 and motel accommodations for the 44 Wisconsin farmers.

Akers ship their milk to Abbotts Dairies in Philadelphia.

Curtis is milk committee chairman of the Southern Lancaster County Community Fair Association.

Ruth's parents are Mr and Mrs Daniel E. Trimble of Chestnut Level, Drumore Township. She was born when they lived along route 272 near Drumore Center. Later, Mr Trimble farmed at Bartville, Colerain Township, at Lampeter, at Willow Street and at Chestnut Level.

Ruth helped with milking and barn work, also driving the tractors in the fields as soon as she was old enough. She still helps with milking and the barn work morning and evening and works in the fields.

Her mother was a seamstress, too; she made all of Ruth's clothes when she was a child.

Ruth attended Hope School, Kirkwood, for her first grade, Lampeter for second and third grades, then completed elementary school at Willow Street. She graduated at West Lampeter High School, where she majored in home economics. She attended Lancaster School of the Bible two evenings a week for four years.

Akers have four children. Gary, 14, is in ninth grade at Solanco High School where he is taking an industrial arts course. He plays the trombone in the High School band. He enjoys drawing and carpenter work, also cooking and baking. He is his dad's right-hand man on the farm, since he is old enough now to work in the fields and he helps with evening milking and other jobs.

Gary has a 4-H cow and heifer, has been in the Lancaster County Holstein 4-H Club four years and last year had one of the high record books in the county. Kenneth Rutt is his 4-H leader.

Gary is in the dairy club at school. They judge cattle on the boys' home farms. This summer they are going to Penn State University to judge in the contest and expect to get in as many judging contests as they can.

Donna, 12, is in seventh grade at Swift Junior High School. She plays flute in the Junior High School band. She does some



Mrs. Curtis E. Akers, Mechanic Grove, is making a dress for a friend. In the background is her son's sport coat, her winter

coat and her daughter's spring suite she made.

sewing, made a pants suit recently. She had one year in 4-H sewing at Quarryville. She has been in Lancaster County Holstein 4-H Club two years and also had one of the high record books in the county. She had a heifer in the club for two years and made some fine records with her. She will show the same heifer this year. She also cooks and bakes.

Linda is nine and in fourth grade at Quarryville Elementary School. She is taking clarinet lessons. Nancy is in first grade at the same school.

Mrs. Akers is a member of the PTA. She has been a room mother and goes on class trips.

She is a member of Farm Women Society 31 which organized in June 1970. She helped with a refreshment stand they had at a recent fair sale and went along to Conestoga View and played games with the patients. They recently had a covered dish supper and party in one of their homes. Their programs have included an artificial flower arrangement and a candy-making demonstration.

Akers are members of Calvary

year. She plays the piano for her own amusement at home. She helps with haymaking in the summer.

After the garden is plowed she takes it over and tends to it and the lawn, does lots of freezing, canning and jelly making. She does some painting in their house.

She is a fine housekeeper and does a lot of cooking, although this isn't her favorite job as a homemaker. Here are a couple of her favorite recipes.

## SHOO FLY CAKE

Crumb together::

- 4 cups flour
- 1 box brown sugar
- 1 cup shortening

Reserve 1 cup crumbs. Pour the following mixture over remaining crumbs:

- 2 teaspoons soda
- 1 cup molasses
- 2 cups boiling water

Sprinkle reserved cup of crumbs on top. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes in a 9' x 13' x 2' pan.

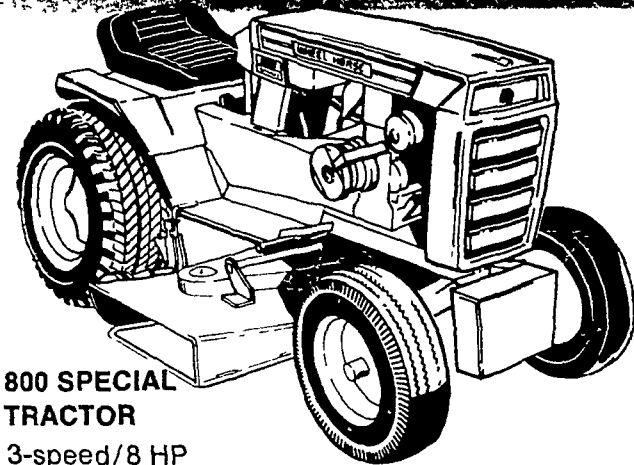
## HAM LOAF

- 1 lb. fresh pork, ground
- 1 lb. cured ham, ground
- 1 cup bread crumbs
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 3/4 to 1 cup milk

Mix all the ingredients. Shape in a loaf and place in pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 1/2 to 2 hours. At the end of one hour you may pour 1 cup tomato juice or pineapple or any sauce you prefer on ham. The sauces are optional. It is tasty without any sauce. Serves 8.

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