

# Co. Holstein Breeders Hold Annual Banquet

The Lancaster County Holstein Breeders Association held its annual banquet at the Farm and Home Center Tuesday night.

New directors elected were: Elam Bollinger, Manheim RD1; Vernon Umble, Christiana RD1, and Pual Welk, Little Britain.

Jay Landis, association president, reported that the organization had 578 members during the past year, up about 60 members from the previous year.

The organization adopted new by-laws. The by-laws were previously accepted 21 years ago.

Elvin Hess Jr, a Pennsylvania Holstein Association director, reported that the new by-laws are being urged by the state in order for all the county associations in the state to have uniform by-laws. Hess said the change was prompted by the state organization's insurance policy on country activities.

Hess noted, however, that the new by-laws are substantially the same as the previous ones and that there were "no substantial changes."

Kenneth Groff, who was previously reported as the winner of the FFA Holstein calf, gave a brief progress report on the calf and said it is doing well.

Sue Kauffamn, winner of the State Distinguished Holstein Girl award, and Earl Stauffer, winner of the Pennsylvania Distinguished Holstein Boy Award, urged contestants to enter this year's competition. With these two winners, Lancaster County entries won both the awards last year.

Miss Kauffman, the Lancaster County Dairy Princess, also commented on the outstanding qualities of milk. She said it is "nature's most perfect food"; is "the easiest food to digest"; has "all the necessary nutrients for

good health", and "all the minerals for strong bones and teeth."

Besides, she said, milk is "good and good for you."

Carl Brown, Pennsylvania Holstein Association field man, reported on the changing role of the national Holstein organization and its programs. He particularly noted progress in Holstein exports, including exports to Holland, where Holsteins originated.

N. Alan Bair, assistant Lancaster County ag agent, told dairymen that while Penn State University does a lot of research and provides valuable information, some of the best and most current information is available first from the outstanding local dairymen. It's usually after local dairymen do a good job with a new technique that Penn State picks it up and does research on it, he noted.

Bair also said that while the area has outstanding herds, there are still far too many with very poor averages. He urged dairymen to take a close look at their own herds and analyze closely all phases of their program, including why they feed particular rations.

He particularly noted that many dairymen are losing too many calves and that mastitis is a problem.

"These are all things you know, but we need to stop from time to time to look at ourselves," he explained.

Merritt Freeman, Pennsylvania Dutch humorist and speaker, provided entertainment with jokes and anecdotes. He promised early that "I'm going to leave you with nothing."

An undertaker, he said his philosophy is "learn to live and laugh and thus delay your epitaph."



Lancaster County Holstein Breeders Association directors elected at the annual meeting Tuesday night were: left to right,

Vernon Umble, Christiana RD1; Elam Bollinger, Manheim RD1, and Paul Welk, Little Britain.



Merritt Freeman, well known Pennsylvania Dutch humorists and after dinner speaker, is shown at the Lancaster County

Holstein producers banquet at the Farm and Home Center Tuesday night.

## Lititz Girl Shows Top Capon

Barbara Sue Hershey had the grand champion capon Tuesday at the annual capon roundup sponsored by the Lancaster Kiwanis Club at the Lancaster Elks Club.

The 15 year old winner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hershey, 304 Newport Road, Lititz. The reserve champion bird was shown by Tod Herr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Herr, Manheim RD1.

A total of 64 birds were shown by 4-H'ers.

The judge was Herb Jordan, Penn State University assistant poultry science professor, who said the capons were the finest he has seen in the state this year.

Other top exhibitors receiving blue ribbons were: Craig Harnish, Mike Peifer, Tim Grube, and Doris Hershey.

Red ribbon winners were: Mike Grube, Stanley Miller, and Grace DeLong.

## Kansas Breeder to Speak At State Holstein Meeting

Ed Reed, a Registered Holstein breeder from Lyons, Kansas, is slated to speak at the annual Pennsylvania Holstein Convention at 3:30 p.m. November 19, Penn Alto Hotel, Altoona.

Reed will speak on "Breeding and Developing a Registered Dairy Herd". The Reeds established the widely known Thonyma prefix over 50 years ago starting with "Ormsby" bloodlines from the very beginning and maintaining for 50 years an unbroken succession of "Ormsby" sires.

The Thonyma Herd has an average in DHIR for the last five years of: 20 Lactations 18,205 pounds milk 3.9 percent 713 pounds fat.

This was preceded by many years in HIR of over 600 pounds fat. By 1962 the Thonyma Herd was the breed's only herd with 12 consecutive HIR averages above 600 pounds fat.

Thonyma Farm has bred 29 "Excellent" animals, including two designated at "3-E" and five as "2-E". Four other "Excellent" animals were developed at Thonyma.

Speaking at the buffet breakfast at 7:45 a.m. Friday

November 19 will be Horace Backus, a well known pedigree expert of R. Austin Backus, Inc., Mexico, N.Y.

At the 7 p.m. Friday convention banquet, Calvin Johnson of the New Holland Division of Sperry Rand, will speak on "Opportunities Unlimited."

James S. Pound, director of Extension of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, will talk about the Holstein program at 11:30 a.m. Friday.



Ed Reed  
State Holstein Speaker



Barbara Sue Hershey shows her grand champion dressed capon and winner's trophy at the annual capon roundup sponsored by the Lancaster Kiwanis Club at the Lancaster Elks Club building Tuesday.