

# 4-H'er Enjoys Trip to Ireland

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 are mostly Holstein, with some Shorthorn cross. An average milk production figure, according to Kendace, is about 1000 gallons per year. That's 1000 imperial gallons, which is equal to 1200 U.S. gallons or about 9600 pounds of milk per cow per year.

Not bad, considering that the Irish aren't quite as scientific as the average American dairyman. Kendace toured other farms in the area, and said she saw a lot of sheep, mostly Suffolk-Cheviot cross. "They like 'em big but close to the ground," she explained. The Borrys have raised both sheep and steers on their

farm. "You should see the way they feed the steers," Kendace said. "They just throw silage on the ground and they told me the steers gain anywhere from two-and-a-half to three pounds a day. They're mostly Friesian-Hereford cross. I was amazed they could do so well. I never got gains like that when I was growing steers for 4-H projects."

Irish women are rarely found doing field work. Traditionally, they stay around the house, cooking, cleaning, caring for children, sewing. Kendace found this tradition a bit restrictive. She did get out into the field one day, helped put up some hay and even got to drive the tractor.

"I kept after them to let me go along out," Kendace said, "and finally there was a day when one of the men couldn't go. They were amazed when they discovered that I really could drive a tractor."

Kendace discovered that most of the hay in Ireland is stored in the field under plastic tarps weighted down with manure or

soil, much like an American trench silo. The hay is simply cut from pasture lands, loaded loose onto wagons and piled up at convenient spots.

Commenting on hay harvesting, Kendace said, "We stood on top of the piles and tramped around to get the air pockets out. We kept spraying it with molasses and water so it would pack and keep better."

One day was spent at a livestock show which was strictly a show for farmers. Prizes were awarded to winners in dairy, beef, hog and horse categories. Penmanship and sewing prizes were also awarded.

"You wouldn't believe how everybody dresses up to go everywhere," Kendace said. "If you live in Ireland, you wear a suit or a good dress just to go to the livestock show. Same way for movies and just plain visits."

One movie Kendace saw was less memorable than the ride to the theater. She said there were eight dressed-up people and two milk cans crammed into one VW

## Elwood R. Jacobs, 73, Dies After Illness

Elwood R. Jacobs, 73, of Leola RD1, died at the Lancaster General Hospital at 4 a.m. Sept 3. He had been ill for the past nine months.

He was a provision broker and packing house representative in Philadelphia. Since moving to Lancaster, he was manager of Hamilton Oil Co., until 1969. From 1969 to 1971 he worked for the Lancaster Farming Paper, Lutz.

A member of the Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, he was formerly a member of the Drexel Hill Baptist Church. He was also a member of Excelsior Lodge 491, Free and Accepted Masons, Philadelphia, 32nd degree.

Jacobs was a veteran of World War I.

Born in Philadelphia, he was the son of the late Peter A. and Mary Michaels Jacobs.

He is survived by his widow, Edna Horton Jacobs, two grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. John Patterson, Drexel Hill.

bug "A bit tight," she commented.

Northern Ireland, of course, is the scene of the well-publicized fighting between the IRA and the British Army. Kendace said she didn't see any of the conflicts, although there were some incidents as close as six miles from the McKenna farm. A group she was with was delayed once by the British Army, but it was only for a short while.

Prior to her arrival at the McKenna farm, Kendace took a grand tour of the country. She kissed the Blarney Stone, visited Limerick, went to a medieval banquet where she ate with a dagger, and stopped over in Dublin, where her group was hosted by the Irish Meat Market Board. She crossed the Shannon River on a ferry. She saw the mine where green Connemara marble is taken from the ground.

In Ireland, Kendace met a great many interesting people. Big Tom was one of them. "Big Tom is Ireland's biggest country and western singer," Kendace said. "They're trying to get him to America, but he won't go because he doesn't want to fly."

Kendace returned from Ireland last Saturday, spent a couple of days at the family farm, then went to Kutztown State College, where she's a junior majoring in library science.

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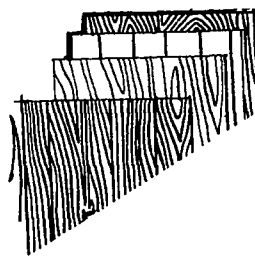
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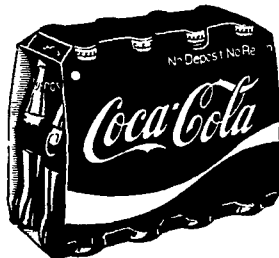
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