

## Dutch Buy Pa. Holsteins To Beef-up Dairy Herd

Twenty-seven Registered Holstein-Friesian calves from various areas in Pennsylvania left Harrisburg recently on a journey to the land of their ancestors, The Netherlands.

After the final inspection of a rigid selection process ending at the Farm Show dairy barn in Harrisburg, the calves left by trailer for Montreal and, thence, by air to Amsterdam.

The Harrisburg location was the collection point for the heifers from Pennsylvania and a few other calves from Maryland. Other calves from New York and Canada will join the trailer shipment in Montreal to bring the total to about 80 head.

The total shipment of cattle from the three states and Canada will be used for a breeding and herd improvement experiment in Holland to determine if the American Holstein breed, which has developed into a larger and longer animal than its ancestor in Holland, can produce an animal adaptable for both milk and beef production.

Executive Deputy State Secretary Raymond J. Kerstetter and Robert H. Rumler, executive secretary of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, Brattleboro, Vt., termed the shipment an historic one and an event in which Pennsylvania Holstein breeders could look upon with pride for their efforts.

Others taking part in the send-off ceremony in Harrisburg included Elvin Hess, Jr.,

Strasburg; William C. Nichol, State College, president and secretary of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association, and Howard J. Hansen, assistant director of the Holstein-Friesian Export Service which arranged and supervised the total shipment.

Holstein-Friesian cattle were shipped to this country to build this breed until around the turn of the century when an outbreak of hoof-and-mouth disease in Europe halted shipments.

No Holsteins bred in the United States are believed to have made the reverse journey until this shipment. While those shipped to America came by boat, the American calves will go by KLM airlines. Their send-off also had another touch of the modern. Television cameramen were present from three stations to cover the departure.

Pennsylvania Holstein breeders with calves in the shipment include:

Dr. Ivan W. Hess, Royersford; Allen Lee Stoltzfus, R.D. 1, Honey Brook; George M. Knight, Jr., Airville; J. Z. Nolt, Leola; Amos B. Lapp, Gordonville; and Samuel and David Stewart, R.D. 1, Delta.

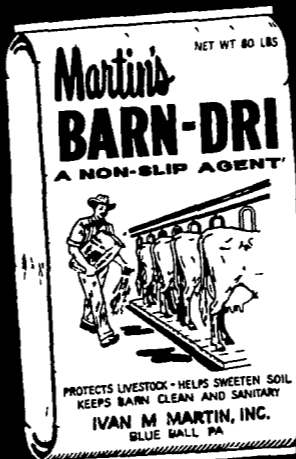
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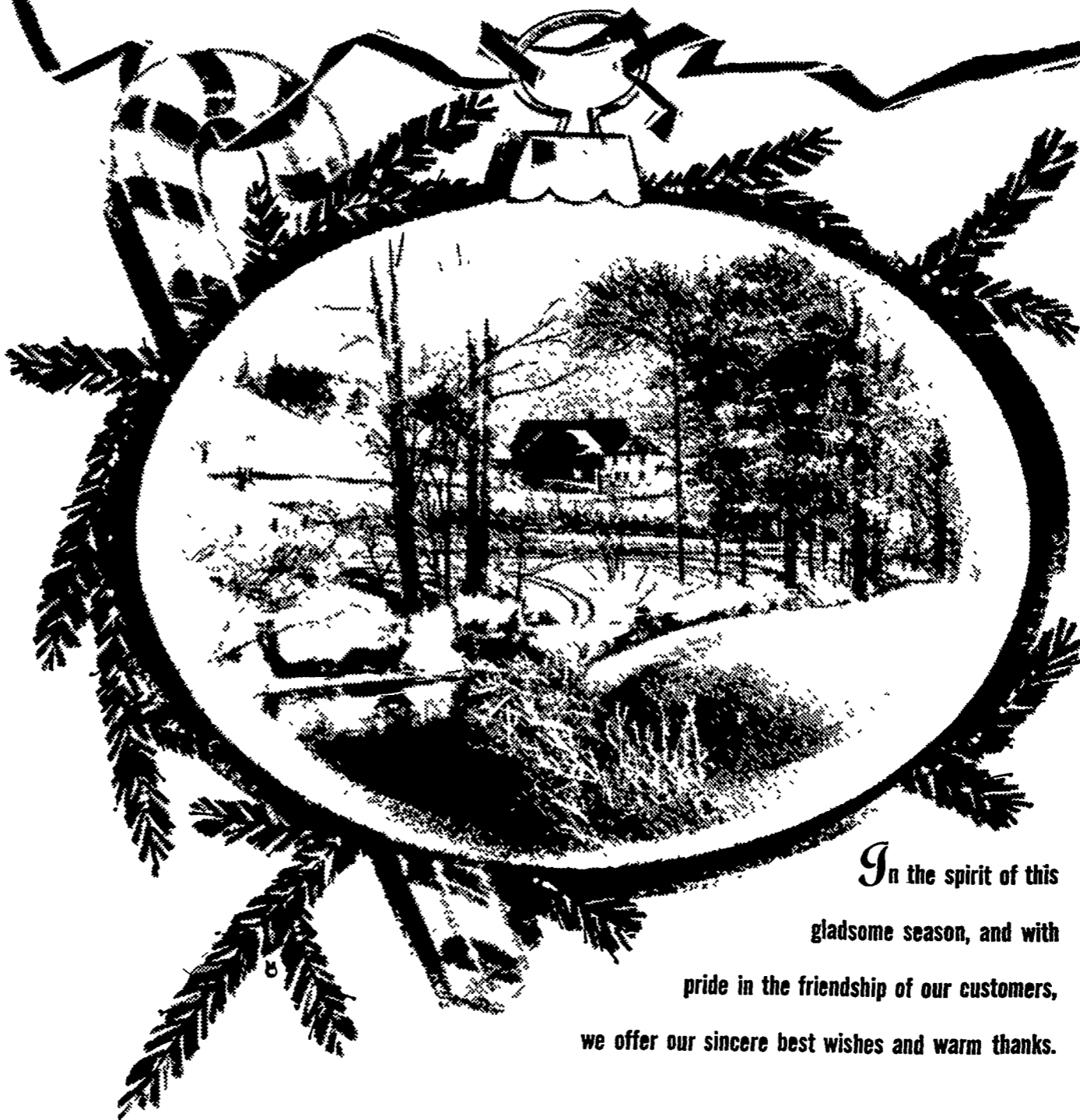


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