

Pa. Holstein Breeders Stage Annual Meeting

Holstein breeders from across the state of Pennsylvania are met Friday at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Champion, Pa. for the 19th Annual Convention of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association.

Activities started Wednesday with the Executive Committee meeting at 12:00 Noon and continued Thursday with registration and the Board of Directors meeting. Also on the schedule for Thursday was a bus tour to the Falling Waters followed by a Western Barbecue and entertainment in the evening.

Friday's agenda started with a breakfast speaker, The Rev. Ralph Mills of Berlin, Pa. The group then split into a women's program, a junior member program, and the formal annual meeting of the association.

President Elvin Hess, Jr., Strasburg, Pa. presided at the business session Friday. In addition to reports from Association staff personnel, William C. Nichol, executive secretary and Jay Howes, director of promotion, the program featured committee reports and a panel

discussion of topics relevant to the Holstein and dairy industry.

Dr. James McCaffrey of Delaware Valley College, Doylestown, Pa. was moderator for the panel discussion. Other speakers were Dr. Ronald Farrell, a veterinarian from Mansfield, Pa.; Dr. Richard Adams, Extension Dairy Specialist at Penn State University, and Mr. Peter Blodgett of the Carnation-Genetics AI organization.

Membership Service Awards were presented to five Holstein Clubs: Most New Members - Lancaster County; Highest Percentage of Renewals - Northampton County; Most consistent growth over a five year period - Clarion County - First; Washington County - Second; and Centre County - Third.

Recognized for individual membership work were: Bedford County - Kenneth Mowry; Berks County - Ernest Miller, Elwood Ohlinger and Roy Hoppes; Blair County - James Corle, Harold Steele, Donald Brumbaugh, Richard Frederick, and Donald Gearhart; Bradford County - Robert Whipple, and Leigh

Sturdevant; - Centre County - Joseph Hartle, Jr., Jay Houser and Fred Strouse; Clarion County - C. Jerry Brown; - Clearfield County - Glenn Gross; Cumberland County - Lee Davidson; Franklin County - Harold F. Crider, Ray Wingert, and Clarence D. Stauffer; Juniata County - Donald Adams; Lancaster County - Clarence Stauffer, Dale Peifer, and Nathan Stoltzfus; Somerset County - Robert Taylor, Clark Weyand, Clark Yoder, and Gerald Carr; Tioga County - Jay Heisey; and Washington County - Luke Pasco and Elden Carter.

Two clubs were recognized for sale and show achievements: Mercer County, winner of the Club Herd Class at the 1973 State Holstein Show, and Somerset County for having the highest averaging county consignment at the State Calf Sale last spring.

Individual recognition for sale achievement was given to Emil G. Peters, Port Matilda, Pa., consignor of the high selling bull at the Pa. All-American Invitational Sale in September at Harrisburg. Recognized for consigning the top female were

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consignors Richard Curtis and Raymond Anthony of Union City, Pa. and J. Mowery Frey, Jr., Fultonway Farms, Lancaster, Pa. The Calvin Will family of Berlin, Pa. received the award for consigning the high selling calf at the 1973 Calf Sale.

Thirteen herds were recognized for both type and production achievements in gaining the National Holstein Association's Progressive Breeder Registry Award.

Recipients were: Donald J. Arthur, Laceyville; Donald & Geraldine Seipt, Easton; J. Mowery Frey & Son, Lancaster; Bach-Echo Farms, Easton; Richard & Marilyn Packard, Troy; Jefferson D. Yoder, Elverson; Robert & James Curley, Montrose; Hertzler's Dairy Farm, Elizabethtown; Jay & Mary Houser, Spring Mills; Clark A. Yoder, Salisbury; Delaware Valley College, Doylestown; George Page, Jr., Columbia Cross Roads; and Estate of James L. Howes, Newtown.

In his President's Address Elvin Hess reported fiscal year highlights. Included were the fact that the record high state membership of 5,162 puts Pennsylvania first in the nation. Pennsylvania also led all other states in registrations of animals, transfers of ownership, and active national members. Cited

as other highlights of the Association program were the export of 810 head of Pennsylvania Holsteins to 10 foreign countries; two high averaging consignment sales - the Calf Sale where 161 calves sold for an average of \$615.00 and the feature Pa. All-American Invitational where 36 consignments averaged nearly \$4,000.00; twenty District Holstein Shows with 2,800 animals exhibited; and the very successful Breed Improvement Seminar held in January.

Separate programs during the day involved the women and Junior Members attending the Convention. The Ladies Day Program centered around crafts and special preparations for the Holiday Season. In addition to the routine business of the Junior Association, awards were presented to the winners of the Junior Member contests, and there were short addresses by Nellie King, Pittsburgh Pirates broadcaster; Dr. Howard Thoele of Penn State University; a Taiwanese student presently working on a Pa. dairy farm; and Melodee LeVan, Milton, Pa., National Distinguished Junior Member.

Friday night's banquet program featured speaker Nellie King, Pittsburgh Pirates broadcaster. Sharing the program with King were Miss Marcia Gnagey, Meyersdale, the Pennsylvania Dairy Princess, and Pa. Holstein Distinguished Junior Members, Melodee LeVan and Roy Hoppes, Hamburg, Pa. Entertainment will be provided by the I Uppers Glee Club from Indiana University.

Nearly 600 Holstein dairy men participated in the two-day program hosted by Holstein members from the Southwest District of the Pa. Holstein Association composed of Holstein Clubs from Armstrong, Beaver, Fayette, Indiana, Somerset, Washington, and Westmoreland Counties. Robert Taylor, Friedens, Pa. served as General Chairman.

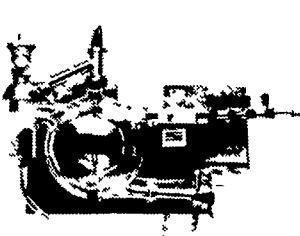
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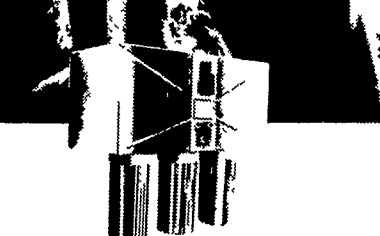
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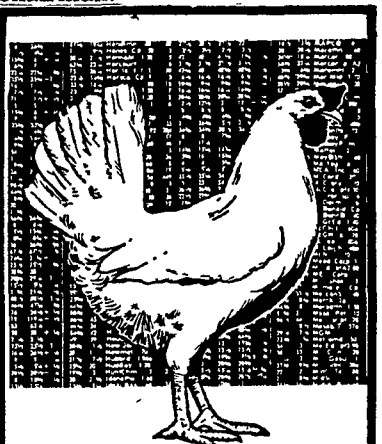
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