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Dairy Month Profile . . .

Juggling, Ayrshires - His Key to Success

Two things set Milton Brubaker's dairy operation a little bit apart from the ordinary. First, he's a juggler, and has been for 14 years. Second, he has eschewed the ubiquitous black and white cow for the Ayrshire.

Last week, in our first dairy month issue, we contrasted a large dairy operation with a small one. This week we thought we'd talk to somebody who's doing something a bit out of the ordinary, and Brubaker - who's known as Milt to countless people throughout the state and county - is about as out of the ordinary as you can get. Besides retailing his own Ayrshire milk, Brubaker employs a full-time farm manager to handle all the farm chores, including milking.

Brubaker's Spruce Villa Dairy is at 660 Brunnerville Rd., Lititz. The 96-acre farm has been in the Brubaker family since 1880. It was owned before that by the Huber family, who acquired the land from William Penn himself.

Spruce Villa milk has been marketed to consumers in and around Lititz for almost 70 years. "My dad started selling milk in 1905,"

Brubaker said, "about the time dairies started using glass bottles. Before that, milkmen went from door to door." (Continued on Page 7)

In Chester County . . .

Farm Tax Relief Meets Scheduled

The Chester County Cooperative Extension Service has announced that several meetings will be held throughout the county this month to inform landowners about Pennsylvania Act 515 and the July 1 deadline for applying for tax relief on farmland and other open space. Act 515 is a measure which provides for lower tax rates for landowners who agree to keep their land in open space for a specified number of years.

The constitutionality of Act 515 had been challenged in the courts some time ago. The challenge became a moot issue in the 1973

primary election though, with the passage of a constitutional amendment permitting preferential tax treatment. This was the so-called Clean and Green amendment. Another preferential tax bill, HB 1056, is now being considered by the Pennsylvania Senate. The Chester County meetings will be held to present facts that will help landowners decide whether or not they should take advantage of Act 515. Landowners will learn how to apply for tax relief, and they'll also be able to pick up application forms at the meetings.

Meetings are scheduled at 8:00 p.m. on the following dates and at these places: Tuesday, June 11, Owen J. Roberts High School

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FARM TRENDS

by Dick
Wanner

Come to the Fair Meeting

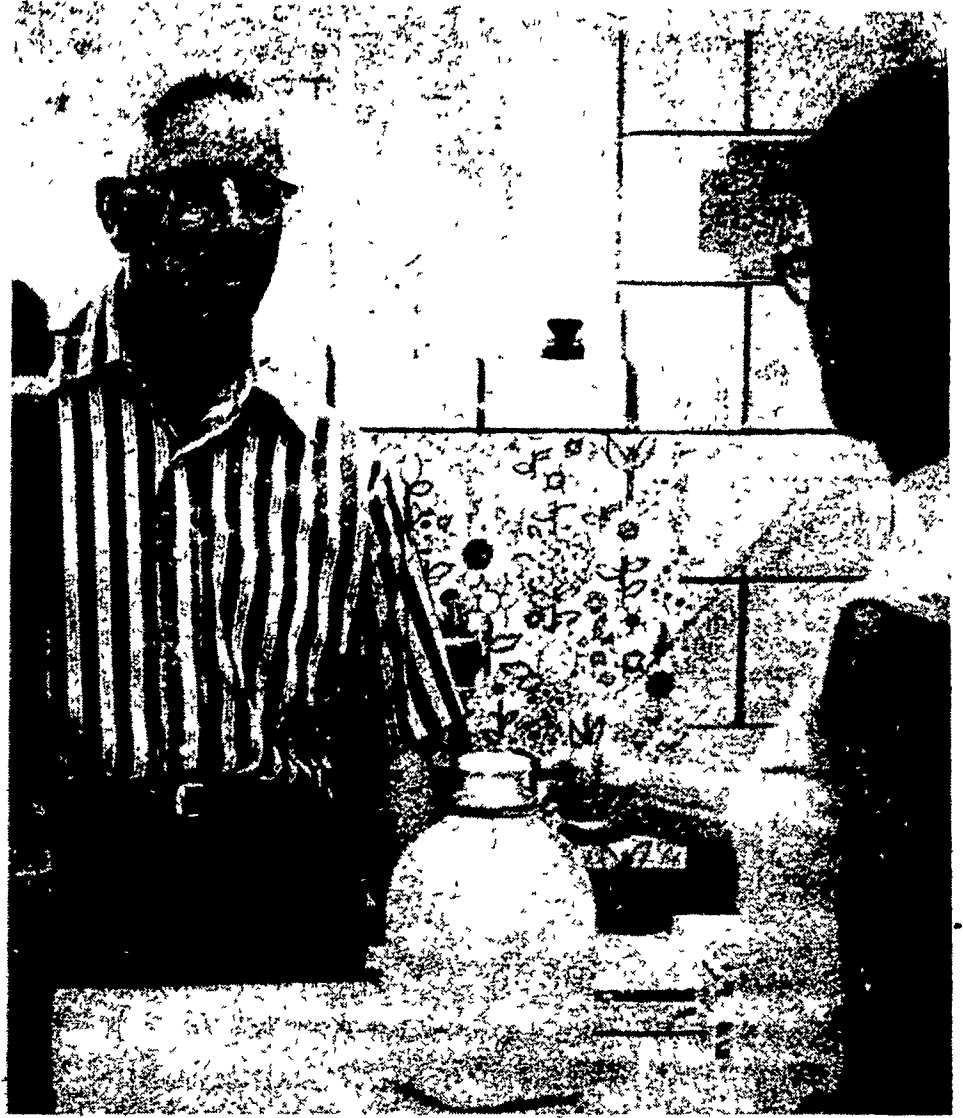
If you have any feelings pro or con on the subject of a Lancaster County Fair, you'll want to attend the meeting at 8:00 on Monday evening, June 24 at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center. County agent Max Smith is calling the meeting, he says, because he's been asked by many in the agricultural community to explore the possibilities. Smith himself has adopted a position of neutrality on the subject.

Farm leaders from all over the county have been

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Milt Brubaker is the smiling proprietor of Spruce Villa Dairy, milking herd of 50 Registered Ayrshires. Spruce Villa is a juggling operation through which Brubaker markets all the production from his milking herd of 50 Registered Ayrshires.

Dairy Princess Contestants

Six young ladies will be vying for the title of Lancaster County Dairy Princess on Saturday night, June 29, during the annual Dairy Princess Pageant at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center. There'll be a reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00. Ralene Harbold, 1973 Princess, will review her year as official spokesman for the county's biggest agricultural enterprise. Miss Harbold will end her reign by crowning her successor. Two of the three judges for the contest were named this

week. They are former Lancaster County Dairy Princess Carol Hess, now Mrs. Larry Weaver, and Lewis Ayres, Akron, chairman of the vo-ag department at Ephrata Area High School. Master of ceremonies for the evening's festivities will be David Yoder, general manager of Atlantic Breeders.

Tickets for the affair are available from members of the pageant committee, according to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gregory, committee chairmen. Other committee members are William

Deisley, Mrs. Robert Kauffman, Robert Keer Elvin Hess, Mrs. Samuel Myer, Robert L. Kauffman Jr., Milton Brubaker, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Hershey, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Witmer and Mr. and Mrs. N. Ala Bair.

The contestants are: Betty Jo Bitler, 16 daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bitler, Peach Bottom RD2. Betty Jo is a member of the Lancaster County 4-H Golden Guernsey Club, the 4-H County Council and the 4-H Dairy Judging Team. She is

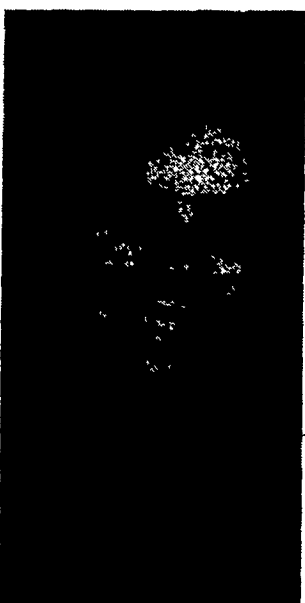
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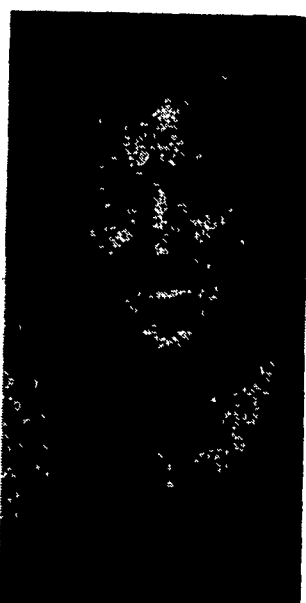
Betty Jo Bitler



Diane M. Crider



Christine Erb



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