

# 300 Attend Lancaster Co. Holstein Banquet

Over 300 people attended the annual meeting of the Lancaster County Holstein Association held Tuesday evening at Historic Strasburg.

Elected to three-year terms on the Board of Directors were Elam Bollinger, Manheim; Melvin Eby, Gordonville; and Maurice Welk, Quarryville.

At the reorganization meeting, the following officers were re-elected: Clair M. Hershey, president, Nottingham; Clyde Martin, vice-president, East Earl; and Galen Crouse, secretary, Stevens. Albert Fry, Jr., Manheim, was elected treasurer to replace Paul Welk, Quarryville,

whose term expired.

Oble Snider, national director and Holstein breeder from Imler, encouraged the young people in the audience to stay on the farm. He said, "God isn't creating any more farms, and a lot of land is being taken out of productivity so we must take care of what we have."

He said the big news in the world this week is the International Food Conference being held in Rome, and noted that there are thousands starving in Bangladesh every day, with about 500 million people in the world on the verge of starvation.

He said many countries

are looking to the Holstein Association to help feed their people because "we have the kind of cattle that produce, and we have the technical know-how." According to Snider, Holstein Friesian Services is making "dairying really exciting because it is opening up markets all over the world." He said that Iran, a country that is "filthy-rich" with oil money has no food. This year Iran wants 2,000 head of Holstein cattle; next year they want 5,000 and in the next several years they want 200,000 head of cows. He added that all other Arab nations want American Holsteins.

Snider said he is really enthusiastic and optimistic about the future. "We can expect better days ahead. The future for purebred Holstein breeders looks exciting."

Snider and his wife then presented an inspirational program of hymns and slides of the Holy Lands.

Lancaster County's Dairy Princess Diane Crider spoke to the group, and introduced them to "Marvy

Moo," the "greatest milk factory." Diane said that this "complex piece of machinery has proven vital to our existence over the years and continues to prove herself vital." She urged everyone to take advantage of the food produced in this efficient factory, a product which is "custom made to fit our bodies."

Greg Landis, 1973 Distinguished Junior Holstein member, announced that Linda Kauffman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Kauffman, Elizabethtown, has been named a finalist in the state contest. He also announced the formation of a Junior Holstein Club. He invited all interested young people to attend an organizational meeting on November 12 at 8:00 p.m. at the Farm and Home Center.

State Director Clarence Stauffer urged everyone to attend the state convention to be held November 21 and 22 at the Pocono Manor Inn. He said several important issues will be discussed, including a proposed by-laws change which will allow

more than \$1.00 per member to be returned to county clubs for their use. Important dates for 1975 are April 17, 18 and 19, the dates of the state calf sale, the state bred heifer and cow sale and the state show,

respectively.

Associate County Agent N. Alan Bair urged the dairymen to take special precautions with their herd health in this critical economic situation.

Program Director Michael Nolan urged the use of the classification program, the Genetics Evaluation Management service and the new Holstein Sire Development Service, all programs of the national association. State Secretary William Nichol was also on the program.

An appeal was made by Daniel Martin on behalf of the Eastern Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities to purchase heifers bred between June 1, 1974 and Sept. 1, 1974. They will be exported to Jordan. Anyone who might have heifers which qualify should contact Martin at 626-5597.

## 4-H Council To Meet

Lancaster County 4-H Council will hold its November meeting on Wednesday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Farm and Home Center, Lancaster.

A special film will be shown as part of the evening program. Also, plans will be made for a Christmas Community Project and a County-wide Christmas Party.

County Council members are reminded to return any flower bulb money still outstanding.

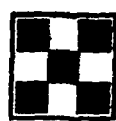
All 4-H teens in Lancaster County are welcome to attend.

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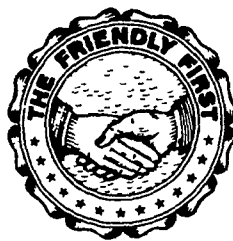


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