

Red Rose

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too, that testing is an increasingly popular tool. "Here in Lancaster County, we've signed up 44 new herds in the past 11 months. And every one of the new members I've talked to said he started testing because he wanted to get more money from his herd."

During the program, production awards were presented to members whose herd averages topped 500 pounds of fat for the year, and other awards went to those whose herd averages went over 600 pounds of fat.

The top high fat award went to Rufus G. Martin, Ephrata, whose herd

average showed 17,021 pounds of milk, 652 of fat. Jacob Diener, Gordonville, was the high milk producer, with 18,034 pounds of milk, 630 of fat. Diener's was also the high Holstein herd in the county.

The top five milk producers in the county were: Diener; Elmer E. Kauffman, 17,560 M, Christiana; John N. Shirk, Leola, 17,368M; Leroy M. Oberholtzer, Manheim, 17,235M; Elam Bollinger, Manheim, 17,074M.

Plaques also went to the high producing herd in each breed. Horace Mann, amanger of the Masonic Homes Farm herd, accepted the award for high Ayrshire

production. His cows produced an average of 12,232 milk and 538 fat. Other winners were: Brown Swiss - J. Rohrer Witmer, Willow Street, 13,318M, 565F; Guernsey - K.D. & Elise Linde, 12,455M, 581F; Jersey - George & Doris Hough, 10,580M, 596F; Mixed Breed - Ivan S. Stoltzfus, 14,966M, 577F.

New directors introduced at the meeting were: Earl Smoker, Stevens R1, Paul Kreider, Palmyra R2; Kenneth Hershey, Kinzer R1; Noah Kreider, Jr., Manheim R5; and Ellis R. Denlinger, Gordonville R1.

Earl Baum, fieldman for the Pennsylvania DHIA, spoke to the group and added emphasis to president Kauffman's comments about the importance of testing. He said Pennsylvania has 700 more cows on test this year than last, and that statewide the herd average is hovering just below 500 pounds of fat. He also pointed out that cows with records generally sell for from \$200 to \$300 higher than cows without test results.

Associate county agent N. Alan Bair spoke to the group, too, and told them that Lancaster County this year had exceeded the magic 500-pound mark that the rest of



Three of Lancaster County's leading DHIA milk producers were photographed after the annual Red Rose DHIA banquet at the Farm and Home Center on Thursday afternoon.

The dairymen are, left to right, Horace Mann, Masonic Homes Farm, Elizabethtown, George Hough, Peach Bottom, and K. D. Linde, Oxford.



the state was shooting for. The county butterfat average last year was 492 pounds. This year, Bair said, that figure stood at 502 pounds.

The featured speaker for the program was Raymond Charles, President of the

Eastern Mennonite Board of Missions. He presented an inspiring message "Your

Offering of the Cattle". Dinner music was provided by Rufus Brubaker.



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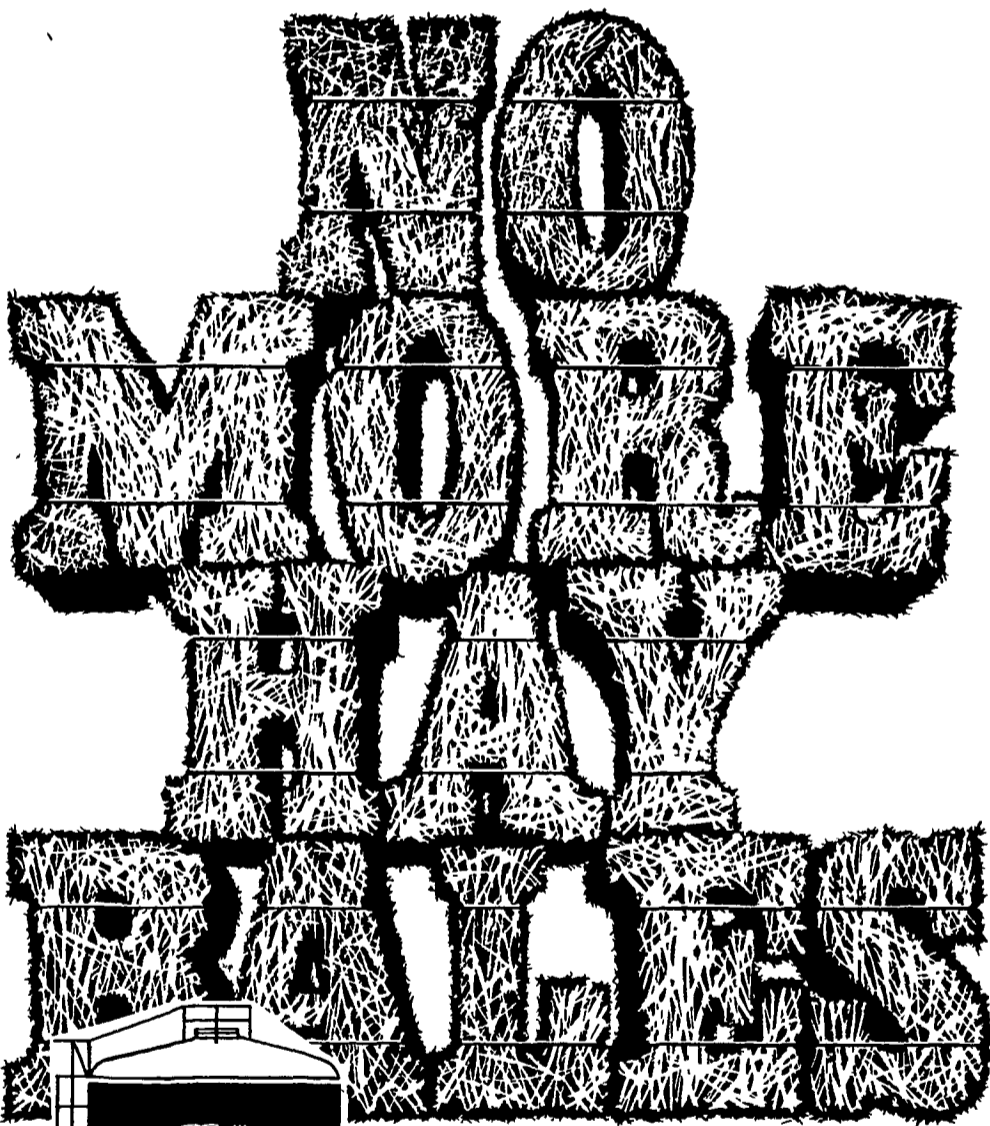
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