

## Letters to the Editor

### Thoughts On Order 4 Expansion

I would like to take a little time to thank all my fellow dairymen who voted to extend Order 4. Isn't it wonderful how the voting was carried out? Many didn't get a chance. There was the wonderful bloc vote. But of course, why should you vote. Let one fellow vote for you. When you go to the polls, I'm sure you just pull the party lever. Never vote for the men. If you do, you just might get a little better government.

Yes, we now are equal. You brought me down to your level. You brought many of us down to your level. Why? You were very welcome to come up to our level.

As an example: Dear Lehi, the farmers' dairy, said they couldn't make money on door-to-door deliveries. That's okay. The dairy I ship to, who, by the way is independent, picked up many home delivery customers. Last month they paid me \$9.20 on a 3.5-percent blend, less 20-cents for hauling. Will Order 4 pay more? This I have to see.

Our dealer took one co-op's loss and, with a little Yankee

ingenuity, made it his and our gain. So you see, it is only through good marketing that we can receive fair prices.

If I were to ask any of you farmers who voted for the expansion what you want out of life, what would you say? What you said you wanted with your vote was: Give us more and extended government controls. Didn't you learn? You're a puppet. Your government is a consumer bureau now. You proved you were operating at a loss and what did you get? To the best of my knowledge, the government favored the consumers instead of the dairy farmers. Why feed the dog that bites you?

Now for promotion. Great! Let's really sell because "Milk is a Natural". Oh, how I love that advertisement. It sort of makes me want to drink my coffee black. Come on folks, for all that money can't we do just a little better?

Last but not least, it sure is great to be part of your fine group now. I just wish that fine group of fellows who runs this fine show would send all us newcomers information as to what our milk bases are. I just can't

## Holstein Directors Meet

The Lancaster County Holstein Association board of directors met June 6th at the Farm and Home Center.

Among the business topics discussed were the following topics which all members should please note.

Lancaster County is still in need of advertisements for the State Convention Booklet. Any breeder who has not taken an ad, but would like to, should contact Robert H. Kauffman as soon as possible.

Deadline for show entries for this year's County Holstein Show will be July 1. Also this year, Jack Remsburg will be at the Guernsey Barn on July 30, the day before the show. Any

wait for the end of July to find out.

In closing I would want to thank all you good dairy farmers for taking us a few independents aboard your ship. Even if it is sinking.

You know, the greatest thing about this is we are now bearing one another's burdens, aren't we?

I'm proud to be going up the creek with such a fine bunch of gentlemen.

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breeder in the county who would be interested in having photographs taken that day should contact Loren Zimmerman within the next two weeks.

The tour committee reported that there will be two tours coming to the county during August. On August 4th or 5th there will be a group of 38 breeders from Lewis County, New York. And on August 19th there will be between 35 and 40 arriving from South Africa. Anyone who would like to entertain a couple from one or both of these tours for an evening, should contact Elam Bollinger.


Due to the resignation of Clarence Stauffer as State Director from Lancaster County, the board of directors elected Robert H. Kauffman to fill that position.

More news pertaining to the County Holstein Association will be included in the newsletter which will be going out to all members in the next few weeks.

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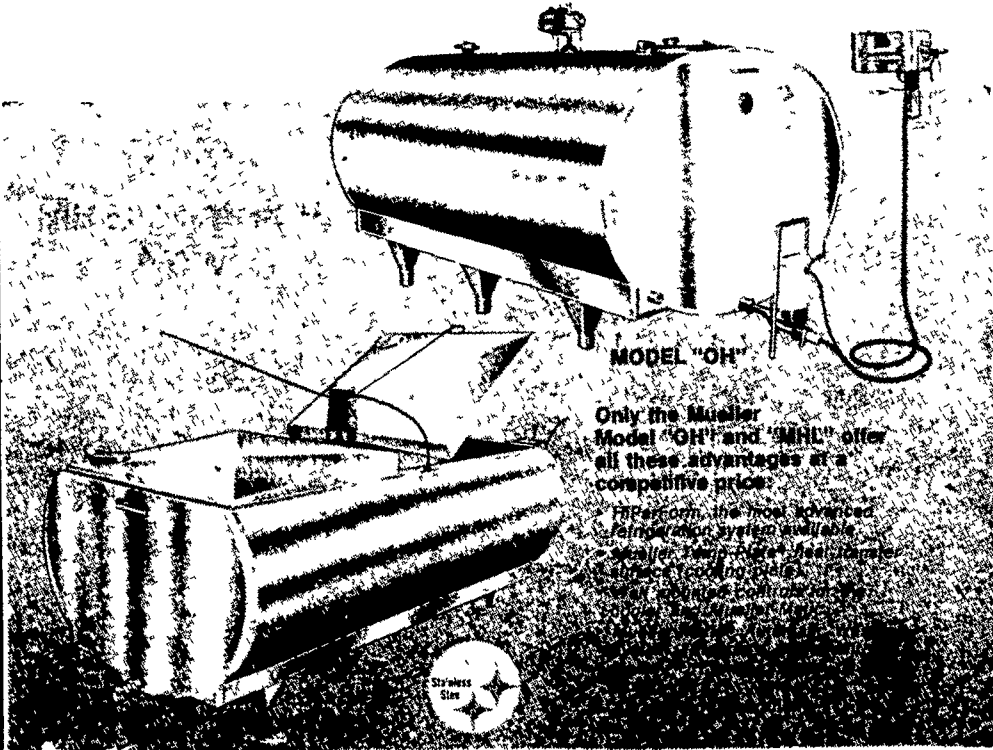
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