

Green Pastures Sheep Club

The May meeting of the Green Pasture 4-H Sheep Club was held at the farm of Warren Landis, Souderton, club leader.

The group gathered in the barn where Jim Diamond, Ottsville, Agricultural Instructor and FFA Advisor, Upper Bucks Vocational Technical School told the group how to judge a sheep. He did this by first showing a film strip called "Selecting

the Ideal Lamb." Then the club members walked among the sheep while other members held them and they judged the sheep and placed them, on paper, from best to worst. Some did quite well. This knowledge will benefit members when they may be out buying a lamb or when in competition they can judge what kind of animal they will be competing against. It is also hoped that older members may be ready next

year to make up a judging team to enter state judging competition at State College.

The evening ended with refreshments being served by Dale, Tim and Doug Nice.

The June meeting was held at the 4-H Center, Lansdale. The business meeting was conducted by Bob Greenwood, president. Plans were made and discussed for the July meeting and the annual 4-H Round-Up to be held at the 4-H Center on August 21, 22, and 23.

July 18 will find the club traveling to Bob Greenwood's farm, R1, Phoenixville to enjoy a family picnic. After the meal several demonstrations will be given by club members on preparation of fleece, hoof trimming and showmanship for the newer members in preparation for the Round-Up. When the work is finished a slumber party will follow at Kit Jones' barn, Limerick.

Projects were listed by club members with about an even number of breeding and market lambs being shown.

Three new members were introduced and welcomed into the club. They were Megan Adams, Worcester; Kim Blum, Harleysville and Janet Wines, Schwenksville.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by Pam and T.J. Hannom.

Four Holstein Bulls Named Medal Sires

Four Registered Holstein bulls in Pennsylvania have been designated as Gold Medal Sires by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

They are: Harrisburg Gay Ideal 1512026 (EX) and Winterthur Ivanhoe Eden Select 1460566 (EX), both owned by Atlantic Breeders Coop., Lancaster; Round-Oak Electron 1573019 (GP), owned by Brandywine Valley Breeders, Atglen and Colo-S-U Clipper 1553377 (VG), owned by Sire Power, Inc., Tunkhannock.

Only those Registered Holstein bulls having daughters that meet high standards in both milk production and body conformation are awarded Gold Medal honors.

These bulls permanently join the Gold Medal Sire ranks after being designated as both "Production and Type Qualified" in a recently published issue of Registered Holstein Sire Performance Summaries.

The Holstein Association, in cooperation with USDA, calculates and prints sire performance information three times each year. These facts are used by dairymen as a guide for selecting sires for use in their herds.

The temporary designation "Type Qualified" is re-evaluated each time a sire's performance is updated. Requirements demand a certain level of body conformation improvement in the daughters of the sire when compared to their dams. Other factors included pertain to Holstein breed average type scores for age and the number of daughters considered.

"Production Qualified" is also temporary in that the prescribed qualifications must be met each time the performance of the sire is figured. USDA calculates the production performance of the sire's daughters, comparing them with their herdmates.

Broken Bit 4-H Club

The Broken Bit 4-H Club held a gymkana at the home of Ricky Buckwalter, R1, Denver. All club members participated in the grooming and showmanship class so that they would be eligible to compete in the Lancaster County 4-H Horse Round-Up. Winners in the Junior Division were: Ricky Buckwalter, first; and Daphnie Immel, second. Senior Division winners were: Natalie Immel, first; and Jon Keller, second.

Equation classes, races and games for all club members completed the show. Ribbons and horse grooming equipment were given as awards.

A picnic supper was served by club leaders Mr. and Mrs. Pete Immel, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Buckwalter and Mr. Robert Gregory.

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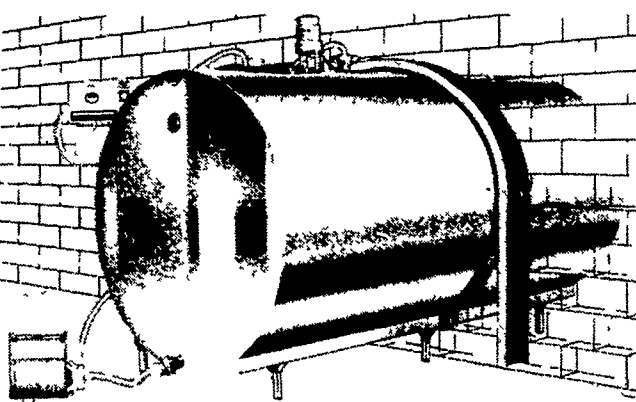
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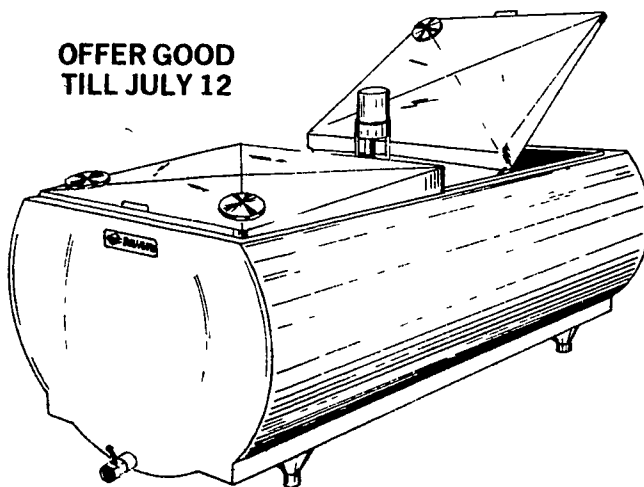
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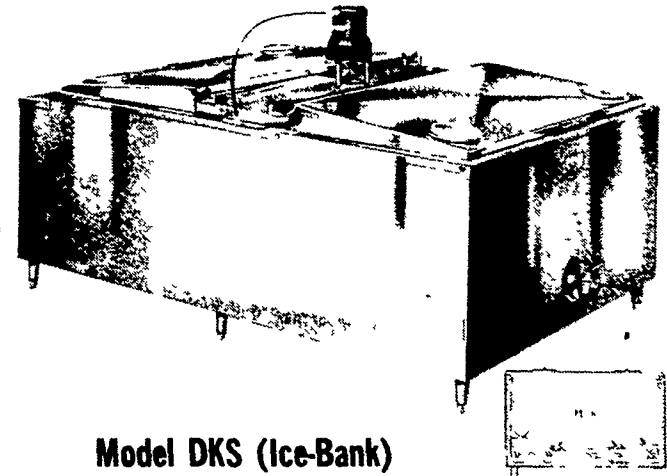
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