

Holstein field day held

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County Agent, represented the extension office by offering several remarks. Expressing his concern over health problems in the

had been a problem over the years but has "gotten worse" in the last few years. Bair told the crowd that alfalfa problems seemed to be the common problem for every dairy farmer this year.

"We have gotten more calls on alfalfa this summer than ever before," he noted. Bair told the farmers that they should "plant by the book" without waiting for decisions.

Noting that the alfalfa has seen problems from the first to the third cutting, Bair explained that the efficient and smart dairymen should begin looking at the situation and buying good hay if necessary.

Sharing the spot with Clair Hershey as organizers for the day were Elam Bollinger, Robert Kauffman, Jr. and Vernon Umble.

Many farmers say that in high rainfall areas it is best to store round bales with the ends facing north and south. This allows rounded sides of bales to get maximum equal sunlight between rains.



Mrs. Lee Bicksford was the creator of the "Holstein Cake" which highlighted the chicken barbecue dinner.

presented an award to the top judge, Paul Welk.

Narvon Youth Wins Calf

Tim J. Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Irvin Weaver, Narvon R1, was the winner of a registered Holstein calf at Thursday's event.

The youth, who will be a sophomore at Garden Spot High School, will be using the calf for a project in the Grassland FFA.

Lancaster County's Dairy Princess, Donna Akers, spoke to the group during the afternoon session, on the merits of promoting milk.

"We all have a job to do and our examples are what will be important to the dairy business," the young lady commented.

Also speaking on promotion and the work of the state Holstein association was Robert Morris. Morris discussed some of the promotions currently underway and related information on the youth projects.

Alan Bair, Associate

county, Bair commented, "Mastitis is still the biggest problem, it's costing you about \$26 per cow per year." Bair noted that mastitis



Tim Weaver, Narvon R1, was the winner of a registered Holstein calf at the annual Holstein Field Day. The calf was purchased from Nathan Stoltzfus.

Dairying is his project work

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membership with the girls coming into the club and they have helped us a lot with projects." Elvin noted that many young ladies who had joined the Club had been doing a lot of work in the green house and with horse projects.

"The girls have been a big help in our greenhouses raising flowers for sale." Each year the club sells flowers both at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Along with his leadership duties Elvin will also be carrying a number of FFA projects including dairy and work experience. Dairying has been of interest to the FFA'er since he began his projects and Elvin has shown his cows at the Lebanon Fair and in the FFA shows.

This year, along with his academic school work, Elvin will be continuing his work experience program which allows him time to work on a dairy farm a few days out of the week.

Dairying projects have not been confined to FFA alone for Elvin, however. A member of the Cedar Crest



Elvin Gingrich, will be serving as the president of the Cedar Crest FFA when school convenes in the fall. The youth represented his school at the recently held Leadership Conference.

Dairy Club, the young man has raised cows and heifers for 4-H work also.

Elvin has not only been active in FFA but has joined in many other school activities. A member of the wrestling team, Elvin earned a varsity letter last year. He has also been in the "Voice of Democracy" Speaking Contest.

The coming school year will be a busy one for Elvin but the young man has prepared for his responsibilities by learning leadership skills. Elvin gained many ideas at the recently held FFA leadership conference which he attended as a representative from Cedar Crest and Lebanon County.



Judging Contest winners for the Quarryville and Dave Haldeman, Reinholds. day were Mrs. Robert Kauffman, Elizabethtown; Paul Welk,

Settlers Had To Develop Modern Thirst for Milk

While dairying was transplanted vigorously to the New World by both the Dutch and the Germans, other early settlers showed little evidence of the modern thirst for milk. Fluid milk from cows was used merely to supplement mush or to cook into chowders. Not much butter was made at first - clabber and cheese had a more dominant place on the first settlers' tables.

Colonial cattle were not of any particular breed, and they

were valued more for their meat, hides and as a source of motive power than for their milk. It wasn't until about 1830 that dairying began to emerge as a commercial enterprise

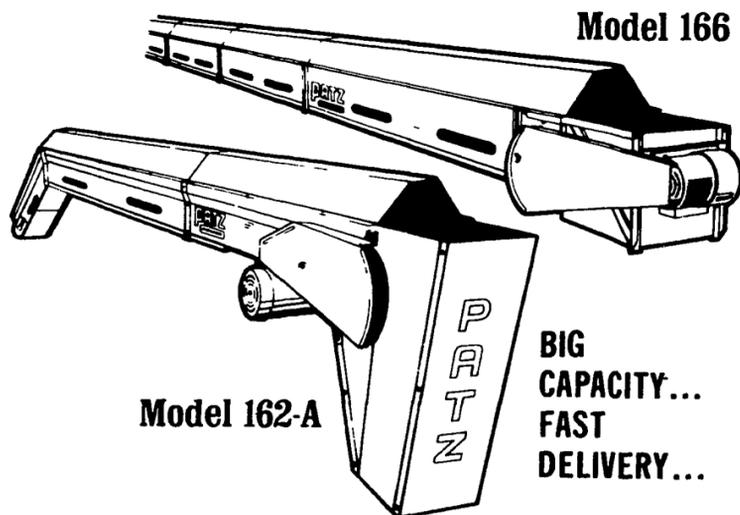
For many years, it was common for town dwellers to keep one or more cows which roamed the streets and fields. On the farm, dairying was mainly to provide butter and cheese for the table as well as for sale in nearby towns. These items were also good for

barter in country stores

The farmer's wife was in charge of the cows as well as the production and sale of cheese and butter. A lack of refrigeration limited the sale of fluid milk. But even if cooling facilities had been available, the early farmers would have been hard put to sell very much milk. The Colonial people were just not milk drinkers. They preferred more stimulating beverages.

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