

Holstein show

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been farming on his own for the past 18 months. He owns 45 Holsteins - most of them registered - and rents 70 acres of cropland in northern Lancaster County.

The accomplished showman is possibly a contradiction to the common thought that young fellows can't get started in farming anymore without significant help from parents, relatives, or friends. Kline claims to have begun his career in dairying without having had anything given to him for nothing. His herd was initially started with FFA calves, and he credits his vocation instructor, Lew Ayres, for having sent him off to a fine start. Ayres selected the chain calf which began Kline's showing success.

As his herd grew and the first animals became of milking age, Kline transferred the cows to his brother's farm at Denver R2.

"Dairy farming is my main interest," Kline said assuredly, adding that it was no secret. Consequently an opportunity to rent a farm came along in the Spring of 1975 and he gladly accepted. Ever since then he and his wife, the former Ellen G. Martin, have been farming on their own. With a gleam in his eye and a broad grin he enthusiastically and proudly added that he had just recently become the father of twin boys - Matthew and Michael.

While still a student, Kline worked at Gehman's Feed Mill near Denver, an experience which he claims taught him a lot about dairy feeds, minerals and vitamins. His DHIA rolling herd average reads 16500 pounds of milk and 650 of fat.

In planning his future, Kline wants to stress quality, rather than quantity. He's confident of dairying having a promising future - at least more so than other branches of livestock farming - and predicts that "people will wake up one of these days to realize that farmers are vital to everyone's existence."

PAUL HORNING

A herd of 100 milking Holsteins or more, and possibly even a juggling operation, is what Paul Horning would like to see in his future. A 1974 graduate of Ephrata High School, he, like Kline, says that much of his interest in dairying was

inspired by Lew Ayres, who has guided the Ephrata vocation department since 1961. Ayres, incidentally, has coached several dairy judging teams to national recognition and it was just a year ago since his team was first in the nation.

Also like Kline, Horning began his experiences in the show ring with an FFA chain calf selected by Ayres. "It turned out to be a real good heifer," Horning recalled, "I showed her at the All-American that first year and she stood first out of 65 head." That was in 1972. The same heifer was also junior champion that year. This year Horning's entry, "Turnpike View Triune Donna," was reserve junior champion.

A member of his school's dairy judging team for a couple of years, Horning describes a good cow as one which is tall, upstanding, open ribbed, with thin hide, and a lot of dairyness. He was high individual out of more than 200 during FFA week three years ago and once placed second-highest in a national contest held at Columbus, Ohio. He credits coach Ayres for his accomplishments.

When attending a sale (his grand champion at Ephrata was a purchased animal, but his senior yearling at Harrisburg was homebred), Horning says he pays more attention to pedigrees than anything else. He studies his catalog first, then determines which ones he wants to take a look at in the barn.

The owner of 15 Holsteins within the family's herd of 80, Horning has strong ambitions to go into dairying full-time. Presently he works on his father's farm near Stevens. On top of that, he spends parts of three days per week working for an uncle who's in the poultry business.

But it's dairying that he likes best, and he says he's found it interesting ever since he was a little kid. Showing dairy cattle, or perhaps more accurately put - working towards having a top animal - is the challenge Horning likes most of all. Aside from having ambitions of owning a large dairy herd, he also wants to be able to have the kind of breeding stock which will command good prices at sales.

Auction shatters Hereford record

HERMISTON, Ore. - Records were shattered for Hereford cattle auctions when the final tallies were in on the Stone Ranch dispersion sale in Hermiston, Ore., this month. The \$2,209,405 gross sales topped the previous total for a Hereford sale by some \$500,000.

A new record evaluation for a Hereford bull came when SR Big Arthur H201, a four-year-old, 2,290 pound bull, brought \$160,000 for a one-half interest, making a \$320,000 evaluation. The purchaser was 26 Bar

Ranch, Stanfield, Ariz., co-owned by John Wayne and Louis Johnson.

Treefine Hereford Farm, Warsaw, Ohio, also owns an interest in SR Big Arthur H201, having purchased the interest in 1973. They retained their interest in the \$320,000 evaluated bull, and he continues to serve as the main herd sire in the Treefine herd, as well as serving in the 26 Bar Ranch herd.

The 1,280 lots sold for an average of \$1,726, with buyers representing 31 states and Mexico.

Adams Co. Farm City Week set

GETTYSBURG, Pa. -

"The 1976 Farm City Week Celebration should be the biggest and best in Adams County History" reported Stanley Wolf at an Adams County Agricultural Council meeting recently. Wolf, Farm City Week co-chairman, stated that with the leadership provided by the Agricultural Council, Gettysburg Chamber of Commerce, and Gettysburg Kiwanis, there will be a real exchange between farm and city residents of the county. Farm City Week will start October 15 with an agricultural display on the vacant lot next to the courthouse and climax with a dinner dance on October 23 at Kings Valley. During the week, contests, farm and industry open houses, banquets, and a land use conference is planned.

Tom Balthaser, Adams County District conservationist, reported his committee has lined up 10 farmers who will open their farms to visitors on October 17 between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Farmers participating are: Paul Waybright and Robert Hay, Gettysburg; Ronald Harrison, Littlestown; Larry

Mummert and Thomas Trone, East Berlin; Lloyd Benner and James Quambeck, Fairfield; Glenn Kline, Gardenera; Everett Weiser, York Springs; and Harold Garreston, Gardnera. Balthaser stated maps will be printed giving directions to the farms and will be distributed throughout the county. The public is invited to visit as many of these farms as they like on Sunday.

Gil Evans, Adams Electric Cooperative, reported the annual Farm City Banquet will be held at Kings Valley this year in the form of a dinner dance. Evans announced that tickets are available from any member of the Agricultural Council, Chamber of Commerce Office, or Kiwanis. Tickets are \$8 a piece. This includes social hour featuring Adams County agricultural products, beef dinner, and dancing to the music of the Country Shadows.

Mrs. Ruth Detweiler, Gettysburg Chamber of Commerce, reported the Retail Merchants would provide the band for the dinner dance and local business and organizations

would provide contestants to compete against the farmers. The contests featuring nail driving, tug of war, and log sawing will be held between 2 and 4 p.m. on October 18 at the courthouse lot. Mrs. Detweiler also reported several businesses will be hosting an open house on October 19 between 2 and 4 p.m.

Tom Clowney announced there will be an agricultural display on the lot next to the courthouse on October 15 and 16. The display will include

farm animals, crops, food products, and machinery. The ribbon cutting ceremony officially opening Farm City Week will occur at 2 p.m. on Friday at the display area.

The next meeting of the Agricultural Council was set for 8 p.m., October 6 at the Adams County Extension Office to finalize plans for Farm City Week. More information on Farm City Week may be obtained by contacting John Schwartz at the Adams County Extension Office.

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