



Greg Solt, left Lebanon County Extension agent, hands awards to (left to right) Edwin Funck, for highest butterfat count; and Harold and Donald Bollinger for highest milk average of the Lebanon County DHIA.

Lebanon DHIA honors top producers

SCHAEFFERSTOWN, Pa. - An average of 737 pounds of butterfat gave the herd belonging to Edwin E. Funck, Jonestown R1, the top butterfat record of the Lebanon County DHIA membership, and a listing of 19,668 pounds of milk put Willow Maple Farm, owned by Harold and Donald Bollinger, Newmanstown R1, in the rank of top milk producing herd in the county. These facts were bought out last Tuesday at the Lebanon County DHIA annual dinner held at the Schaefferstown Fire Hall, here.

Funck and the Bollingers were recognized for their achievements with plaques awarded to them by Gregory Solt, county agent for Lebanon. The agent also handed out 23 ribbons recognizing herds in the 600 lb. fat category. Funck's herd is comprised

of 39 head of registered and grade Holsteins with a milk production record of 19,101 pounds. The Bollinger herd is made up of 48 animals with a record of 664 pounds of butterfat. This is the third year for Willow Maple Farms to have the top milk producing herd in DHIA. These top two records can be compared with the average for the county of 14,339 pounds of milk and 547 pounds of butterfat.

The other top herds in butterfat belong to Dale Hostetter and Sons, Annville R2, with 698 pounds of fat; Marvin K. Meyer, Annville R2 with 674 pounds of fat; Bennetch Brothers, Myerstown R2, with 653 pounds of fat; Arnold Acres, Lebanon R2, with 650 pounds of fat; Isaac E. Zimmerman, Lebanon R3, with 646 pounds of fat; Phares Musser, Newmanstown R1, 640 pounds of milk; Robert

Martin, Myerstown R2, with 626 pounds of fat; Donald G. Hoffer, Lebanon R4, with 623 pounds of fat; Raymond and Marlin Getz, Myerstown R4, with 623 pounds of fat; Harvey T. Bomgardner, Annville R3, with 622 pounds of fat; Clarence Mase, Lebanon R5, with 616 pounds of fat; Warren Lentz, Lebanon R1, with 615 pounds of fat; Daniel B. Shirk, Newmanstown R1, with 615 pounds of fat; Albert Moyer, Lebanon R2, with 614 pounds of fat; Ernest Wagner, Annville R1, with 614 pounds of fat; David Brandt, Annville R1, with 611 pounds of fat; Ralph D. Shirk and Sons, Fredericksburg R1, with 609 pounds of fat; Kenneth Sellers, Lebanon R4, with 604 pounds of fat; Harold Wampler and Son, Lebanon R4, with 603 pounds of fat; M. Luther Bennetch, Newmanstown R1, with 603 pounds of fat; Norman

Kline, Myerstown R 2, with 602 pounds of fat; Hubert Miller, Myerstown R2, with 601 pounds of fat.

Overall, in the county 89 herds with an average of five or more cows, exceeded an average production of 400 pounds of butterfat.

Before the awarding of the ribbons, Lebanon County Dairy Princess, Rose Brandt, spoke briefly on milk promotion, saying there are two essentials to pushing the product - a sincere belief in the commodity and a knowledge of its components.

And, before making the

presentations of the evening, Gregory Solt spoke briefly on the DHIA program in Lebanon county. While Lebanon actually lowered in its production of milk and fat since last year, Solt asserted that the members were "holding their own" and blamed the minor loss on a higher milk price which caused farmers to keep their marginal, lower producing animals in the herd. Yet, even with the small drop in production, Lebanon County was sixth in milk production and seventh in fat.

Solt also reminded the group that DHIA is not set up as a base for competition to win ribbons. Instead, he stressed, that the ribbons are awards for merit, and that the DHIA is a record keeping system which should be used as is.

Other business on the agenda was the election of members to the board directors. Kenneth Sellers, Harold Bollinger, and Robert Lentz were all reelected for another three years.

Insane Legislators

A farmer-type had gotten himself elected to the legislature. After serving for a month in the state capitol, he came home for a weekend "Marie," he said to his wife, "I've already discovered one thing about the House. It's the first insane asylum I've ever seen or heard of that's run by the inmates."

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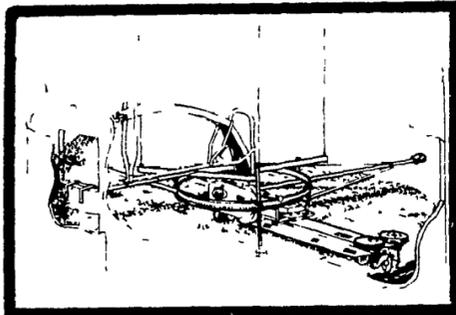
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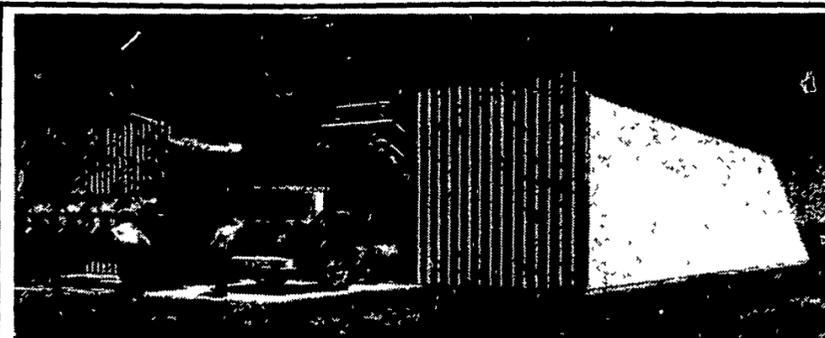
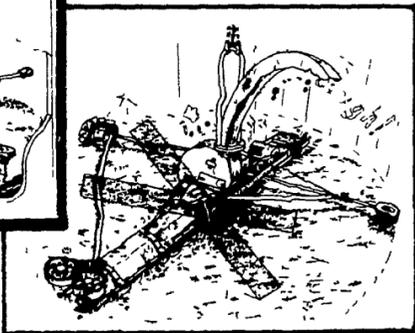
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