

Lebanon Holstein dairymen hold field day

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MYERSTOWN, - Lebanon County dairymen gathered at Lime-Rock Farm, home of Hubert S. Miller, on August 4, for their annual field day. Among the 250 people present was, Jack King, owner-operator of Kinglea Farms, Maryland. King was the official judge of the judging contest held at the field day and was also the guest speaker. The young dairyman told the audience how he started farming in 1964 through the encouragement of his family and organizations such as FFA and 4-H. A graduate of the University of Maryland where he studied dairy

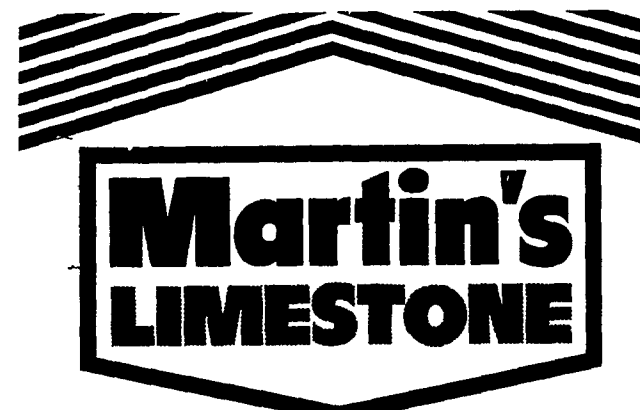
science and dairy economics, King has developed a herd of 350 registered Holsteins. He explained some of his management practices to the interested dairymen. One area of interest was automatic detachers which this progressive herdsman has recently installed. "I have decreased my labor in the milking parlor by about 50 per cent with the detachers," King stated. Mastitis has dropped by two-thirds and production levels have stayed the same, King remarked. Irrigation is another increasingly popular item in Maryland. King has installed irrigation systems in 180 acres and hopes to increase

the area. "Most of the irrigated land is in alfalfa, it is a very valuable crop" King explained. The water used in his irrigation system has a low salt content but, says King, "We can irrigate up to seven times between rains without any harmful residues." The dairyman also urged the audience to have estate planning. "It is important to save what you have worked for for your children," he insisted. "It is too easy to lose farms through inheritance taxes, etc." Also speaking briefly to the Lebanon dairymen were Joyce Myer, 1977 Lebanon County dairy princess, Hershey Bare, state

director, and Clarence Stauffer, program director of the National Holstein Association. Stauffer told the group of the new changes in registration fees going into effect November 1. Early registration fees change from \$3.50 to \$5.00 and the age drops from 8 months to 6 months, otherwise the fee is \$10.00. The national membership fee stays the same but the time has been decreased from 10 years to five years. Renewal fees are still \$10.00 but are only for five years. The winners of the judging contest which consisted of three classes - aged cows, 2 year-olds, and yearlings were: Youth - 12 and under-1. Daniel Groff, Lebanon; 2. Jerry Musser, Schaffers-town; 3. Micheal Kunkle, Jonestown; and 4. Mervin Horst, Schaffers-town. Youth - 13-17: 1. Mike Bare, Lebanon; 2. Gary Mase, Lebanon; 3. Dave Bomgardner, Lebanon and 4. Gailen Martin, Schaffers-town.

followed by Thelma Hostetter of Annville, Mrs. Alpheus Ruth of Fleetwood and Julie Wagner of Jonestown. In the men's division, visitors from Berks County

outjudged their Lebanon hosts. First place was: Ray Bicksler, Richland, followed by Joe Ruth, Fleetwood; George Satazahh, Womelsdorf; and Richard Gengriels, Lebanon.



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Pork Day held

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KEMPTON - The Eastern Pennsylvania Pork Producers Association held their 15th annual Pork Day on August 6th. Despite a sudden thundershower and threats of others, the affair drew a large crowd.

prepared on a barbecue grill. The winner for the contest was Charles Mackenzie, Cetronia. Mackenzie made "Smokey Spare-Ribs" and will go on to the state contest which will be held with the Apple Harvest Festival in Adams County. Second place was Carrol Smith from

North Wales; third place was Ron Freed of Line Lexington. The judges for the contest were: Jane Zeigler, professional taste tester, Penn State University; Dr. John Zeigler, meat scientist, Penn State University; and Renee Loos, consumer, from Reading.

Taking first place in the women's competition was: Cathy Dotsun, Annville;

For the price of one admission charge into the Kempton Community Center, the pork producers provided all the pork chops and trimmings, and live entertainment anyone could handle. Even though the crowd was estimated to be smaller than previous years, Herb Schick, president, said they had served over 3000 barbecued chops. Besides the pork chops, the association also roasted a whole pig stuffed with sauerkraut which was devoured by the hungry crowd. Another attraction to Pork Day is the annual Pork King Cooking Contest. This contest is open to any male over 12 years of age and a resident of Pennsylvania. The recipe had to be

Band concert slated

KENNETT SQUARE - The 53rd Air Force Band of the Pennsylvania National Guard will present an outdoor concert at Longwood Gardens, near here, tomorrow (Aug. 14) at 7 p.m. Seating in the Open Air Theatre is unreserved and is available to all visitors who pay the regular admission fee to the gardens. No rain date is scheduled. Concertgoers should allot additional time to visit the gardens at Longwood before and after the performance. Of special interest is the Annual Selection Garden near the vegetable area. Here, 125 varieties of an-

nuals are grown in a colorful, informative display. The night-blooming waterlilies are also a popular attraction, and at 9:15 p.m., the illuminated fountains in front of the conservatory are turned on for a half-hour show. The greenhouses remain open until one hour after the conclusion of the display. Longwood Gardens is located on Route 1, northeast of Kennett Square. The grounds open daily at 9 a.m., the conservatories at 10 a.m. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for children ages 6-14, free under age 6.



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