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milking, and feeding all of the 130 head of Holsteins on the farm. He has full charge of the heifers and calves, and has had control of the breeding program for several years. Among the family's 130 head are 13 which Ed proudly calls his own. Seven of them are of milking age.

The Breckbill herd currently averages 15,200 pounds of milk and 598 pounds of butterfat. Two years ago, says Thompson, the figures were approximately 2000 pounds of milk and 75 pounds of fat lower than that. Young Breckbill has been striving to improve production and type and has every intention of continuing just that in the future. Dairy farming is what he likes best.

This past year Breckbill

introduced an official classification program into the herd. The highest score was 88 points.

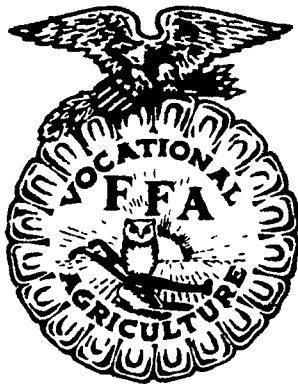
At home on a 225-acre dairy and crop farm, Breckbill has chosen farming as his career because of the variety of work and challenges it offers. Most of all, he enjoys working with the cows, however. Dairy cattle have given this young man additional recognition and respect because of his expertise with them. They've also helped him in becoming one of the most respectable students in school, says Thompson, a veteran of 24 years of teaching at Oxford High School.

The FFA, says Breckbill, is a good program for anyone who is interested in agriculture. He has found it to be a very educational and beneficial program. Not only has it broadened his views, it has helped him to mature and accept responsibilities, and work with others.

He finds one minor fault

with the vo-ag curriculum, however, and that is that not all the students who join up are sincerely interested in agriculture. He believes FFA membership and vo-ag courses should be limited to those who want to work and cooperate and are genuinely interested in farming. "Those who don't work and aren't interested take time away from those who are," the young man explained.

"What you put into the FFA is what you get out of it," he concluded.



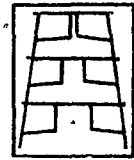
Penn State has dairy conference



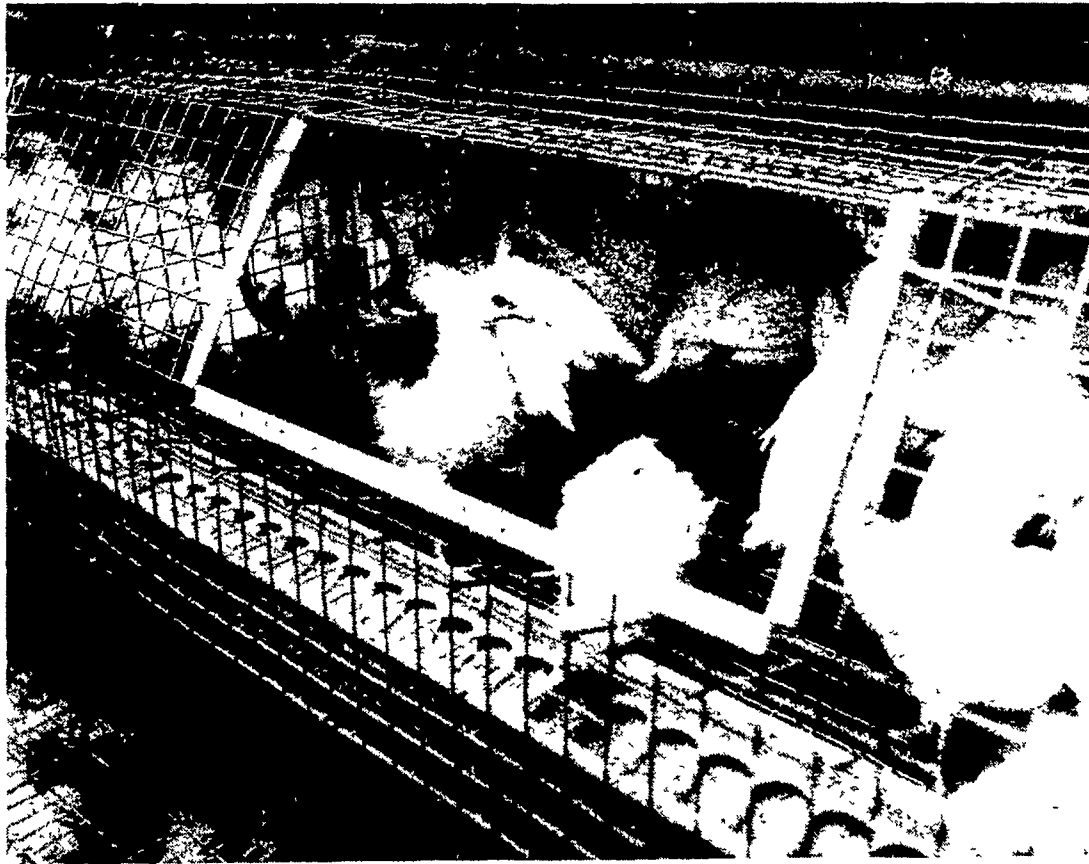
Ears forward and eyes open, these Holsteins are ready to find out what new knowledge their owners and managers might come back with after attending the Dairy Herd Management Conference at Penn State on March 1 and 2. All the latest in breeding, feeding, milking and mastitis prevention will be offered by specialists from Penn State and other leading universities.

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Bucher joined the Bank early in 1970 and has served as the agricultural loan department manager as well as manager and treasurer of the subsidiary, since its formation in mid-1970. He was previously affiliated with Lancaster Production Credit and Federal Land Bank Associations as assistant manager.

Both the department and Agri-Loan Corp. are headquartered at Commonwealth National Bank's Lancaster Region Main Office, 28 Penn Square, Lancaster.

Bucher is chairman of both the Pennsylvania Bankers Association's Agricultural Lending Committee, and the Agricultural Committee of the Lancaster Association of Commerce and Industry. A member of the executive committee of the American Bankers Association's Agricultural Bankers Division, Bucher is also a director of the Farm and Home Foundation of Lancaster County.

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