

Killdee Farms

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195,700 pounds of milk and 7244 pounds of fat. England's 13-year-old Guernsey, Arden, tallied a total of 130,690 pounds of milk and 6147 pounds of fat. A grade Jersey, nine years of age, finished this last year with a lifetime total of 112,870 pounds of milk and 5251

pounds of fat for John Kilby, Sr. Certificates of merit were presented to the top 10 dairy herds which improved most in the last year in fat and milk production. Carl Stafford and Son's herd of 70 Holsteins increased in fat by 92 pounds and milk by 3023 pounds to take first place in both fat and milk increases.

Harvey or Lida McGrady's 33 Jerseys milked 82 pounds more fat and 2551 pounds more milk in 1977, placing them second on the list.

Joe and Lisa Ayers, who milked some of their cows three times a day, increased their production of fat by 75 pounds and milk by 1648 pounds. Those increases placed them third in fat and fourth in milk. Third in an increase in milk production for the county were two herds which tied with an increase of 1896 pounds. Charles England, Rising Sun, and E. Ray McGrady, also Rising Sun, shared third place.

Others receiving certificates of merit for fat production increases included Hopeful Acres, 71 pounds of fat; Charles S. Moore, 69 pounds; E. Ray McGrady (J), 62 pounds; Charles P. England, 58 pounds; R.D. Dempsey and Sons, 48 pounds; George Long, 45 pounds and Anchor and Hope, 45 pounds.

R.D. Dempsey and Sons

placed fifth in the county for an increase in milk production of 1636 pounds. Chestnut Lane Farm placed sixth with an increase of 1604 pounds of milk. Richard Robinson's 50 mixed cow herd took seventh place with a 1478 pound increase in the 1977 testing year. Eighth place went to William Fell with a record showing 1380 pounds more milk last year over the records of a year ago.

Officers of the Cecil County DHIA newly elected at the banquet are president Floyd Allred, Colora; vice-president Fred Schrader, Earleville; secretary Wesley Absher, Colora, and treasurer Tom Crothers, Rising Sun.

Outgoing president Howard Burrows was elected state director. Robert Hudler, North East, was elected director for the Cecil County Unit II and Edgar Davis, Earleville, was elected director for Unit IV.

Miss Lee Hill, Ken-nedyville, Kent County,

member of the American dairy judging team in international competition in 1977 presented a slide program. She explained many aspects of the farming and dairy enterprises in England, Scotland, Wales, and Holland as she had seen them during the competition. The dairy cattle are fed grass rather than corn or soybeans which require different growing and handling practices not available in these countries. As a rule, the dairy animals, according to Miss Hill, are shorter, stockier, show more flesh, and less dairyness than show ring dairy animals in America. In addition to being weaker in legs and feet than their United States counterparts, the European dairy animals produce less milk.

Miss Hill remarked that the animals are not set up for judging as is the case in the United States showings. The showmen all wear long white coats but simply lead the animals. It is characteristic during the judging to

have animals pulling grass from the show area ground rather than standing alertly as in the American show circuit.

Many countries will not allow importing of studs such as in the Isle of Jersey to maintain a pure strain. England, however, has started looking toward the Canadian bloodlines to improve dairiness in the future. Presently, England does not plan to import American studs.

The American young people on the judging tour were amazed to see as many as one hundred bulls tethered on lush pasture at once. Miss Hill said the bulls were docile and several of the group of young people walked up to them and patted their heads. In the evening, the bulls are taken inside then returned to the pasture in the morning.

The United States national dairy judging team placed third in the international competition held at Wales and the American FFA team placed second, Miss Hill explained.

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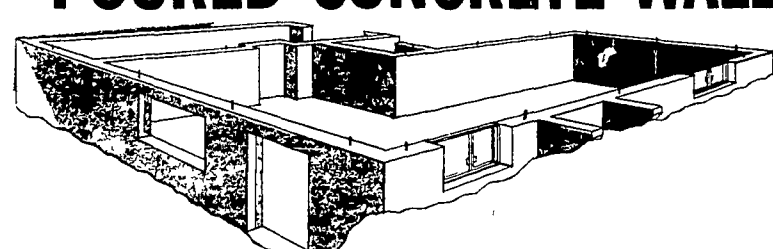
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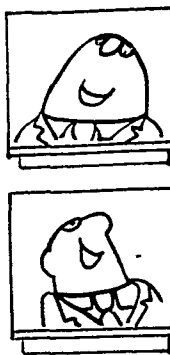
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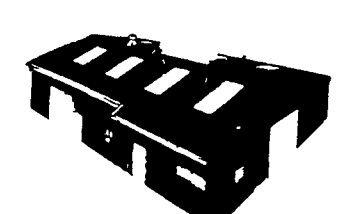


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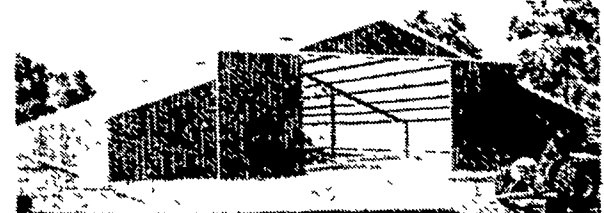
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