

Lancaster Co. Guernsey Assn. banquet held

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LANCASTER - K.D. and Else Linde, Lindenhof Farms, Kirkwood Pike, Oxford, were recognized last Friday night at the annual Lancaster County Guernsey Association banquet for having the high herd in the County for the fifth year in a row. The Linde's herd averaged 14,267 pounds of milk and 650 pounds of fat. In 1977 the herd record was 14,143 milk and 658 fat.

In accepting the award, Linde stressed the importance of "working together for success" as a "family affair." He said dairymen must give the right feed, use the right bulls and "get pleasure" from their work.

Naefflands Nibbs, owned by Raymond and Louise Witmer of Penn Del Farms, Beaver Valley Pike, Willow Street, was recognized for her high lifetime production of 128,967 pounds of milk and 5,788 pounds of fat. She is sixteen years old.

In other production awards, the Lindes took first place in milk and fat in the five-year-old class, with Lindenhof Prince Don Theresa, with a record of 18,063 milk and 901 fat. In the two-year-old class Lindenhof Farms was high in milk with Lindenhof Fargos Erika who had a record of 16,060 pounds of milk and 717 fat. Erika is owned by Mildred E. Linde.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crider, Brown Road, Nottingham, were recognized several times. Their Fre-lyn Foremost Jester Ellen was high in the two-year-old class in fat with 14,813 milk and 728 fat. Fre-lyn Darimost Diamond won in both milk and fat the three-year-olds with 18,410 pounds of milk and 879 pounds of fat.

The winner in the four-



The top award winners at the Guernsey annual banquet were, from left to right: Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Linde and daughter Mildred; Mr. and Mrs.

Raymond Witmer; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crider; and Mrs. and Mrs. Jesse Balmer.

year-old category for fat was Gordline Hallirex Pride, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse G. Balmer, Lititz. Her record was 13,649 milk and 723 fat.

In milk production for four-year-olds Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Witmer's Penn-del Fabian Betsy was high with 14,972 milk and 656 fat.

Awards were presented by Kenneth Garber, the Guernsey representative to the Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

Three new directors were elected to serve three year terms on the board. They are

Elam Mull, Spring Valley Road, Quarryville; Scott Wolff, Quarryville R2; and Francis Kirk, Peach Bottom. Fred Crider was elected to fill a one-year unexpired term.

Ginger Secrist, Fayetteville, Franklin county, spoke to the Guernsey breeders about her "conversion" to the Guernsey Breed. She said, "I looked at what I was doing with Holsteins, and I couldn't do what I wanted to do." To her, she said, Golden Guernseys were the "invitation to opportunity."

Ginger, a graduate of Penn State in physical education, owns a herd of 12 Guernseys. She was a member of Penn State's dairy judging team in 1975 and tied for high individual at the contest at the All-American Dairy Show and was 11th in the national contest at Columbus, Ohio.

Ginger said, "I welcome competition. I find it stimulating and progressive."

Competition is the biggest element to bring out genetic gain in the Guernsey cow."

Good management practices are an important consideration in working with any breed of cattle, Ginger told the dairymen. "We've got to increase production of a quality product. Why have them if you don't look at production?"

She urged the breeders to use the best genetic tools available, acknowledging that the selection of bulls is

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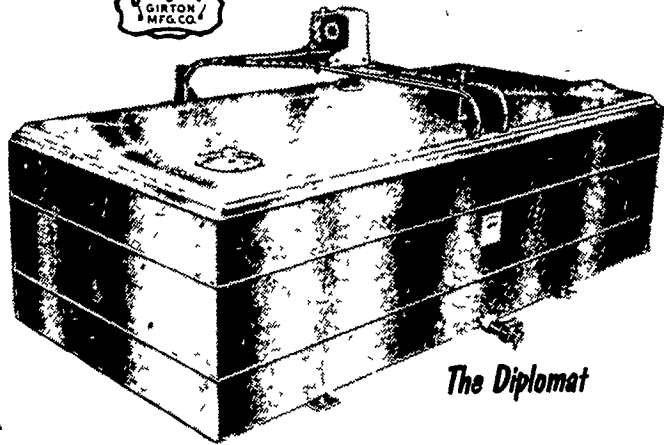
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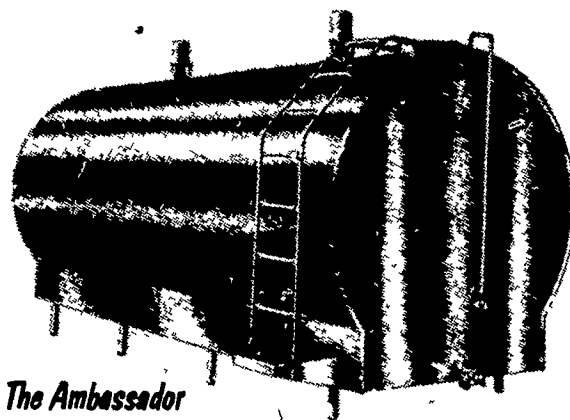


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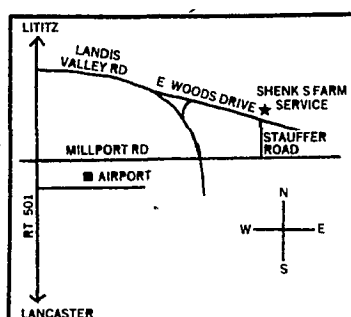
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