



Heading up York County Holstein activities are, front from left; Larry Ampsacher, Phil Laughman, Rodman Thompson, E. Wayne Beshore; back, T. Edwin Johnson, Bob Smyser, June Boyer, and Larry Rinehard. Absent were Donald Fantom and George Knight III.

York Holstein Association slates Spring meetings

DELTA — The Spring Barn Meeting will kick off the 1980 lineup of activities for the York County Holstein Association. Paul and Kathy King, Kingway Farms, Delta, R2, will host the March 11 session, scheduled for 1 p.m.

A speaker on nutrition will highlight the program and all interested dairymen and agri-business representatives are invited to attend.

Phil Laughman, Thomasville R2, was elected president at a recent reorganizational meeting.

Assisting him will be vice-president Rodman Thompson, East Berlin R1, secretary-treasurer Larry Ampsacher, York R7, and assistant June Boyer, York. E. Wayne Beshore, New Cumberland R1, is the state director.

Committees are headed by the following: Larry Rinehard, breed improvement; Larry Ampsacher and Robert Morris, sales; Darla Doll, Cindy Knight, and June Boyer, junior activities; Jane and Rodman Thompson, banquet; Joyce Bupp, publicity; Larry Rinehard, show; Karen Laughman, advertising.

Following a successful start in 1979, the club will again team with neighboring breeders to sponsor the second annual York-Adams Calfarmama sale on March 25, at 7:30 p.m. Avalong Farms, located off Route 30 east, is the sale site. A. Doty Remsburg, Jefferson, Maryland, will handle cataloging and auctioneering. York Holstein

women, headed by Georgia Ampsacher, are sponsoring the sale's food stand.

Buyers and consignors to the Calfarmama will be the special guests at the York club's annual summer picnic, to be hosted by Tom and June Boyer at their Sunnybend Farm, west of York, on July 29.

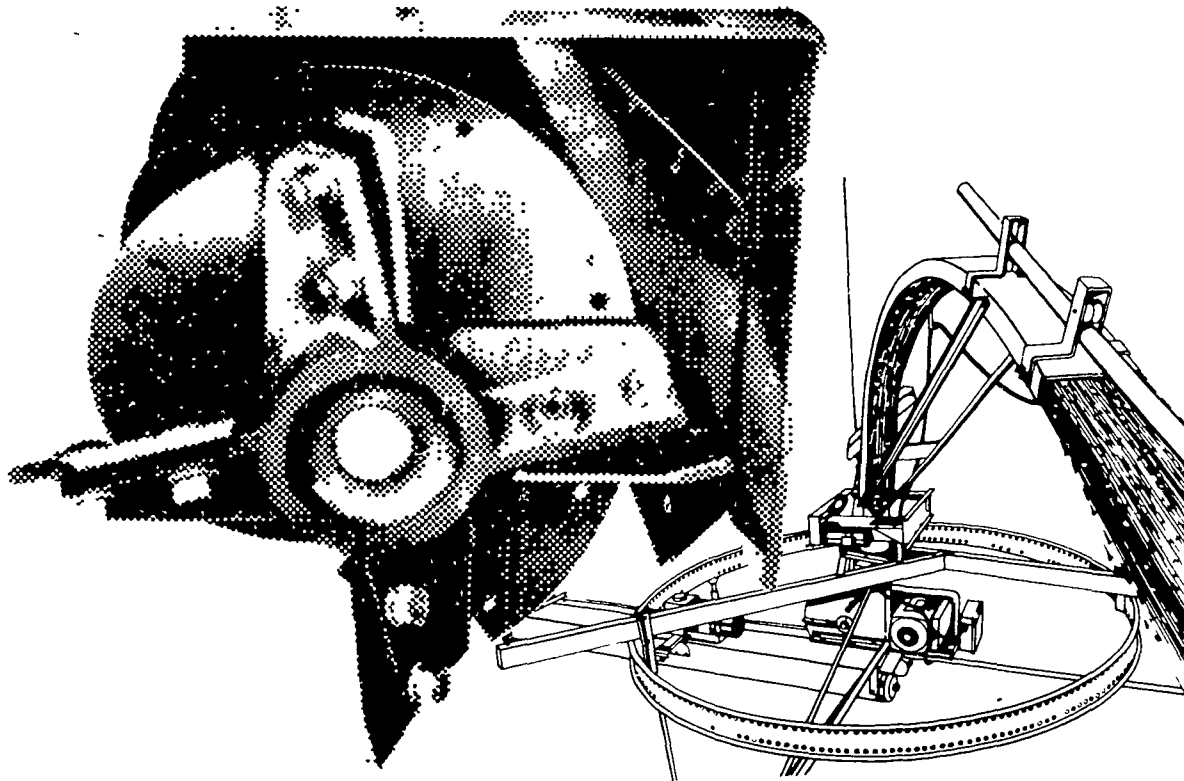
T. Edwin Johnson and Larry Ampsacher are formulating plans for the annual bus tour in early April. Initial arrangements call for an overnight stay visiting herds in New Jersey and northeast Pennsylvania.

Further information will be announced at the March barn meeting.

York's Black and White show is set for Friday, August 15, at the York Fairgrounds. That show is to be held in conjunction with the county's 4-H fair, dairy and horse roundups.

Fall activities already scheduled are the annual meeting and banquet, tentatively set for October 17, and the county's DHIA banquet on November 25.

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Keep cow stalls bedded and cows reasonably clean.

Operate fans for good ventilation to prevent cow health problems and off-flavors in milk.

Use a sanitizer solution and paper towels to wash and dry cows teats and lower portion of the udder prior to attaching milker units.

Wash and sanitize all milk handling equipment between

uses - twice each day for milker units and every-other-day for the bulk tank.

Check inflations, receiver probes, bulk tank outlet valves and other hard to clean places once a week.

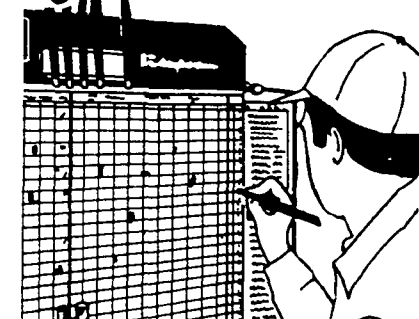
Note lactation length and freshening schedules. Dry off cows milking less than 20 pounds per day.

Check your feed programming based on forage analysis. Adequate protein and vitamin E are necessary to prevent off-flavors of milk.

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