

## Junior Holstein members honored at state convention



Long-time Pennsylvania Holstein director Bill Conyngham was inducted in the Association's Hall of Fame during convention awards presentations. Flanking Conyngham are his wife, Cornelia, and PHA special programs director Robert Morris.

## Hall of Fame

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thinking as the way to put power into a life.

John Cope was elected the PHA president during a board reorganization meeting, held Feb. 21, just prior to the convention opening. Cope is manager of Ashcombe Farm Dairy, Inc., a Mechanicsburg-based juggling operation with dairy herds and milk sales stores in Cumberland and York counties. He and his wife, Helen, reside in Grantham.

Marion Alsdorf, Spartansburg, Crawford County, is the new vice-president and Samuel Minor, Washington R2, was re-elected treasurer.

Only one controversial item faced the business meeting held on Friday afternoon. Members rejected a change in the method of selection of the annual All-Pennsylvania awards.

Under the proposed procedure, first-place animals in each class at the state black and white show would have automatically been declared the All-Pennsylvania winners. A resolution, passed by the membership called for the present system, based on



Holstein awards breakfast speaker Rev. Richard Morledge urged the power of positive thinking and quoted singer Ethel Walters: "God don't make no junk and he don't sponsor no flops." He also referred to the "dairyman's scripture," Psalm 50:9.

show winnings and photographs, to remain in effect for 1980.

Registered Holstein breeders from the south-central district caused Friday and rejected a recommendation to eliminate that summer district show. After that vote of confidence, the south-

central competition will likely be scheduled again at the Carlisle Fairgrounds, which has made special provision to host the event.

Outgoing president Russell Jones was honored

MONROEVILLE — The future of the Pennsylvania Holstein dairy cow appears to be in good hands. Nine finalists in the state's distinguished junior member contest attest to that fact.

Penny Smith, Mansfield, and Bradley Beidel, Carlisle, were named the 1980 distinguished junior girl and boy during the Association's annual banquet, held last Friday evening in the elegant ballroom of the Al Monzo Howard Johnson's near Pittsburgh.

Pretty and poised, eighteen year-old Penny Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, Mansfield R2. A graduate of Mansfield High School, she's spending her year representing the Future Farmers of America as a state officer, traveling across the state and promoting FFA.

A junior Holstein member for nine years, and 4-H dairy exhibitor for ten, Penny owns nine head of registered Holsteins, eight of which she bred herself. "Willmuth Elevation Army" is probably the current favorite of Penny's own-bred animals. "Amy" earned high honorable mention and reserve junior All-Pennsylvania honors this year as a junior calf. She took first place at the 1979 state Holstein show and placed eighth at the Eastern National show at Harrisburg in September.

"Don't give up," is Penny's sound advice to younger dairy members. It's a belief she not only preaches, but has had to

before nearly 500 dairymen and guest during the annual banquet, held Friday evening in the spacious grand ballroom of the Howard Johnson's.

Two Holstein youth were named as outstanding junior members, with Penny Smith, Mansfield, selected the distinguished junior girl and Bradley Beidel, Carlisle, named distinguished junior boy.

practice as well. In fact, for Penny, the walk to the front of a show class was a long, long one.

Her first dairy calf freshened as a heifer with a blind quarter. With high hopes pinned on her second project calf, Penny then helplessly watched while the Hagen daughter developed a severe case of ringworm, and never grew back the coat in time for the showing competition. Then, when that heifer was to exhibit as a 2-year-old, the animal developed a lame foot.

Eventually as a mature cow, she redeemed herself, presenting Penny with two daughters by Elevation.

When she became the owner of a third heifer, Penny's hopes again soared, only to be knocked flat to the

ground again. That heifer developed pinkeye, eventually going blind in the eye.

Now Penny is equally at home talking cows or speaking and singing before an audience. In 1978, she was crowned the 1978 Tioga County Dairy Princess and is involved in a variety of church, school and community activities. She's president of the Tioga County junior Holstein club and serves on the state junior executive board, holding the office of reporter.

A member of "The Michaels," a singing group, Penny has been performing with her vocal talent for over eighteen months.

Next year, Penny plans to

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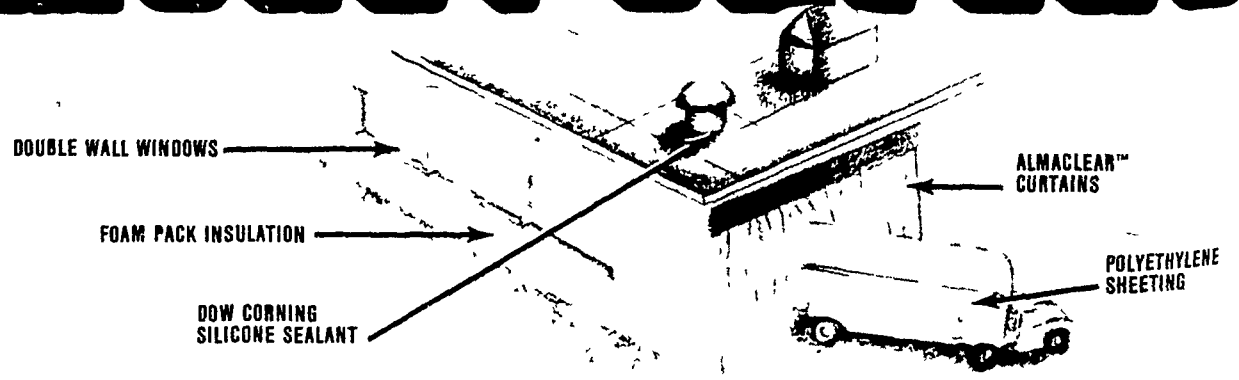
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