

Montgomery DHIA

to adjust testing fees

NORRISTOWN — Because of general inflation and increased travel costs, the Montgomery Dairy Herd Improvement Association is increasing its testing fees to farmers starting with the April tests.

Effective April 1, regular DHIA testing will cost a minimum of \$38 plus 35 cents per cow up to 64 cows. Farmers with 65 or more cows will pay 94 cents.

The Association will receive 33 cents per cow. The supervisor gets the balance.

On mono testing programs the fee will be a minimum of \$20 plus 35 cents per cow up to 41 cows. Farmers with over 41 cows will be charged 94 cents per cow.

For owner-sampler, the

fee will be a minimum of \$10 plus 35 cents per cow up to 32 cows. Over 32 cows, the fee will be 65 cents per cow.

Both the mono testing and the owner-sampler fees will be split in the same way as the regular DHIA program.

The Montgomery DHIA will have no change in meter fees. The life history sheets will remain at a nickel each.

At its meeting last Friday, the DHIA elected new officers.

New President is Wallace Derstein. Vice president is David Longacre. Secretary-treasurer is Durrell Alderfer.

The annual DHIA banquet will be held November 15 at the Christopher Dock School.

New strawberry variety promises delicious yield

COLLEGE PARK, Md — This spring, strawberry lovers can look forward to Scott, a new disease-resistant, late-midseason strawberry variety that is now available to home gardeners and commercial growers throughout the eastern half of the United States. It is being featured in several mail order catalogs.

The new variety was developed by the Science and Education Administration of the US Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station, headquartered at the University of Maryland in College Park.

It was named after Donald H. Scott, former small fruit investigator for the USDA. Now retired, Scott obtained

his Ph D in horticulture at the University of Maryland.

He has received international acclaim for his work in small fruit production, having been awarded two gold medals and a special citation from three Italian fruit growers associations.

The Scott variety resulted from the 1969 cross of Sunrise and Tioga. In 1971 the Scott berry was selected for further testing. And in March 1979 the new variety was released to commercial nurserymen.

The fruit is large in size, deep red in color, with firm flesh and skin that resists bruising. The berries are good for freezing and are comparable to the Guardian variety, although the Scott is somewhat smoother in appearance and milder in taste.

Scott berries are extremely vigorous, producing as much as 25 percent more fruit per acre than the Guardian variety. The Scott is also resistant to five types of red stele root rot, and it has partial resistance to verticillium wilt. Foliage is resistant to leaf scorch and powdery mildew.

Scott has been evaluated at several locations in the

eastern and central United States and is recommended for soils where red stele root rot may be a problem. It appears to be widely adapted in Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York and Ohio.



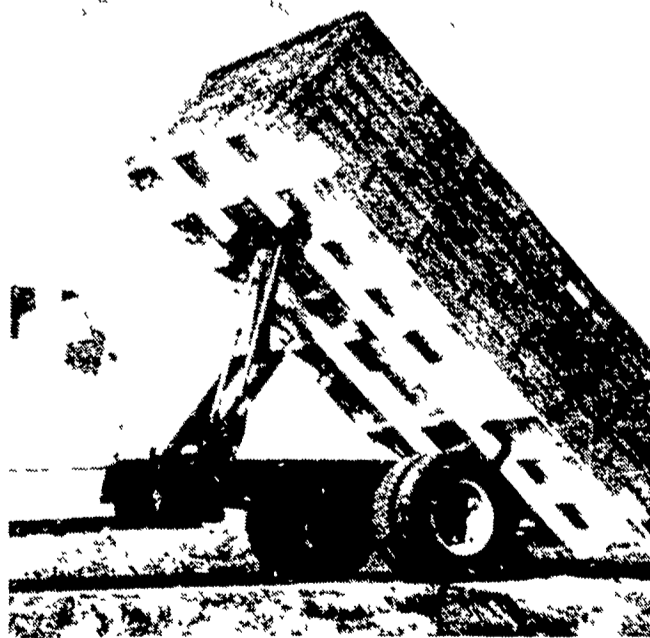
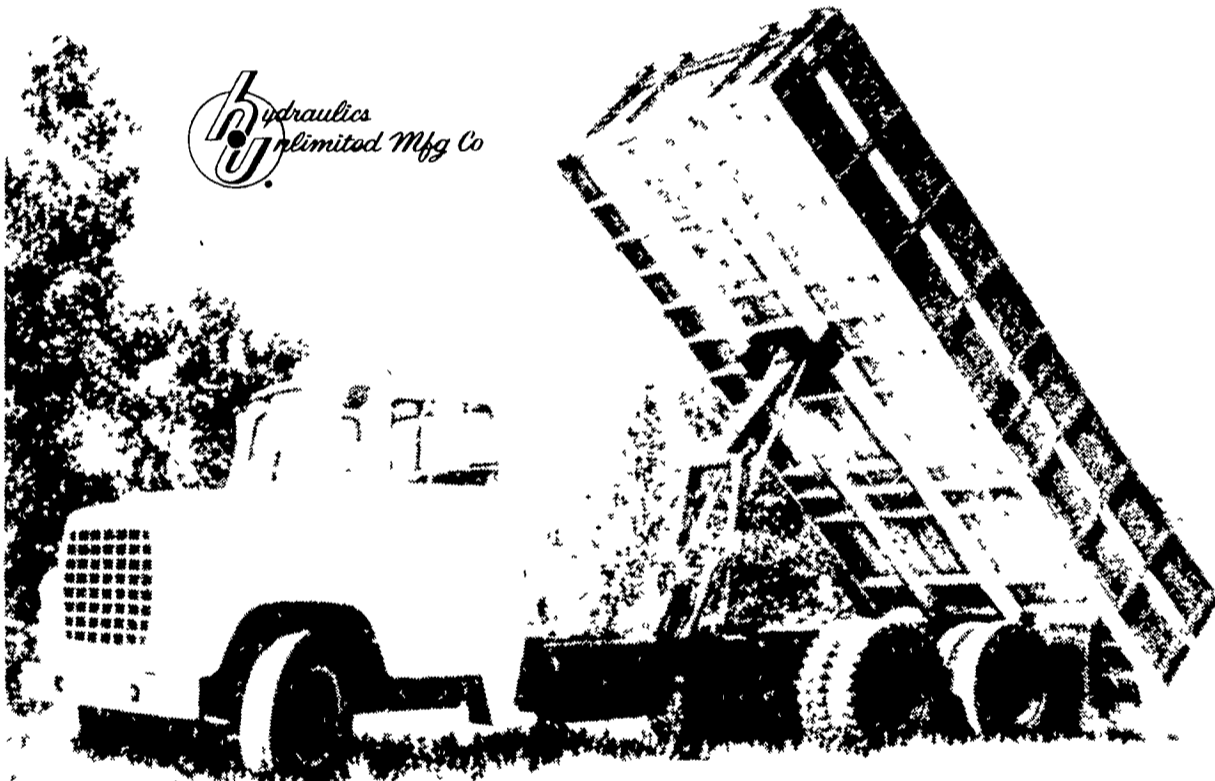
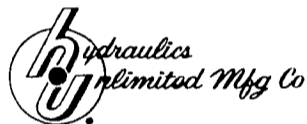
Winning first place junior team in the 1980 Franklin County 4-H Dairy Bowl Contest was Greencastle-Antrim Dairy Club. Team members are from left to right: Lori Harshman, Rt. 4 Greencastle; and Lori Gsell, Marion. Missing from the photo is Ronnie Harshman, Rt. 4 Greencastle.

Eastern 4-H

(Continued from Page B4) winning teams are: Eastern Dairy — Edgar Reichard and Dennis Crider; Greencastle-Antrim Dairy — Richard Harshman, Garry Harshman and Richard Crider. Office, Chambersburg. Four-H club leaders of the

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