

# Holstein Convention outlines program

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Some 2400 Holstein leaders, Association delegates and dairy families will meet in Nashville, Tennessee, June 28 to July 2, to take part in the 95th annual national convention of the Holstein Association of America.

Farm use of mini-computers, cattle blood-typing, future Association programs and bylaw revisions, and USDA research priorities will be

featured on the convention program at the Opryland Hotel.

Outside the formal schedule, families will enjoy the attractions of the Nashville area—Grand Ole Opry, Country Music Hall of Fame, Andrew Jackson's home, Belle Carol Riverboat and the Opryland U.S.A. park. Social activities will start Saturday and Sunday, June 28-29, before the business meetings on

Monday and Tuesday, June 30-July 1.

Dr. Jerry Caldwell, director, immunogenetics laboratory, Texas A & M University, will outline cattle blood typing and its uses for holstein breeders, at an early bird session, Monday, at 8 a.m. Richard Nelson and Irma Robertson, of the Association will define problem areas and animal registry procedures.

At 8 a.m., Tuesday, Paul T. Chandler, of a Tennessee livestock management firm, will moderate a panel discussion on the new role of computers in dairy herd management. Chandler will introduce the management tools that are available through the use of small computers.

A panel of Holstein breeders will describe computer management systems in operation at their farms. The dairymen who will participate on the panel are Tom Spike, of Michigan, and Peter DeGroot and Tom Sawyer, of California.

Convention business will be conducted on Monday and Tuesday. Delegates will act

on a series of bylaw revisions and convention items, and elect officers and members of the national Holstein Association board of directors.

Association staff members will present a panel discussion on what Association programs will be available in the future. Long-range management goals, field services, and applications of on-line data processing will be discussed.

Anson R. Bertrand, director of science and education, U.S. Department of Agriculture, will be the featured speaker at the convention. Bertrand serves as policy advisor to the Secretary of Agriculture and directs the government's efforts in agricultural extension, education and research.

On Sunday, June 29, the Tennessee Holstein Association has arranged a number of leisure activities including two separate bus tours to sights in the area. A "discover music city" tour will be taken to the homes of Minnie Pearl, Eddy Arnold, Tammy Wynette, the late Tex Ritter and Hank Williams, Sr., then stop on "music row" where the Country Music Hall of Fame and Country Music Wax Museum are located. The tour includes the State Capitol, Fort Nashboro, the original Grand Ole Opry House, and the Governor's Mansion.

The second tour of the day will be taken to a walking horse farm about 100 miles from Nashville to visit two world champions. There will also be a training demonstration at the farm.

The third option will be Opryland, U.S.A., a park situated not far from the Opryland Hotel. The musical theme park features some 15 show productions and more than 20 rides for the whole family.

Special activities for juniors will be held throughout the days of the convention. In addition to all the shows and the tours, juniors will be invited to a hospitality mixer at the Opryland Hotel. A field trip, on Monday, the 30th, to the University of Tennessee, will feature a Holstein genetics workshop. In the evening, the juniors banquet will present the 1980 Distinguished Junior Members, after which a Tennessee hoedown complete with Hillbilly costumes and a hog-calling contest will be held.

On Tuesday morning, there will be workshops for juniors on financing a dairy operation and good dairy record keeping.

The convention banquet, on Tuesday evening, will highlight comedian Jerry Clower. Clower has been named Country Comic of the Year for the past six years by major country music publications. He is co-host of a national TV show, "Nashville On The Road."

At 10 a.m., Wednesday, a rare spectacular will take place on the stage of the Grand Ole Opry House. Where stars performed on Saturday night, U.S. Holsteins will be sold on Wednesday. It's a first for the grand Ole Opry House.

The sale will end the 1980 Holstein Convention

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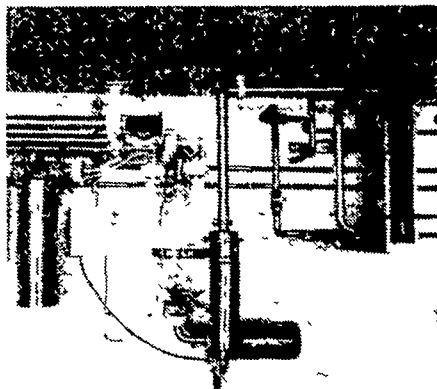
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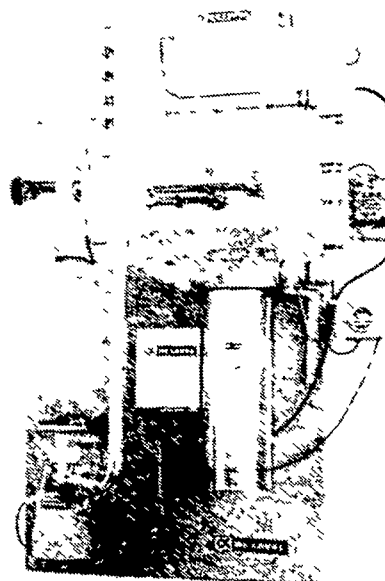
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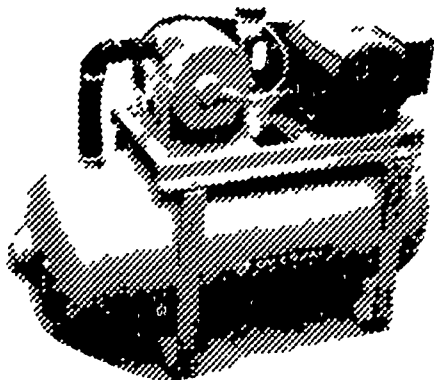
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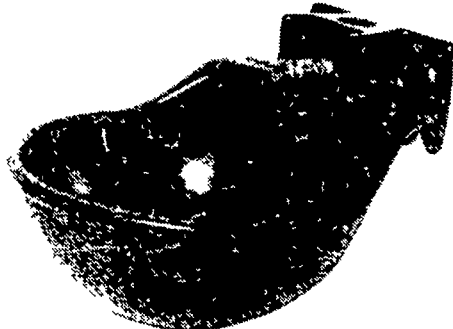
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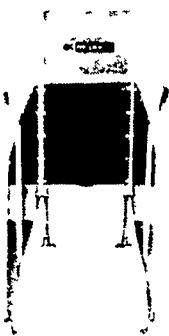


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