

Bradford Holstein Club holds summer affair

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ROME — The annual Bradford County Holstein Club picnic was held at the farm of Roe and Mary Russell of Rome, last Saturday with 90 present.

The morning activity was a judging contest for the juniors, 15 years old and under, of two year old heifers. Winners were Darleen Shedden, Kelly King, Wendy LaMont, Jay Braund, and Tim LaMont.

Winners of the senior division judging 4 year old cows were Charles Howard, Tim Neville, Calvin Bacon, and Regina Jackson.

Official judge was John Howard, III, Director of Promotion of the State Holstein Association. Jack is a native of Bradford County.

A short business meeting was conducted by Richard Kingsley, president of the board. He introduced Lu Ann Shedden, new Bradford

County Dairy Princess, who spoke briefly about the promotion of milk.

Jack Howard was asked to give the news from the state association. "Bob Morris, state staff member, will be leaving to work for the California Holstein Association", Howard remarked, "and Russell Jones, of Bradford County, will be the chairman for the state convention this fall."

He expressed hope that some Bradford Countians would show cows at the All-American Dairy Show in September.

Lynn Miller, state director from Bradford County, told the members that the state association is buying a subscription of the weekly Farmshine newspaper for all its members. In return, the state association is going to use that newspaper as its weekly news magazine.

Miller mentioned that the national association will

raise the transfer fee from \$5 to \$10, effective January 5.

Orville Yoder, Bradford County Extension agent, announced that the Junior Holstein Club will hold its annual blueberry festival at the Duane Wilcox Farm August 9.

The 4-H Dairy Roundup will be held August 18, the Northeast Championship Show, August 21; and the 4-H District Dairy Show on August 25. All will be held at the Troy Fair Grounds.

Kingsley introduced Roe Russell, Jr. owner of the host farm "Out of the 175 Holstein cows we own, only one is not registered with our farm prefix," Roe told the crowd "We haven't bought a cow in nine years."

"We milk 95 to 100 cows," Russell continued, "Thirty-five bred heifers and some

calves are housed in the new heifer barn, and the rest of the heifers are out to pasture".

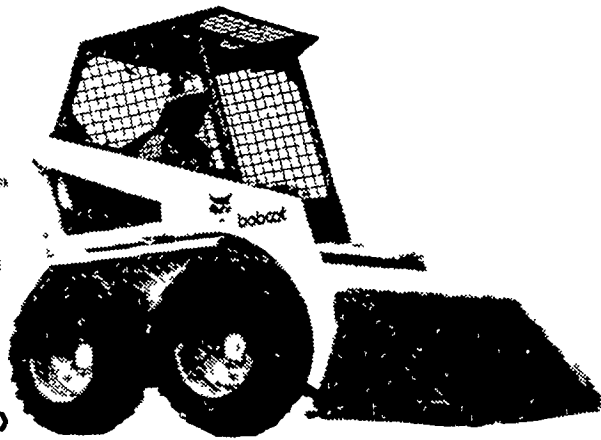
"There's not much pasture land in the 500 acres we own," Russell said. "We keep the cows in the barn days and let them out nights into a lot where they are fed hay."

In his closing remarks, Russell gave tribute to his two young hired men and to his family. His wife, Mary, manages the herd breeding program using mostly artificial insemination.

Officers of the Bradford County Holstein Club are Richard Kingsley, president; Robert Whipple, vice-president; Leigh Sturdevant, secretary; Ben Jackson, treasurer; and Bonnie Miller, news correspondent.



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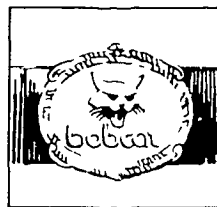
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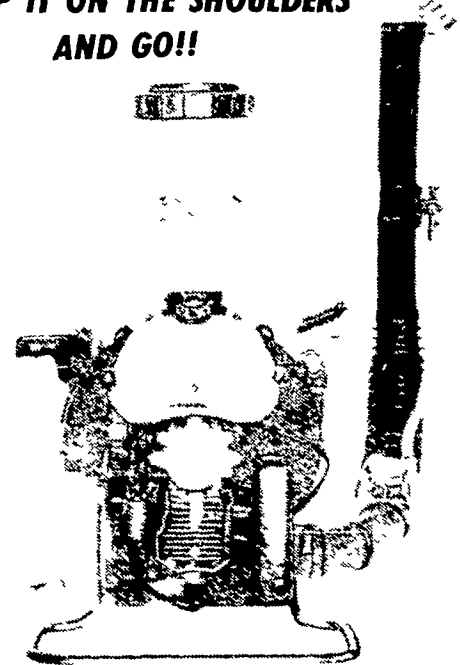
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