

Lebanon DHIA members hold annual meeting

**BY CURT HARLER
SCHAEFFERSTOWN** —
The Secretary of the Lebanon County Dairy Herd Improvement Association, Kenneth I. Sellers wrote his own name in the County's record books this year. Sellers, R4 Lebanon, took home the trophy for highest increase in herd production and the first place butterfat award at the group's annual

meeting held at Schaefferstown Tuesday night. His 42 Holsteins led the County DHIA roll with a record of 760 pounds butterfat and 19,364 pounds milk. The high herd for milk production this year is the Bollingers' Willow Maple Farm, R1 Newmanstown. Their 44 Holsteins pumped out 20,534 pounds milk, with

a butterfat output of 697 pounds. Outstanding individual cow in the County is owned by Eugene Houser, R2 Lebanon. She made a record of 34,628 pounds milk and 1324 pounds butterfat. Six directors were elected under the County's new staggered term system which includes all six supervisor's routes.



Eugene Houser, left, had the outstanding cow in the County DHIA. She produced 34,628 pounds milk and 1324 pounds fat. Award was presented by Director Edwin Funk.



Donald Bollinger, Willow Maple Farm, is congratulated by Lebanon DHIA Director Edwin Funk, right, for having the high herd milk average. Cows turned out 20,534 pounds milk this year. It's the sixth straight year Willow Maple Farm has topped the Lebanon DHIA for milk.



Ken Sellers, right, was honored twice by the Lebanon DHIA Tuesday night. His herd topped the County fat average at 760 pounds and also showed the most improvement over last year's average. His 42 Holsteins made 19,364 pounds milk. Trophies were presented by Director Edwin Funk.

One director per association is elected for a two year term in even numbered years. Three directors-at-large will be elected on the odd numbered years.

Voted into office were: Galen Bolinger, R1 Newmanstown; Harvey T. Borngardner, R3 Annville; Mike Arnold, Arnold Acres, R2 Lebanon; Hershey Bare, R2 Lebanon; Marlin Ben-netch, R2 Myerstown, and Ken Mase, R4 Lebanon.

County Extension Director Newton Bair spoke of the growth of the DHIA in the past couple of years. Lebanon county recently has grown from four to six supervisors. At present there are 152 herds on test, 121 of them making over 400 pounds fat.

There still is room for some more herds to join the DHIA, he said.

Lebanon dairymen are doing well compared to the state average. While value of roughage and grain fed Lebanon herds, at \$774 per

animal, is \$87 per cow higher than the state average, the difference shows up in the bottom line.

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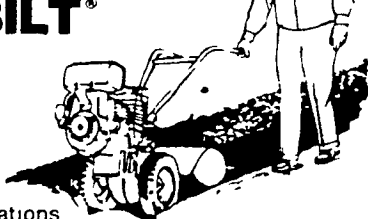
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