Golden Guernseys reach golden year

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REFTON — The golden Guernsey milk isn't the only thing golden in the Guernsey business this year

The Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders Association celebrated their 50th anniversary Thursday at the Fire Hall.

Special guest speaker for the event was the State Director, Mrs Janet Harding of Brookville

President K D Linde presided over the meeting which featured four former members of the organization They were John Breneman, John Graybill, Frank Hershey and Raymond Rohrer who began work in the Guernsey business in 1929

Connie Balmer, Lancaster County Dairy Princess and Millie Linde, National Guernsey Queen each spoke briefly about their work in promoting dairy, especially Guernsey, products

Linde also awarded certificates to several breeders

K D and Elsie Linde, Oxford, were recognized for having the top two-year-old Guernsey, the top three-year-old Guernsey and were also given the high herd award

Francis and Ethel Kirk, Peach Bottom, of the Cedar Fringe Farm held the top four-year-old Guernsey award

Top five-year-old went to Fred Crider of Nottingham

Raymond and Louise Witmer of Refton were recognized for top lifetime production

Harding addressed the breeders for the first time during her new directorship, saying, "I want to carry out your wishes and those of other Guernsey breeders"

She spoke of the recent national business meeting of the American Guernsey Cattle Club, in Louisville, KY Although club finances are a problem, she said she left the meeting feeling optimistic because "all the directors seemed very much aware of the problems and are making a big effort to correct them"

Eastern Berks 4-H dairy meets

LEESPORT — Eastern Berks 4-H Dairy Club held an awards night and dessert buffet for all the members last Friday.

Members were reminded of the calf sale to be held on November 22. Help is needed the day before, Friday, for washing and clipping the animals. The agricultural center would also like tour guides for Farm City Week, November 21-27.

The new birth dates for animals was announced. To qualify as a junior calf, animals must be born March 1 to May 30. Intermediate calves are from December 1 to February 28. Senior calves are September 1 till November 30. These dates will be in effect for the junior dairy show.

Berks County dairy princess Karen Sattazahn gave an enjoyable performance on milk.

The project books which were collected last month were handed out. Receiving awards for handing in one book was: Helen Seisel, Bobby Russell, Andy Zollers, Scott Hauseman, Christine Ketterer, Robert Hartz, Ann Kopfer, Linda Latshaw, Melissa Meyers, Heidi Schlegel, Gary Hauseman, Kevin Schlegel, Clayton Snyder, James Wagner, Richard Weider, James Younker, Mark Moser, Tom Galloway, and Dan Schuler.

Awards for two books: Stephanie Galloway, and Richard Hartz. Three books. Jon Stutzman and Stacey Meyers. Four books: Gary Kurtz. Five books. Sandy Moser, and six books. Sherri Zollers.

The winners of blueforms were announced. Ages 8-10 - Heidi Schegel and Melissa Meyers. 11-13 yrs - Sherri Zollers and Ann Kopfer. Ages 14-16 - Gary Kurtz and William Zollers, and 17-19 yrs - Helen Seidel.

The next meeting will be a reorganization to be held January 16, 1981. Members will be informed of the location.
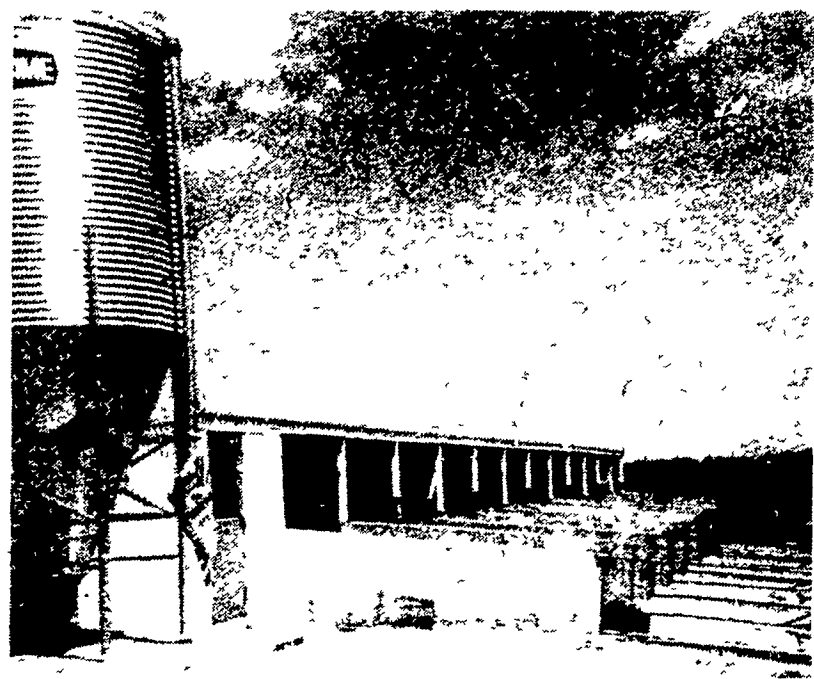

National Guernsey Queen Millie Linde helped the breeders celebrate their 50th anniversary by announcing awards for top cows and top producers of this and past years.

Janet Harding, State Director of the Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders' Association was guest speaker at the annual county meeting held in Refton, Thursday.