

Top Adams DHIA herd focuses on basics

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LITTLESTOWN — This year, in Adams County, The Noel & Holmes registered herd of Holsteins captured the top position on the DHIA report. The production

record for the 60 cows on test is 19,246 pounds of milk and 753 pounds of butterfat.

Mr and Mrs Earl F Noel, McSherrystown, have been the owners of the farm since 1951.

The dairy operation is situated on the Pennsylvania and Maryland border. The farm name, Pen-Mar, is therefore understandable.

More than 400 acres are farmed with approximately 200 head of cattle maintained.

The entire operation is managed by Mr and Mrs Claude Bud W Holmes, Jr. The Holmes family is formerly of Harford County, Maryland. Prior to accepting his present position, Bud was working with his father in the same type of dairying operation.

Bud's focus on his management practice is on

the basics.

The feeding program includes corn silage directly fed year-round to the cattle. Grain is custom mixed by a local grain company. The grain is individually rationed to each cow. The grain mixture is tested regularly to maintain a high quality food. Forage testing is also done twice each year.

Alfalfa hay is a mainstay and fed to the cows all they will eat. No pasturing is done for this high production herd.

The herd undergoes a regular monthly health program. Bud feels this is a

vital part of his job.

Bud commented that only high test bulls are used. As we looked at some fine bull and heifer calves just a few days old, Bud remarked that many are Apollo offsprings.

The breeding program is strictly adhered to by confining service to no more

than three sires at any specified time. This practice gives uniformity to the herd.

There is a great deal of pride in the air at the Pen-Mar Farms, proud because of their successful record of maintaining high quality animals and milk production.

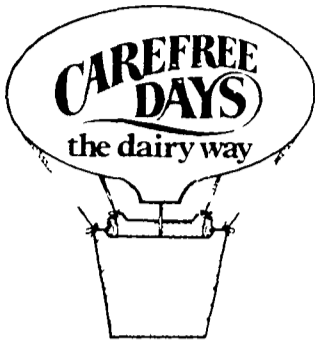
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practices and have contributed to local, state, and national activities.

Special entertainment was provided by Mary Bruce who sang many Christmas songs. The meeting was attended

by 160 people including Orville Yoder, director of the Bradford County Extension Service, the local and regional Extension staff, and many 4H and community leaders.



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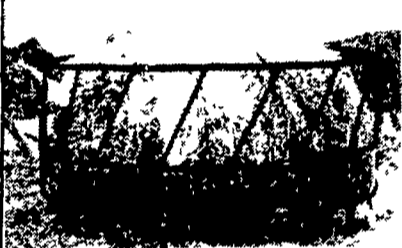
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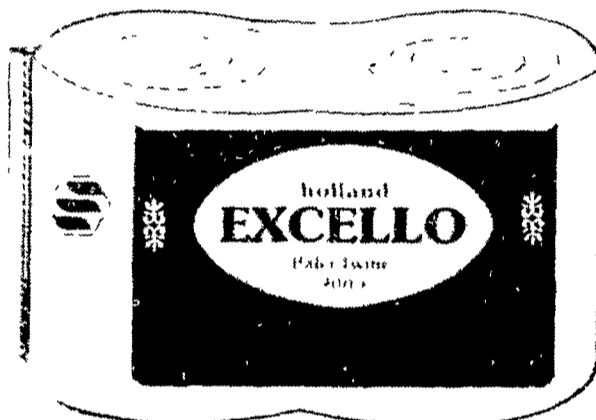
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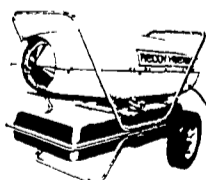
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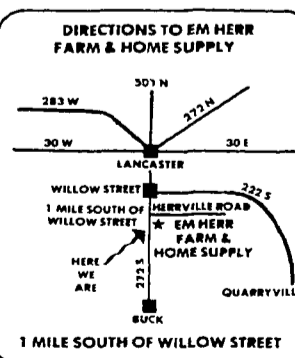
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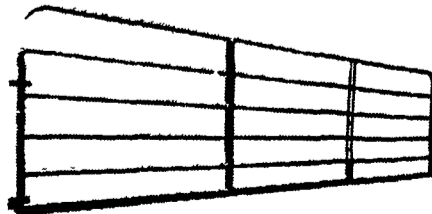
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