

Holstein Assn. prepares to kick off 1981 meeting

BALTIMORE, Md. — A 1600-pound Holstein dairy cow was welcomed last Friday, in the lobby of Baltimore's Convention Center by Mayor William Donald Schaefer.

For "Strawberry Acres Ruth", her appearance, at a news conference, was the first for a dairy cow in the Convention Center's history. And, for Mayor Schaefer, the occasion marks his first official welcome to 3000 dairy industry leaders holding a five-day convention in Baltimore this coming June 28 through July 2.

The Holstein Friesian Association of America, the world's largest dairy cattle organization, will hold its 96th annual meeting in Baltimore, with all meetings at the Convention Center. A highlight of the conclave will be the famous "National Convention sale" where 100 of America's best purebred

dairy cows will be sold at auction on July 2, in the Convention Center.

Prices at past Convention sales have averaged as high as \$10,000 an animal, according to National Sales Manager A. Doty Rensburg of Jefferson, Maryland.

Friday's ceremony featured a special presentation by dairy industry leaders to Mayor Schaefer, according to Marlin Hoff, National Convention Chairman.

"Baltimore was selected from several cities actively competing for this honor. We are particularly grateful to Mayor Schaefer for his active personal assistance in encouraging the Holstein Association to meet in one of America's great port cities," said Hoff.

Joining Mayor Schaefer, Hoff and Rensburg was Robert Knutsen, President of the Maryland Holstein Friesian Association, the



Members of the 1981 National Holstein Friesian Convention Committee stand by as Baltimore Mayor William Donald Schaefer issues a challenge for Maryland Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein to come out with both hands milking. The challenge came after the Mayor "successfully" milked a registered Holstein during Friday's press con-

ference at the city's new Convention Center. Pictured from left are Marlin Hoff, chairman of the committee; Doty Rensburg, chairman of this year's National Convention Sale; Robert Knutsen, President of the Maryland State Holstein Friesian Association; and Mayor Schaefer.

Berks County to hold annual crops day

LEESPORT — The annual Berks County Extension Crops Day will take place on January 29, 1981 at the Berks County Agricultural Center in Bern Township.

Clyde A. B. Myers, Berks County extension agent announces that the all day session is open to all farmers and interested agribusinessmen in Berks County.

The following topics and speakers will conduct the session starting at 9:00 a.m. with coffee, donuts, and visitation of commercial exhibits;

9:30 a.m. "Managing Your Small Grains" - Elwood Hatley - P.S.U. Extension Agronomist

10:15 "Corn, Corn, and More Corn" - Joe McGahen - P.S.U. Extension Agronomist



11:00 Profitable Crop Rotation - Putting It all together - Lynn Hoffman - P.S.U. Extension Agronomist

11:45 Pesticide Update Training - Clyde Myers - Berks County Agent

12:00 Lunch
1:00 p.m. Soybeans - "Management is the Key" - Elwood Hatley

1:45 Pesticides and your Corn - Joe McGahen

2:30 Fertilizer Update - Local Fertilizer Company Officials

2:45 Question and Answer Period - E. Hatley, J. McGahen, and L. Hoffman

Reservations are required. Send \$2 per person to Clyde A. B. Myers, Berks County Ag Center, Leesport, PA 19533.

Make Check payable to BERKS COUNTY EXTENSION SPECIAL ACCOUNT. The \$2 fee includes a noon meal.

Reservation deadline is January 23, 1981.

host organization for the national meeting. In addition to the special presentation to the Mayor, "our Holstein cow had a special part in this Friday's ceremonies," said Knutsen.

Mayor Schaefer said, "In anticipation of the world's largest dairy cattle meeting, Baltimore is proud to have our famous Convention Center serve as an educational laboratory for a vital agricultural industry."

The Mayor further emphasized the 3000 delegates and guests will visit Baltimore at the most exciting period of its downtown and Inner Harbor development: the first anniversary of Harborplace and the imminent completion of the new national Aquarium and Hyatt Hotel.

Other dairy convention officials further expressed the importance of the 1981 meeting in Baltimore.

Zane Akins, Executive

Secretary of the Holstein Friesian Association of America, said the purebred Holstein cow is the highest producer of nature's most perfect food — milk.

"Our organization looks

forward to working with the City of Baltimore, its Convention Center officials, and Mayor Schaefer to produce this year's most significant dairy industry meeting," he said.

The schedule for the June 28 to July 2 convention will include farm and Chesapeake Bay tours, as well as featured speakers from the new Administration in Washington.

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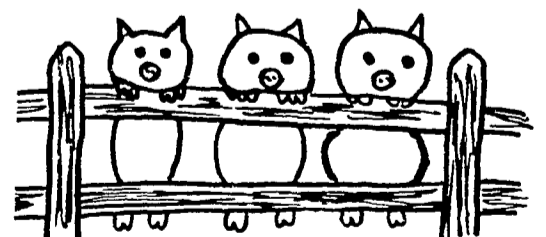
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