

Guernsey Breeders celebrate golden anniversary

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LANCASTER — Over 250 members of the Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeder's Association turned out for the banquet held by the Association last Friday night in recognition of their 50th anniversary.

Awards were presented to members of the Association, and the PA Junior Guernsey Breeder's Association as well.

Jelly beans, flowers and Guernsey cow replicas adorned every table and later were awarded to the youngest and oldest members at each table.

Guest speaker for the evening was Eugene C Meyer, managing editor of *Hoard's Dairyman* who spoke on "Dairying as it looks from here."

Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, Penrose Hallowell, payed a special visit to the banquet and briefly commended the Association and the breeder's on "tremendous work in the dairy business."

A surprise recognition went to Lee Yost, business manager for the Association, by the members of the Junior Guernsey Breeder's Association for "all his help and support time and time again." Alisa Fava presented Yost with a present, an anti-muzzle loader, in behalf of the Junior Association.

An award for high herd milk and fat for 1980 went to Mervin K Myers, Littlestown, who milks 56 cows with an average of 14,088 pounds of milk and 705 pounds of fat.

High cow for milk and fat award went to Fred and Evelyn Crider, Nottingham. Their cow, Fre-Lyn Kelloggs Prince Sue averages 23,993 pounds of milk and 1085 pounds of fat.

Junior awards, presented by the Pennsylvania Junior Guernsey Breeder's Association, went to Gwen Witmer of Dalmatia, named outstanding girl, and Jeff Benedict of Waynesboro, named outstanding boy.

Junior production awards were as follows: 2 yr. old milk and fat award - James Harding of Brookville for Maplevale Petes Missy, 14,524 pounds of milk and 613 pounds of fat; 3 yr. old milk and fat award, Barry Lehman of York for Honeycrest Telestar Esma, 16,133 pounds of milk and 703 pounds of fat; 4 yr. old milk award, Judith Harding of Brookville for Maplevale PN Lindsey, 13,986 pounds of milk and 598 pounds of fat, 4 yr old fat award, James Harding of Brookville for Maple Royal Sharon, 13,932 pounds of milk and 668 pounds of fat; 5 yr old and over milk and fat award, June Beatty of Indiana for Ikes Joyce of Al Mon Farm, 16,010 pounds of milk and 800 pounds of fat.

Tina Rutter of York received the George W. Snyder award, presented for Champion at Junior Dairy Show, 1980. She received a pewter bowl.

The Sewickley Award went to Kenneth Corle of New Enterprise, presented for Grand Champion Youth Show, Pennsylvania Farm Show, 1981. Ken received a large trophy for his efforts.

Master of ceremonies for the banquet was Grover Gouker, Jr. from the Dale Carnegie Institute.

Entertainment was provided by



An award for high herd milk and fat went to Mervin Myers, right, who milks 56 cows with 14,088 pounds of milk and 705 pounds of fat. Presenting the award is Peter Witmer.



Over 250 Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders, friends and family members attended the anniversary of the Association Friday night at the Host Farm in Lancaster.



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Secretary Penrose Hallowell made a surprise visit to the Guernsey Breeder's banquet Friday night.

the Milton Hershey Boy's Choir.

Ginger Meyers, past assistant to Lee Yost, and Millie Linde, National Guernsey Queen, were on hand to present awards.

Stoneware mugs, each displaying the replica of a Guernsey cow, were provided by Amy Romanec of High Horse Farm

Pottery, Pine Grove Mills. The mugs served as awards for the Junior Production Awards segment.

The banquet was followed by a special Blue Halter Calf Sale and the 50th anniversary sale on Saturday at the Guernsey sales pavilion



Lee Yost, business manager for the Association, was honored for his service by the Junior Breeder's Association. Giving him the surprise, an anti-muzzle loader, is Alisa Fava, president of the Junior Association.



Peter Witmer (right) gives Jeff Benedict of Waynesboro a mug for being chosen outstanding boy by the Junior Guernsey Breeders.



Gwen Witmer was named outstanding girl by the Pennsylvania Junior Guernsey Breeder's Association. Handing her the award is Peter Witmer.

Guernsey Breeder's Assn. meets for 50th annual meeting

LANCASTER — The 50th anniversary of the Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeder's Association got underway last Friday at the Host Farm with highlights including a business meeting, awards banquet, noon sale luncheon, 3rd Blue Halter Calf Sale and the 50th Anniversary Sale.

Top news from the business meeting was passing of a

resolution by the PA breeders stating that under no circumstances would the members of the Association support the introduction of red and white Holstein genes into the purebred Guernsey population. The resolution came as a result of the American Guernsey Cattle Club's consideration to crossbreed red and white Holsteins with Guern-

seys.

Ginger Meyers, a member of the Association and past assistant to Lee Yost, business manager, said, "We want to keep the pure breeds. We want no chance of buying an animal in the future that somewhere in the past was a result of a crossbreed."

Other business concerned the re-election of new directors. Albert

Hack, Berwick, District 1, Calvin Mauser, Elizabethtown, District 8, and Mervin K. Myers, Littlestown, District 10 were all re-elected. Jesse Balmer, Lititz, District 11 was ineligible to serve a third term, having served two terms already, so Donald Brown of Oxford was elected to take his place.

The position of president remains with Joseph Fava, as does the position of secretary with Elsie Wolff. However, Albert Hack of Berwick was named to serve as new vice president, replacing Robert Smith of Bedford.

Jeffrey Staner of Windsor was elected to replace Tom Groff, Sales

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