



"One of the best things we've ever done," is heifer feeding setup installed in 1975 for Dave Roth's assessment of the "tombstone" raising young stock.

Holstein tour

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Nevin and Ann's son, George, will soon graduate from high school and plans to step into the dairy operation, assuring a fourth generation to carry on the Blain View Holstein tradition.

Ray McMillen's picture-pretty white-fenced farmstead at Loysville R1 nestled at the foot of a mountain ridge, was the third stop on the Perry tour.

Ray and his sons, John and Larry, maintain a herd of about 70 registered Holsteins on their Ray-Mc Farm. McMillens had the first Perry County herd to top both the 19,000 and 20,000 herd averages in milk production. Last year, they finished third in the county's DHIA listing with 19,411 of milk and 728 of fat. The present rolling herd average is over 20,000 with 765 of fat.

The legacy of the great Whirlhull Kingpin is again evident in this herd. All but a few pedigree out-

siders in the milking string trace their lineage back to Ray-McPride Whirlhull.

"Whirlhull," from an Irvington Pride Admiral dam, was the first Kingpin daughter to be named Excellent-Gold Medal and scored 92-4E.

Much of the outstanding descendancy in the McMillen barn is from the crossing of this Kingpin line with the Elevation lines.

The McMillen operation encompasses about a thousand acres of valley and mountain ground on three farms. Dry cows and heifers up to yearling age are maintained on one farm, while bred heifers and those ready for service are housed at another.

Seventeen bulls from the McMillen herd have gone into A.I. service and numerous pride breeders have selected young sires from this herd. One bull is in service in Holland, while another is in Germany, and additional matings for foreign stud facilities are presently under contract.

The accomplishments of

"Whirlhull", and the production and type legacy she left behind in the McMillen comfort stalls, have brought visitors from around the world into this barn in quiet, rural area of Perry County. The guest books include entries from Italy, Germany, Switzerland, South American and India.

Named a Master Farmer in 1972, Ray gives much of the credit for the farm's successes to his late wife, Helen G. McMillen, who died recently following a prolonged illness. He pays tribute to her for having spent much time at the barn, working side-by-side with him, to build the Ray-Mc Holstein operation.

In addition to John and Larry, partners in the dairy operation, Ray has another son dairying on his own farm near Landisburg, one daughter living nearby and five grandchildren already interested in cows and calves.

The final stop in the tour, was at Dumbelle Farms, operated by Shayne and Tom Dum III, Landisburg R1



Two generations of Milmay Farm dairymen: from left are, Dave, Ruth, Judy and Dave Roth, Jr.



Extending a welcome to Dumbelle Holsteins were Shayne and Tom Dum III, and Perry County extension agent John Harris, left.

This young couple, the third generation on the farm, recently took over complete operation of the 50-head herd when Tom's father, Tom Dum, Jr., began working for the Holstein Association as a cattle classifier.

"I'd rather breed a cow appealing to the eye, and then feed her for production," says Tom, whose herd is well-known for producing cows of fine type.

"That means stressing importance on good udders, stature and correct legs," he adds. "We incorporate high P.D. (predicted difference) proof bulls when it suits."

This careful cultivation of typiness has paid off. Dumbelle's latest classification totaled up to a B A.A. of 106.3, with seven cows scored Excellent, 29 Very Goods and 14 Goods.

But production doesn't take a back seat, either. Last year's DHIA results compared out to an impressive 19,129 pounds of milk and 693 of fat.

Individual records are as impressive as the cows that made them.

Full sisters by Elevation have records to 32,000 milk and six records over 1000 fat.

Ten head carry 18 records averaging over 1000 fat.

One tremendous bodied brood cow is Dumbelle Skyliner Peggy Lou, 3E-91. At fourteen, "Peggy Lou" carries lifetime credits to date of 265,689 milk and 9785 fat.

Since 1968, 30 bulls have left the Dumbelle herd to go into sire service. One of the best known is "Peggy-Lou's" son by Elevation, Dumbelle Elevation Lutoff, now in use at American Breeders Service.

Dum's house the herd in a comfort stall barn, which features a rather unusual manure handling system, installed in 1971.

Wastes are run out of the gutters and elevated up onto a stack, which settles into a cement block enclosure. The block and concrete holding area has a capacity of at least nine months storage. A three-percent slope drains liquid to one end where they partially envelope. The enclosure is emptied twice yearly, before corn ground plowdown and on alfalfa ground during the late fall.

Tom and Shayne have three daughters and the fourth Thomas Dum, already busy poking around the dairy barn, at 16 months of age, on his riding toys.

Tom is active in local, state and national Holstein activities, and both he and Shayne are enthusiastic workers in the Perry County dairy process and milk promotional programs.



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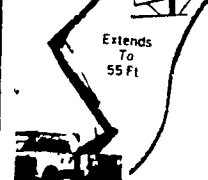
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