

Harold Wright earns Distinguished Service Award

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Harold "Tuffy" Wright of Maplerow Farm, White River Junction, Vt., will be recognized by the American Jersey Cattle Club for his service to the dairy industry at the AJCC Annual Meeting in Woodstock, Vt., June 15-17.

Tuffy, following in the footsteps of his grandfather, father and mother, has been a member of the AJCC for 33 years. He has been president and a director of both the Vermont and New England Jersey Breeders Associations. From both of these associations, he has received the Good Neighbor and Distinguished Service Awards.

He has been instrumental in the success of numerous state, regional and national sales by serving as a committee member or chairman. Maplerow has consigned to every Vermont State Sale in that sale's 45 year history.

Tuffy is on the AJCC Approved Judges List, has been a contributor to AJCC Youth Scholarship Funds

and is chairman of the Vermont Equity Committee. He is serving as general chairman of the 1981 AJCC-NAJ Annual Meetings.

Maplerow Farm has one of the top Jersey herds in the Eastern United States. Managed by Tuffy and his two brothers, Donald and Edward, the 1980 DHIR herd average on 56 records was 13,080 pounds milk and 620 pounds fat.

Tuffy has been married for 30 years to the former Maxine Harford. They are the parents of six children. In addition to his farm duties, he is postmaster of the White River Junction Regional Post Office.

The Distinguished Service Award is given to a member of the American Jersey Cattle Club who, by the determination of the AJCC Board of Directors, has rendered outstanding and unselfish service for many years and there by made a notable contribution to the advancement of the Jersey breed in the United States.

Photo contest

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readers, not only are top-notch, professional dairy operators, but they're pretty good as amateur shutter bugs, too.

So, get those photos into us. They must have been taken by an amateur photographer and must have dairy livestock in them.

There are three categories of competition, including posed

photos of people with animals, cute or comic and scenic.

Three cash awards will be made in each category. First prize is \$50, second is \$30 and honorable mention is \$20.

Both black and white and color photos, which are at least snapshot size, are eligible. If you want your photo returned, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Accompany each submitted

photo with the name, address and telephone number of the entrant, along with the category in which it is entered.

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Eastern

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The resolutions committee is slated to meet on Monday and report to the delegate body on Tuesday morning for action by that body.

An update on the Leprino plant matter will include a report on the appeal by Eastern of the decision of the Farmers Home Administration to deny a \$20 million loan guarantee for the purchase of the plants at Waverly and Horseheads.

The FmHA has agreed to review the status of the application for the loan guarantee at some point in the near future.

But any consideration by the FmHA is not expected until a Federal Administrator is officially named and approved and new budgetary guidelines are firmly

established by the new administration.

But the need for the plants has been definitely shown recently, according to Eastern officials. Both reportedly have been operating at capacity, along with Eastern's powder and butter plant. And still some excess milk resulted from producers.

Following the meeting of the resolutions committee on Monday, the Delegate Body of about 250 will meet on Tuesday in the Hotel Syracuse.

Upwards of 600 are expected for the annual meeting on Wednesday and possibly twice that number for that evening's banquet.

On Thursday, reorganization of the Board of Directors will take place.



Holstein Convention

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Sunday and Monday. The business meeting will commence on Tuesday and continue Wednesday and the sale will follow Thursday.

Also on Tuesday, according to the Maryland Association, discussing the National Farm Bill will be Senatorial Economist William Bailey and House Staff Agriculture Director Fowler West.

Tuesday will also see election of officers and four directors to replace those whose terms are expired.

On Wednesday, USDA Extension Dairyman Basil Eastwood will

speak on the new four source cow index recently developed by the USDA.

According to Morris, there are approximately 120 entries for Thursday's sale thus far.

For the juniors, the National Association will be handing out 6 distinguished junior awards chosen from record books submitted two from each state participating.

This is Maryland's third time at hosting the National Convention - once in the 30's and then again in 1964, although the meetings were actually held in Washington D.C.

Dairylea

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the next six years.

Under the settlement, which is subject to court approval, Dairylea reports it does not admit to any wrong doing or violations of the law, but does agree to re-emphasize its continuing policy of compliance with all legal requirements, including the antitrust laws.

None of the other seven milk companies charged in the Attorney General's April 1, 1981 legal actions are involved in the Dairylea settlement.

The remaining corporate defendants in both the criminal and civil cases are: Dellwood Foods, Gold Medal Farms, Hygrade Milk & Cream, Manchester Cream, Meadowbrook Farms, Morris Park Farms, and Puretest Milk. There are also the following additional corporate defendants in the civil case: Meyer Farms, Elmhurst Dairy, Tri-Eagle Dairies, and Tip Top Farms.

During his television appearance, Abrams stated, "The settlement which we have obtained from Dairylea Cooperative is a tremendous victory for consumers. First of all, the speed with which this settlement was achieved is highly unusual for a complicated antitrust case, many of which take years to resolve.

"Secondly, the 10 cent coupon program which we have agreed upon is a fast, practical and direct way of getting overcharges back into the pockets of consumers. Moreover, we suspect the coupon program will induce other major milk companies, many of who are defendants in our suit, to also lower their prices in order to remain competitive.

"Perhaps most important in the long run is Dairylea's commitment to full cooperation in our

prosecution and ongoing investigation of price-fixing in the State's milk industry. We believe that the increased access to information and evidence will prove critical to our efforts to clean up an industry which has been plagued by anti-competitive practices for decades."

In response to the legal actions, Dairylea President Clyde E. Rutherford, an Otego, N.Y. dairy farmer, said, "This type of complicated litigation could go on for years with almost incalculable costs, not only legal fees, but also the diversion of management's time and attention from normal business demands . . . which is totally unacceptable to Dairylea's membership. By settling it now and spreading a specific cost over a five-year period, we have scaled a major problem down to manageable size."

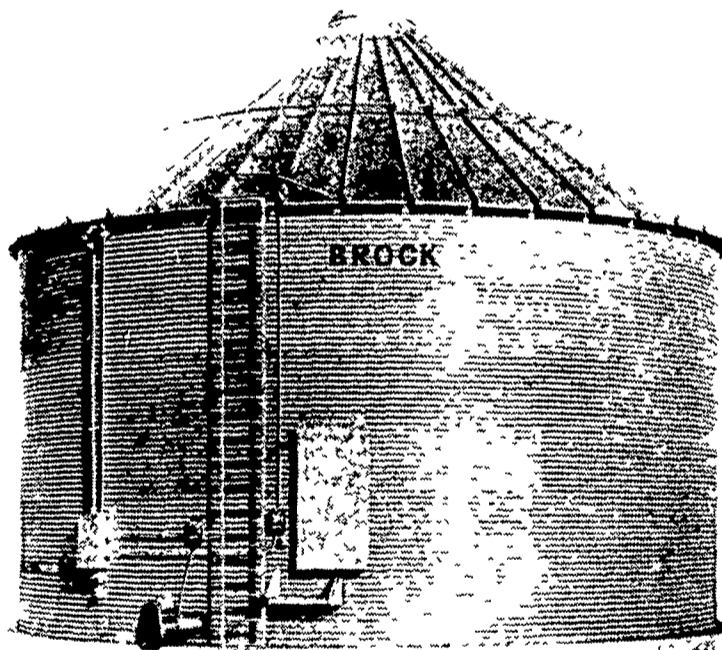
The settlement, which dismisses the price fixing indictment against Dairylea and one of its employees, was reached two months after the Cooperative and the seven other milk companies and 19 employees were indicted on charges of conspiring to fix both the wholesale and retail price of milk.

The indictment, which was returned by a Bronx County Grand Jury, alleges the defendants entered into illegal agreements not to compete for each others customers and also coerced retailers into selling milk at artificially high prices.

Abrams opened his investigation of price-fixing and bid-rigging in the State's milk industry last October. Extensive technical assistance in the investigation is being provided by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, through its commission. Roger Baer

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