

Puppies arrive

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plained that the Penn State program is breeding only German Shepherds because 4-H'ers in the Michigan area near the Leader Dog School have been raising other breeds for many years.

Lions Leader Dog Chairman Paul DeLong, congratulated Lancaster County 4-H on its new venture and said, "Leader dogs provide independence and mobility to those who are legally blind."

He explained that the dogs will be trained for 16 weeks at the Leader Dog School and then will work with a new master for 25-27 days. He pointed out that dogs have personalities and the trainers will learn that personality and then try to match it with the personality of the blind masters. There is no upper age limit for those wishing to get a leader dog, but blind masters must be at least 16 so they and the dog can be matched according to size.

The puppies are now in their new

homes, getting acquainted with the families who agreed to raise them. But all the members of the Mountville 4-H Club are participating in this growing experience as they eagerly anticipate reports and regular visits from the puppies. It was announced that the Club hopes to make the project an annual one, and judging from the response to the four friendly puppies, there will be many youngsters eager to make a home for them and provide an important part of the training in the Leader Dog program. -SB



Ivan Strickler completes term as nat'l Holstein president

BALTIMORE, Md. - Ivan K. Strickler, Iola, Kansas, completes a second term as president of the Holstein Association at the organization's 96th National Convention here this week.

Strickler, who is a veteran of Holstein affairs, has served as vice president of the dairy breed organization. He was a director of the national Holstein board from 1964 to 1972. He has also been president of the Kansas Holstein Association.

In 1978, Strickler was recognized as Man of the Year at World Dairy Expo, Madison, Wisconsin, where

he received a citation signed by President Jimmy Carter.

His many dairy interests have included service as secretary of the corporate board of Mid-America Dairymen, the second largest milk cooperative in the country and president of the National Dairy Shrine Club.

The Kansas dairyman is a recipient of the Ford Foundation Dairy Farm Efficiency Award. A graduate of Kansas State University, he had been named to the Dairy Hall of Fame there.

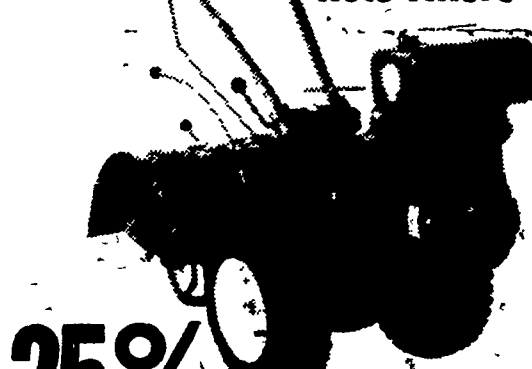
Strickler manages a top herd of 120 registered Holsteins which

averages 19,000 pounds of milk annually. He has judged national cattle shows in Brazil, Argentina and Ecuador and several state shows in this country.

He and his wife, Madge, have three grown sons: Steven, Thomas and Douglas.

As president, Strickler helped determine policies for the largest dairy breed association in the world. Headquartered in Brattleboro, Vermont, the organization registers nearly 300,000 Holsteins each year and provides genetic data and special assistance for 40,000 members.

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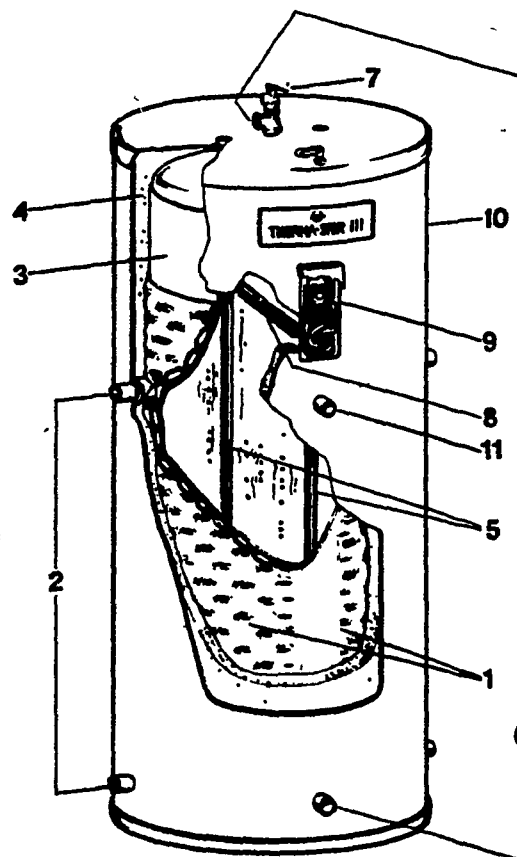


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