

Photo contest

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loud as they examined the cute or comic photos that depicted dairy animals in some of the most unusual and unique situations imaginable.

The winning photo in the cute or comic category taken by Diane Spry shows a neighbor's two-year-old daughter, Carrie Vosburg, in her father's dairy barn. Carrie is "reading" a farm story book to two of her favorite cows. The photo was selected because of the cute story it depicted and the excellent cross lighting that throws illuminated emphasis on not only the young reader but the faces of the cows who appear to be intently listening.

Jane Dietle snapped the second-place winning photo of her buck, Willie, in a pasture in front of their home. Willie's curiosity concerning the wind whirl-a-gig captures a rare moment on film.

Gail McCahon's photo of her daughter, Helen, with her 4-H calf and pet cat depict an affectionate relationship between girl and animals.

The judges just couldn't resist giving an extra award to Enos Hege's hungry cat photo. While several photos were received of cats taking advantage of leaking quarters, look closely at this one. In order to get to the teat, the one cat has its paws wrapped around the other for support. It's an example of feline cooperation.

This type of photo illustrates one of the themes of many entries received in the contest. Dairy animals can get into the craziest situations and only a dairy farm family can fully appreciate them or have the opportunity to capture them on film.

For this reason, a number of additional photos, while they were not among the top winners, will be published from time to time in coming issues of Lancaster Farming. We think you'll get a big kick out of them — just as we and the judges did.

In the posed category, the first-place winner was actually taken about 30 years ago. It shows Ken Witmer with a calf that has latched on to the thumb of daughter, Pat, who was about three at the time. Notice the expression on her face. The photo was actually taken on a rented farm along Golf Road near Media Heights Country Club in southern Lancaster County. The farm was among those properties extensively damaged during the tornado that ripped through the area in 1961.

Mary Getz, of Robeson, took the picture of her brother, Frances Schodowski, at the Deep Valley Dairy Farm. The six-year-old is helping with the feeding. The judges immediately noted the intensesness of his activity and the curious similarity of the calf with head buried in the bucket and the boy with his head almost buried in the over-size cap.

Kathryn Troutman is posed with her pet calf, Razzle, on the dairy farm of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Troutman, Collegeville, Pa.

In the scenic category, the first-place entry shows the Green Hills Farm, operated by Riggs and Stiles, Inc., of Gaithersburg, Md. It was snapped about five years ago by a neighbor Wade Palmer. The pastoral setting is a bit deceiving, too. When the photo was taken, citizens had banded together to successfully fight a proposed dam on the Goshen Branch of the Seneca River, which would have wiped out part of the 200-acre farm. And now, development has encroached on two sides of the farm. As Barbara Stiles explains, they're continuing to hang on with the farm, but possibly one day all that will remain will be the photo.

The second-place scenic photo was taken by Wilma Martin in a meadow near Snavely's Mill northeast of Lititz. To be fully



At the National Convention in Baltimore this week Ivan K. Strickler, president of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, addresses the serious problem of over-production.

Surplus threatens industry

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of creating the necessary markets.

"We've already established trade centers throughout the world. Give us the authority and support and let us help balance the budget by selling surplus and reducing the taxpayers burden," he recommended.

Strickler suggested various programs that may eventually assist in checking the current over-production crisis: a national milk production adjustment; national cull cow program; self-help program; and a voluntary dairy production retirement program.

"Dairy farmers are realistic citizens and can be counted on to shoulder their fair share in curbing inflation."

"We must realize that government is not our market," he strongly emphasized.

The Agriculture Act of 1949,

appreciated, the photo should be seen in color. The rail fence and trees naturally frame the grazing cattle along the stream to afford excellent photographic composition.

The honorable mention photo was selected, according to the judges, because of the typical scenic type story that is told in it. The three children of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Lehman are herding home the family's cows for milking. Son, Greg, pushes his bike; while Marcy has the hand of two-year-old Julie. With udders heavily laden, the cows start the trek back to the barn.

Cash awards in the contest include \$50 each for the first-place winners, \$30 each for the second-place winners and \$20 each for the honorable mentions.

The awards will be sent shortly to winners. Also, all photos that

Strickler explained, was set up to provide minimum price levels and a removal system for any temporary surplus.

Strickler lauded the industry's efforts over the years and credited the dairy industry as the most efficient food producer in all of agriculture.

Last year, agriculture reached a record \$40 billion in exports and is expected to approach \$48 billion in 1981.

"May they (government) remember these exports made it possible for us to pay for our major imports such as oil, automobiles, and electric gear."

"The financial welfare of American dairy producers for many years to come will depend upon events presently underway in Washington, D.C. and down on the farms of this nation."

were requested to be returned will be mailed in the near future.

So, while the contest has ended and the top winners named, continue to look for entry photos in coming issues.

You'll see how the innate curiosity of a cow can get her into some pretty unusual situations.

But you'll also see how deep the mothering instinct of a dairy cow goes. In fact, you might be surprised at some of their "adopted offspring."

And you'll see owners clowning with their animals.

And for some of the photos, we'll add humorous captions. And you can then substitute some of your own.

Thus, while Dairy Month is officially over, we plan to stretch it a bit with additional published photos.

We think you'll enjoy them.

Ag areas legislation

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the Commonwealth's prime farmland.

Designated HB 143, the new legislation grants local governments the authority to create agricultural areas.

Provisions of the bill provide that 500 or more acres of land used for producing crops, livestock or livestock products can be designated an agricultural area.

"This legislation will, in effect, create agricultural enterprise zones and promote Pennsylvania agriculture by protecting the right to farm," Thornburgh said.

Within an agricultural area, nuisance ordinances and other local laws impeding farming will be restricted. The condemnation of farmland will be strictly limited. State regulations will be modified to encourage farming, and local governments will be authorized to purchase development easements.

Thornburgh pointed to the ag areas legislation as another of the administration's efforts to preserve the family farm in

Pennsylvania by countering the pressures of urban sprawl, inflation and taxation.

These efforts have included:

—The valuation of farm property for inheritance tax purposes at use value rather than market value if the farm is to remain in agricultural operation.

—Liberalization of the split-off provisions of the Clean and Green Act to prevent add-back taxation for changes in land ownership which do not affect land use.

—Creation of a condemnation review board to help ensure that valuable farmland is not taken for highway use unless there is no viable alternative.

—Creation of a milk producers' security fund to protect dairy farmers from the insolvency of milk dealers and processors.

—Transfer of prison and welfare farmlands to the Agriculture Department to promote family farming.

—Exemption of family farm corporations from the capital stock franchise tax.

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