Heald outlines progressive DHIA program

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HAMPTON—The 53rd Meeting and Banquet of the Adams County DHIA was held at the Hampton Fire Hall last Thursday evening.

Following a roast beef dinner that was served to the over 200 persons present, awards for outstanding herds and individual cow records were presented.

Recognized as high herd in the county was Noel and Holmes, Hanover with 20,458 pounds milk and 798 pounds fat on 56.5 cows. Second place went to Larry Deputy, East Berlin with 122.3

cows averaging 21,223 pounds of milk and 782 pounds fat followed by Weim-Sharr Farms, New Oxford with 19,424 pounds milk and 727 pounds fat on 63.8 cows.

Recognized as the herd with the greatest increase in butterfat production was M.J. Starner & Sons, New Oxford, who increased their herd average by 141 pounds of fat on 107.1 cows.

Top milk producing cow in the county for 305 days was "Ethel" owned by Leroy Deputy. She produced at 5-06 33,198 pounds of milk and 837 pounds of fat. High fat record made in 305 days went to El-



Honored at the Adams County DHIA meeting were: Mervin Myers, left, R1, Littlestown, "Piney Lane Guernseys" for the cow with highest lifetime butterfat record of 8,546 lbs. in 10 lactations; Eldon Baum of El-Rho Farms, R1, Abbottstown for high cow butterfat production with 1,393 lbs. in a 305 day lactation.



Adams County Dairy Herd Improvement Association elected directors and re-organized at the 53rd annual meeting, held last Thursday, at the Firehall in Hampton. Officers elected; (left to right: Laurence Wilkinson, R4,

Rho Farm for the record of "Kay", 75-05 25,900 pounds milk and 1393

pounds fat.

High lifetime production for milk went to "Tess" owned by Penn Gate Farm, Littlestown with 194,802 pounds of milk in 12 lactations. High lifetime award for fat production went to Piney Lane Guernseys for "Kitty" who produced 8,546 pounds of fat in 10 lactations.

Special ribbons were given in recognition of herds making over

700 pounds of fat and those making over 650 pounds of fat.

Those over 700 pounds include: Noel & Holmes 798 pounds, Leroy Deputy 782 pounds, Weim-Sharr Farms 727 pounds, Stoner Bros. Dairy 725 pounds, M.J. Starner & Sons 718 pounds, Roy A. Weaner, Jr. 711 pounds, Brown Valley Farms 709 pounds, and Kling Ayr Farms 708 pounds.

The 1981 DHIA Annual Summary was presented by Thomas Piper, Extension Agent. The Adams

Gettysburg, president; Vincent Lobaugh, R1, Aspers, vice-president; Ray Dutterer, R2, Littlestown, secretary; and Marcia Brown, R3, Littlestown, treasurer.

County DHIA finished its 53rd year September 30, 1981 with 56 whole-year herds and 4,091 cows on test. Figures revealed an increase in both milk and fat per cow by 551 pounds and 18 pounds respectively over 1980 figures. Also the value of the product above feed cost per cow increased by \$77.36 over the previous year. While the average number of cows per herd in the state for 1980-1981 was 57.4, it was 70.5 in Adams County.

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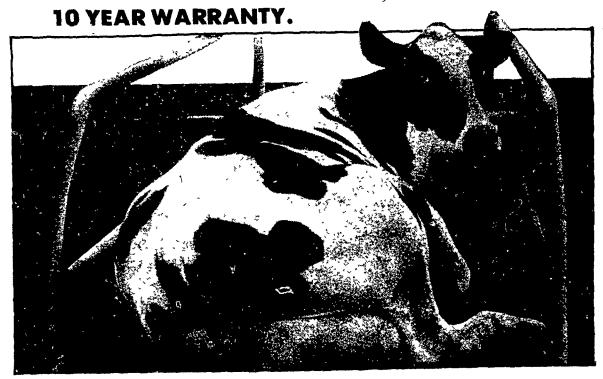
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