

# Angus Assn. elects officers



Newly elected officers of the Pennsylvania Angus Association are, left to right: Vice President Bill Holloway, Seven Valleys; Secretary-Treasurer Patty Salezze, Germansville; and President Fred Frey, Quarryville. (Photo by American Angus Association)

# PHA field staffer

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Diane had also purchased a Bootmaker granddaughter, an Erie County calf sale, and was delighted when the animal dropped a heifer. Then, when the daughter was a bred yearling, a bear chased it one night while it was pastured. In terror, the heifer became stuck in a grove of trees, and badly injured her leg.

"I nursed her for days," Diane remembers wistfully. "But while I was away one day, they had to destroy her."

Although luck did not always smile on Diane's project animals, she did win the county junior show, topped the 4-H district show for two years, and placed third one year in the state show.

Deeply involved in the 4-H program, Diane carried at least a dozen projects each year, and attended Club Congress her last year, as a national winner in achievement.

After majoring in fashion merchandising at a small private business college in Pittsburgh, Diane was a buyer of ladies accessories for Dunham's, a Wellsboro department store. Several times each year she would travel to New York for fashion previews and purchasing.

Working with the Holstein Association, she's now become a

merchandise selector of a different nature, and helped choose cattle consignments for the Penn State Ag Arena fund-raiser.

"That was my first time selecting sale cattle, but I really enjoyed it," she adds.

Putting several hundred miles on her car during weeks of peak Holstein activity, Diane represents the state at various meetings, shows and fairs.

One of her pet projects has been the junior Holstein fitting and showing workshops, where young dairy exhibitors are taught to prepare their animals and themselves for showing competition, where, as Diane puts it, "they have to compete with professionals."

"I'd like to see the junior programs get back to the Master Exhibitor award, where fitting and showing are both taken into consideration," she suggests. "If youngsters don't have type quality in their animals, then they'd better have something else to work toward accomplishing. Not everyone can win first or second place in the type judging."

She also suspects young dairy exhibitors may not be working with their own animals quite as much as they did in years past.

"The parents know how to prepare the animals, and they just do it," says Diane.

Another change Diane would like to see implemented is the addition to the show circuit of a national junior dairy show. In such a show, the junior owner would be obligated to exhibit his own animal.

As a step in that direction on the state Holstein show level, for the past two years, the Pennsylvania Association has extended special recognition at their spring show to junior breeders and exhibitors in each class.

Married to Arden Bliss, Diane and her husband reside outside State College, where she hopes to continue working with the young people of the Pennsylvania dairy industry.

# USDA reaches partial Medfly export agreement with Japan

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Japan has agreed to relax some of the restrictions placed on U.S. produce exports because of the mediterranean fruit fly, Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block announced.

Block said he received the information from Assistant Secretary C.W. McMillan, who led a USDA team in negotiations in Japan recently.

Japan began requiring fumigation of produce from all of California last year when the medfly infestation began. Since then, U.S. officials have been negotiating with Japan to lift restrictions on California produce from outside USDA-regulated areas. This includes acceptance of

produce either exposed to cold in transit in lieu of fumigation or fumigated aboard ship.

The discussions have resulted in an exchange of letters of understanding, rather than a formal agreement. Block said Japanese officials have agreed to:

—accept produce if cold-treated or fumigated in transit to Japan; and

—accept lemons without treatment until April 10 from counties not partially or entirely regulated by USDA, if shipped in order to prevent their becoming infested in transit.

Block said that Japanese officials rejected the U.S. request to restrict produce coming only from USDA-regulated areas of

California, until the Department lifts quarantines in Stanislaus and Los Angeles Counties.

"We still strongly believe that Japan should restrict produce only from USDA-regulated areas," Block said. "Relaxing treatment requirements on lemons does not satisfy our concerns."

McMillan added, "We still feel it is safe for the Japanese to accept

untreated produce from outside the regulated area. We are asking for nothing more than what the United States is already doing on interstate shipments."

According to Block, a Japanese delegation will visit California in early April to review program operations and may announce further changes at that time.

# Attorney will address Red Rose Alliance

GOODVILLE — There will be a general meeting of the Red Rose Alliance, a citizen group protesting the location of the hazardous waste disposal site at the Narvon mine.

The Alliance will meet on Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Goodville Fire Hall on Route 23 in Goodville.

The guest speaker is Ken C.

Notturmo, a lawyer presenting the Alliance. Following Notturmo's report, there will be a question and answer session. The public is invited to attend.



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