

# S.E. Ayrshire Breeders hold barn meeting

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**PEACH BOTTOM** — The Southeast Regional Pennsylvania Ayrshire Club held their annual meeting last Saturday at the farm of Dr. and Mrs. Larry Schmuck.

According to President Kennard Henley, III, of Cochranville, the group includes Ayrshire breeders from the southeast area of the state, including Lancaster, Chester, Lebanon, York, Berks and other neighboring counties. Henley's father explained that the group formed 15 years ago as a regional club.

The group's activities include an annual evening banquet in November, a summer picnic and a spring barn meeting. Betty Henley, club secretary, said there are presently 35 members in the club.

During their barn meeting the Ayrshire breeders held a milk identification contest conducted by the Lancaster County Dairy Princess, Deb Greider. They

participated in a judging contest, awarded a calf to an FFA member of the club, and held a business meeting.

Warren Schmuck explained that the farm's milking herd contains 57 cows, nearly all Ayrshire. There are a total of 130 dairy animals at the farm. The meeting was held in the 4-year-old free-stall barn equipped with a double-four herringbone parlor.

Colleen Spahr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Spahr, 4 Oak Lane, Willow Street, was selected to receive the FFA calf donated by Ann and Nelson Young, Timberlawn Farm, West Grove. Colleen is a sophomore at Penn Manor High School and currently has a dairy animal as her project. She will be keeping her newly acquired calf along with her FFA-heifer at a neighboring farm since she has no facilities at her residence.

County Agent Glen Shirk assisted in the day's activities and Dave Harnish acted as judge.



Lancaster County Dairy Princess Deb Greider officiates at the milk sampling contest held last Saturday during the S.E. Regional Pa. Ayrshire Club's barn meeting. Participants like Colleen Spahr, center, and Karen Long, right,

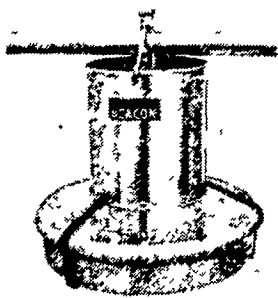
put their tasters to the test. They sampled six different types of milk — Holstein, Jersey, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Ayrshire and goat milk — and picked their favorite 'swallow.'

President Kennard Henley, III, poses with FFA calf recipient Colleen Spahr, center. The calf, donated by Ann and Nelson Young of Willow Street, never made it to the field day held at the Warren Schmuck farm, Peach Bottom, due to the weather. Schmuck, right, milks 57 cows, mostly Ayrshires.



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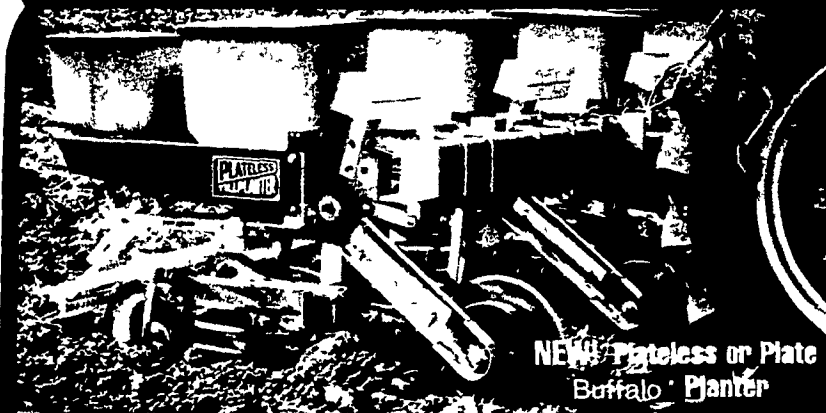
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