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Pa. Holstein Assn. honors Hall of Famers

BY JOYCE BUPP
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ERIE — Mabel Z. Rishel, York, and Earl Groff, Strasburg, were named to the Pennsylvania Holstein Hall of Fame during state convention award ceremonies February 25 at the downtown Hilton Hotel.

Mabel and her husband Norman began dairy farming in York County in 1916. They were instrumental in founding the county breed organization and Norman served as a state director and county president of the Holstein Association.

For additional information and photos of the Pennsylvania Holstein Convention, turn to Page A20 and A21.

In 1929, the couple won the



Mabel Rishel

prestigious Master Farmer recognition. Their registered head,

which developed from the original 12 herd, was one of the first tested and classified in the county. Two of the three excellent females in the herd were homebred.

At one time their herd sire, "Rag Apple Constellation," was rated highest in the state, and at the 1952 Rishel dispersal, sold to Western Pennsylvania Breeders Cooperative. From 1946 through 1952, the Rishel's production and type in their herd won them the Progressive Breeder Award.

Mabel Rishel organized and served as president of the first Farm Women's Society in York County, founded in 1930. She later headed both the York County and the state Society, and continues her interest and participation in Farm Women events.

Now 92, Mabel Rishel has attended 36 consecutive national



Earl Groff

Holstein conventions and numerous state meetings. Her

continued enthusiasm and support for the registered Holstein industry have won her respect and admiration from cattle breeder across the country.

Earl Groff operated and bred a registered Holstein herd for nearly 60 years, and served the breed association as state president, national delegate and member of numerous national committees.

A cattle sale pioneer, Groff founded the successful Garden Spot sale in Lancaster and the prestigious Golden Harvest sale held annually in cooperation with Backus Associates.

Groff was one of the early leaders of the fledgling artificial insemination business. He was instrumental in organizing Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeders Cooperative, (Turn to Page A25)

At Lancaster Dairy Days

Production tops farmers' priority

BY DEBBIE KOONTZ

LANCASTER — Despite the staggering and much publicized surplus of milk currently haunting the dairy industry, farmers — whether unknowingly or through practice of subterfuge — still place their loyalties with production, as evidenced by attendance at Monday and Tuesday's Lancaster County Dairy Days at the Farm and Home Center.

This year the two-day seminar, featuring production and management on Monday and marketing on Tuesday, attracted

more than 400 farmers to Monday's program, but dropped to about half that figure for Tuesday's marketing session.

As partial explanation for the drastic drop in attendance, Glenn Shirk, dairy Extension agent for Lancaster County, suggested that "Perhaps marketing is something of which farmers feel they don't have control."

In the crowded auditorium Monday, dairy farmers heard specialists such as Penn State Ag Engineer Robert Graves, Ex-

tension Veterinarian Lawrence Hutchinson, Dairy Nutritionist Richard Erdman and Dairy Specialist Michael O'Connor discuss such topics as good reproductive efficiency, good cowmanship and good health, feeds and feeding, and environments for good performance.

Tuesday's highlight was a panel discussion by dairy specialists from several milk cooperatives and USDA answering participant's questions on the marketing and advertising potential of the surplus situation.

Find complete reports and pictures from both programs on page A22.



Cattleman of Year, J. Paul Espy, center, and wife, Barbara, are congratulated by Paul Heffner, association president.

Lancaster Farming names Anglestein to editor post

LITITZ — Richard Anglestein, 404 Owl Hill Rd., Lititz, was named editor of Lancaster Farming this week.

A staff writer for Lancaster Farming for the past three years, Anglestein has more than 25 years of experience in newspaper work and communications. More than half of that quarter century has been involved directly in agricultural writing and communications.

Over the past three years, he has covered a variety of writing and photographic assignments for Lancaster Farming, ranging from FFA coverage to agribusiness and from field crops to the Farmland Preservation scenic photo series.

In January, he received his Honorary Keystone Farmer Degree from the Pennsylvania Association of Future Farmers of America. Lancaster Farming was also honored by the State Association for its continuing support of the FFA.

Prior to coming to Lancaster Farming, Anglestein was a writer and photographer in the Public Relations Department at Snery

New Holland, farm equipment manufacturer. In that assignment, he traveled widely throughout the United States and Canada filming, photographing and writing about agricultural operations.

His other agricultural writing assignments included the Lancaster New Era and the Centre Daily Times, State College. He received several statewide writing awards while serving on both newspapers. He attended Penn State and received his degree at Elizabethtown College.

Anglestein also served on the Public Relations Staff of the Bechtel Corporation, San Francisco, during the construction of the Peach Bottom Nuclear Power Plant along the Susquehanna River in Southern York County.

A native of Whitehall, north of Allentown, Lehigh County, he was reared on a general farm in Southern Northampton County. His wife, Marlene, was raised on a farm near Bethlehem. They have one married son, Vance, living in Whitehall.

Former editor, Sheila Miller, resigned her position.

Mine comments are requested

LANCASTER — Written comments about the proposed hazardous waste dump at the Narvon Mine are being sought from Lancaster County residents by the County Planning Commission.

Commission Chairman Nancy M. Puffer said comments from individuals and groups will be accepted on the perceived long-range effects of the proposed hazardous waste landfill.

The comments will be used by the county's Solid Waste Advisory Committee as it puts together its recommendation on the Narvon Mine which will be presented at its April meeting, according to Mrs. Puffer.

The deadline to submit comments is Friday, March 18. They should be sent to John R. Ahfeld, planning director, Lancaster County Planning Commission, 50 N. Duke St., Lancaster.

Cattlemen pick Espy

Man of Year at banquet

BY ROBIN PHILLIPS
Staff Correspondent

STATE COLLEGE — A dynamic spokesman for the beef industry, J. Paul Espy, feedlot operator from Huntingdon County, was honored Tuesday night as 1983 Cattleman of the Year.

The honor came at the Annual Cattlemen's Banquet — the climaxing event of a daylong Dairy and Livestock Program at Penn State.

Explaining he started from scratch, Espy hopes to double his feedlot operation from its present 1000 head to 2000 head.

The Espy operation covers some 650 acres, which is farmed with the help of one fulltime man and seasonal help as needed during harvesting.

Supporting Espy are his wife, Barbara, an English teacher, and a daughter and son, ages 14 and 12.

An outspoken supporter of his industry, Espy delivers numerous speeches at various cattlemen banquets throughout the year.

"My goals are two-fold," he explains.

"They are to become more efficient in our own operation and to promote beef on every table as the most nutritious and beneficial food.

Raised with a farm background, Espy graduated from Juniata Valley High School in the Agricultural curriculum in 1955, where he achieved the FFA Keystone Farmer Degree. He went (Turn to Page A25)

Now less than 1

WASHINGTON, D.C. — And now area farmers are less than one.

The farm population in the Northeastern states has dropped to 0.7 percent, according to the latest Census Bureau figures. That means that less than one person in a hundred now lives on area farms.

The overall farm population of the U.S. now stands at 2.5 percent. That's about 5.6 million. In 1970, there were 8.3 million.

The two highest states with farm population are the Dakotas and there farmers number only about 16 percent.