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Calls for 15-cent deduction

Guernsey head boosts promotion

By Donna Tommelleo
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LANCASTER — In one of his first duties as new Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders president, Albert Hack, of Berwick, Columbia County, called for membership support to back a nationwide mandatory 15-cent per hundredweight deduction for promotion of milk sales.

Hack's action came during the 52nd Annual Meeting of PGBA, last Saturday, in Lancaster.

"This should set a pattern to say that dedicated dairy farmers are working in the best interest of promoting our products," said Hack. The new president explained he hopes to get solid support from all breeds.

A second resolution, which

rallied support for the American Guernsey Cattle Club's action to explore the merits of gene migration, narrowly passed by a tight 16 to 14 margin during the annual business meeting.

Pennsylvania members have less than a month before the national convention convenes in Columbus, Ohio, the home of the new AGCC headquarters. Executive Secretary of the AGCC Bernard Heisner was on hand to highlight the club's activities during 1982 — a transitional year.

Heisner explained that some of last year's goals were to process 450 registrations a week and to maintain 50 pages of advertising per Guernsey Journal issue.

"We're meeting those goals regularly," said Heisner, who will step down from the AGCC position on May 1, 1983.

Heisner admitted that 1982 was a difficult year, due to the transition of moving the club from Peterborough, N.H. to Ohio.

"But we were able to get through it and move without borrowing a dime," he reported. Additionally, the AGCC registered a plus in cash flow within the first two months of 1983.

The AGCC secretary called for increased breed involvement and reminded the Pennsylvania membership of the importance of protein testing.

"If you're not now on protein test or paying attention to it, you are soon going to be. Wisconsin breeders on end product pricing

are getting \$.75 to \$1.00 more per hundredweight," he explained.

Heisner offered the group a sneak preview of the line-up in the national heifer sale, which generates revenues that support youth activities.

Several PGBA juniors were honored for their achievements in production as well as in the show ring.

Bedford County youth Brent Snider 15, was lauded for his performance in the Pa. Junior Dairy Show and in the 1983 Farm Show. Snider's entry Sniders Butchs Holly was named grand champion at both shows.

Kevin Schlegal of Boyertown received the Outstanding Boy award. The 15-year-old sophomore at Oley Valley High is the Son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schlegal. Kevin is a member of the Eastern Berks 4-H Dairy Club.

Berks County claimed both outstanding individuals, this year. Fifteen-year-old Sherri Zollers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Zollers, is also a member of Easter Berks 4-H dairy Club. This year's Outstanding Girl is a sophomore at Brandywine High School.

The following junior members were honored for milk and fat production: 2-year-old milk, Wendy Kriebel, Benton, 18,467 pounds of milk, 764 of fat; 2-year-old fat, Racquelle Fava, Scenery Hill, 17,382 pounds of milk, 768 of fat; 3-year-old milk and fat, Scott Kriebel, Benton, 17,672 of milk, 773 of fat; 4-year-old, Renee Anne

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Some changes come to 'Paradise'

PARADISE — Paradise Township supervisors in Lancaster County have issued a reminder that farming activities are now prohibited on land within the rights-of-way of township roads.

The ordinance prohibits plowing, cultivating or harrowing or depositing fields stones or other debris within the rights-of-way.

And, excessive deposits of mud, dirt, silt, manure or other debris can not be left on the roads.

Violation can carry a fine or imprisonment.

Paradise also now has a 24-hour hotline number for the reporting of any acts of senseless violence. It's 1-800-367-1010.

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New Guernsey president Albert Hack, left, is congratulated by PGBA business manager Lee Yost and wife, Martha. Yost is due to be honored at national convention in Ohio.

PFA cites 2-phase milk reform

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Pennsylvania Farmers' Association has called for two-phased reform of the federal milk support program in order to bring supply in line with demand, and to maintain that balance.

Keith W. Eckel, president of PFA, made the proposal Thursday before members of the Pennsylvania congressional delegation and some 200 farmers at a breakfast here at the Capitol Holiday Inn.

Phase One of the dual-faceted program calls for a \$2.00 per hundredweight reduction in the milk support price for those producers who exceed their 1981-82 production average.

And for those producers who reduce their production by 10 percent, there would be a \$2.00 increase in the milk support price.

This phase would remain in effect until the net CCC purchases of surplus milk would be reduced to 3.5 to 4 billion pounds annually.

Adjustments in the milk price supports would be made quarterly.

Under Phase Two, parity milk support price levels would be placed on a sliding scale based on the net surplus purchases by the CCC.

The scale would range from 60 percent of parity if CCC purchases are over the 11½-billion-pound-level to 80 percent of parity if CCC

purchases drop below the two-billion-pound level.

Adjustments in this phase would be made annually. PFA met with Pennsylvania congressmen to push for the two-phased dairy reform program and to discuss other farm issues. PFA is affiliated with the American Farm Bureau Federation and has 54 county units throughout the Commonwealth.

"The (dairy) program as it now stands does not work," Eckel told the congressmen. "It has created the present situation of surplus product, which continually increases the milk stockpiles purchased and held by the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC)."

Under the proposal put forth by the Administration and passed by the Congress the government would "penalize" farmers 50 cents a hundredweight of milk if they failed to reduce production. Eckel said the proposal is "doomed to failure."

"Farmers who reduce production stand to lose more than

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Trish Williams joins staff

as new dairy writer

LANCASTER — Trish Williams, of Hockessin, Del. joined Lancaster Farming this week as a staff writer, specializing in the coverage of dairy news and events.

Also joining the staff is Robin Phillips, of Rt. 1, Mohrsville, as Berks County correspondent.

Ms. Williams has a strong farm and dairy background, growing up and working most of her life on her family's dairy farm located in northern Delaware.

"My roots are in farming," she explained, "and the principles of the agrarian way of life are deeply ingrained in me and have guided my education and career growth."

Ms. Williams has completed the course work for a master's degree in Extension Education at Penn State. She is presently finishing up research on agricultural direct marketing to complete the requirements for her M.Ed.. Her course work at Penn State stressed agricultural media and communications.

A graduate of the University of Delaware, she received a B.S. in



Trish Williams

1980 with a double major in animal science and agricultural business management. Active in extracurricular activities, she was a member of University of Delaware's Collegiate Dairy Products Evaluation Team, competing in the 1976 in-

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It's a St. Patty's tobacco seedbed celebration

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN

LANCASTER — With quotas soundly turned down in Pennsylvania and Maryland, Lancaster County tobacco growers can proceed with their traditional celebration of St. Patty's Day this coming week by putting in their seedbeds.

In Lancaster County, 733 growers voted against quotas in last week's referendum and 153 voted in favor. Across the state's seven tobacco growing counties, including Lancaster, the overall vote was 788 against quotas and 167 in favor.

In Maryland, the equally lopsided rejection of quotas showed 1,935 votes against and 145 in favor.

A two-thirds vote in favor would have been needed in either state for the quotas to pass.



Interest was higher in the Lancaster County referendum this year due to the surplus of Pennsylvania tobacco. Approximately 200 more growers voted this year than did three years ago and the percentage of "yes" votes was higher.

Local growers also had a stake in the Maryland voting due to the increased interest in growing smoking tobacco leaf in Lancaster County. All of the smoking tobacco leaf has been sold this year; while quite a few farmers are still holding one or even two years of Pennsylvania tobacco in their sheds.

The turndown of the quotas in both Pennsylvania and Maryland means that Lancaster County growers are free to grow the