

**Brown Swiss, Guernsey and Holstein**

# Oley dairyman is a 'triple breed threat'

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OLEY — On his own since last April, Jerry Krone, R1 Oley, smiles when looking at Lake Lane Heathers Flo, a three-year-old Brown Swiss, purchased as a bred heifer at the 1980 Pa. State Brown Swiss Sale in Harrisburg.

Flo is one of two Brown Swiss from Pennsylvania to be nominated for All-American, and Krone has just been notified that she was named Reserve All-American Brown Swiss 3-year-old.

As a two-year-old, "Flo" placed 3rd at the Eastern National and had second best udder. At the York Interstate Fair, she was named Grand Champion after placing first in the 2-year-old class and selected as "Best Udder" of the show.

Leading up to her nomination as an All-American 3-year-old, "Flo" placed first and "Best Udder" at the 1982 Maryland State Fair and second and "Best Udder" at the 1982 Eastern National. Bred by Lloyd H. Lohr, Stoystown, "Flo's" records to date include: 2-05 305 11,890 4.1% 489 and 3-06 213 10,578 3.7% 393. She is projected to finish her 3-year-old record just over 13,000 lbs. milk with a 3.9% butterfat test.

Planning to continue to show this outstanding Swiss, Krone adds that

she has also given him a heifer, who-if she matures like her dam-will accompany her on the tanbark trail.

Krone added that just to be able to find the time to show a few of his animals is a big accomplishment in itself. He remembers rushing to and from his farm and the shows, and is very thankful to his friends in Brown Swiss and Guernsey circles who added "Flo" to their show strings when he returned home.

Krone currently rents a stanchion barn and the surrounding pastures and lives near the farm in another rented farmhouse. "Flo's" herdmates include 13 Guernseys, 14 Brown Swiss, and 10 Holsteins.

Although Krone had been assembling his Brown Swiss herd since 1980 on the Holstein farm of his father, and had initially wanted to form an all-Swiss herd, Krone could not refrain from bidding on 13 Guernseys when the Leader Farm herd in York County was dispersed.

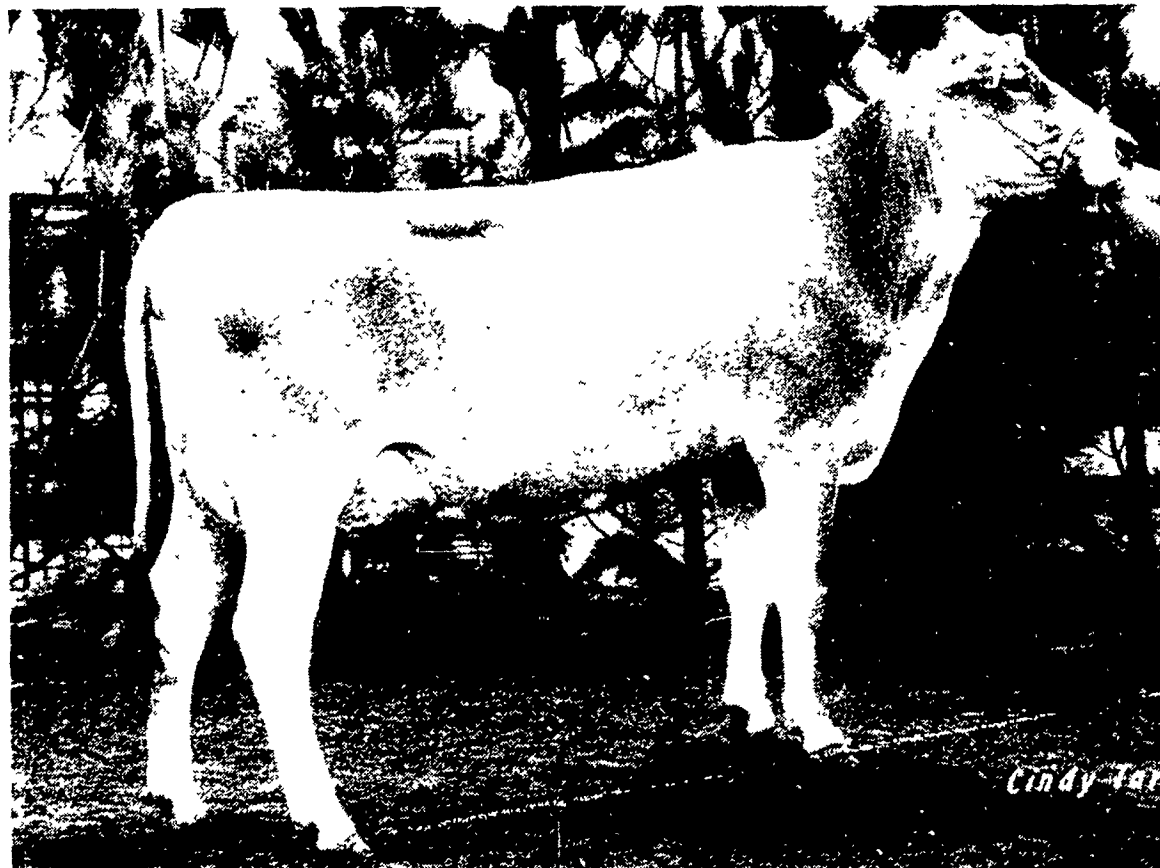
Krone had been employed as Assistant Herdsman at Leader Farms for 3½ years before taking a position as herdsman on a registered Holstein farm in Maryland. When the position of manager at Leader Farms became available, Krone returned and



Jerry Krone stands with his three breed favorites — "Jeannie" the Holstein, "Cecile" the Guernsey and "Flo" the Brown Swiss.



Two of his latest calf additions are displayed by Krone, including a Swiss bull and a Guernsey.



This is Lake Lane Heather's Flo, pride of Jerry Krone.

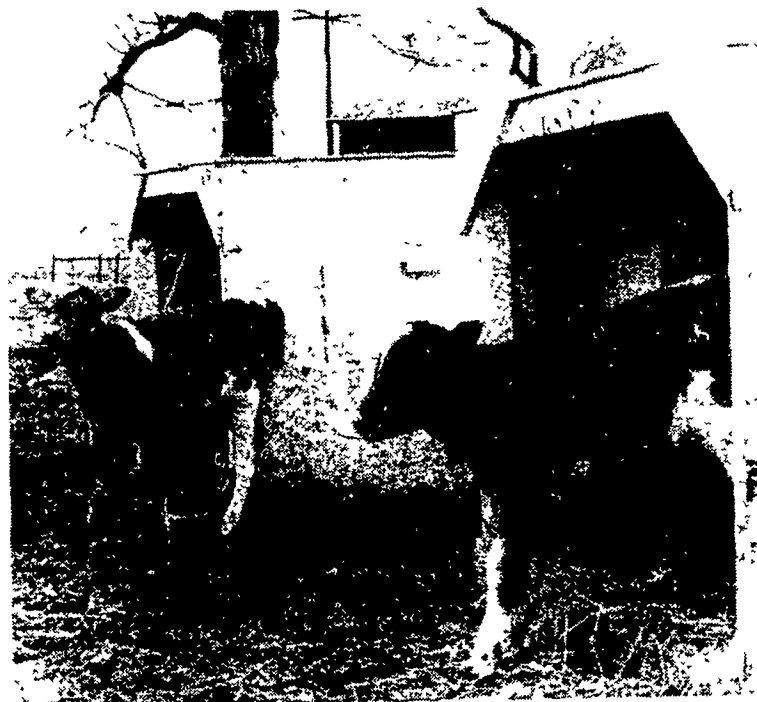
served as manager until the dispersal.

"I knew the cows; I knew what their potential was and the opportunity was there," Krone explains.

His Guernseys include seven "Very Good", two "Desirable", and four not yet classified. These also include three animals with over 100,000 pounds of milk to their credit. Krone states that the Guernseys have the highest butterfat in the herd and when compared month by month, his Brown Swiss and Guernseys pay their way right along side the Holsteins with their extra milk.

Referring to the extra protein and butterfat of the colored breeds and the possibility of protein payments in addition to the extra dividends of the high butterfat, Krone replies, "It's just a matter of time." "That's why I went to the colored breeds."

To explain his most recent purchases, Krone explains that he needed milk. The 10 Holsteins were the last of the trio of breeds to enter this herd and were purchased from another farmer in the county. Krone admits that his Brown Swiss and Guernseys are more docile and easier to handle, but states that he plans to continue to develop the three breeds, using



Hutches are utilized by Krone. These twins are out of a 12-year-old Guernsey.

the top bulls available. Although Holstein semen is much more expensive when compared to the cost of semen for the other breeds, Krone uses artificial insemination exclusively.

"Registered is the way to go because of the merchandise potential," Krone said. All of the animals in his herd are registered with the exception of one Holstein.

One can easily see that these affectionate bovines love their dairyman as much as he appreciates them as they follow him around the pasture close on his heels. Although there were no major setbacks, so common to new dairymen, in his first year of milking, Krone admits to being very grateful for all the bull calves his cows gave him since he has

been living on the money from their sale at auction.

Krone plans to continue to show as much as he is able while dairying by himself, but states that his foremost goal is to get his cows paid off. He is also looking forward to consigning some of his better young stock to the state breed sales in the future.

Time will tell as the economic times take their toll on this young dairyman, as it will for many others across the state. But, as Krone walks into the pastures again, 38 heads come up and look his way. He's got loyal fans out there, who come when called, ready to work hard for this dairyman who is working hard for them.

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