

Beaver/Lawrence County holds Holstein banquet

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NEW CASTLE — Troggio's Restaurant, New Castle, was the sight of the Beaver/Lawrence Counties annual Holstein banquet Jan. 27. It was attended by some 60 plus members and guests.

Paul Lawrence, president of the club, presided over the morning business meeting, which broke for the noon meal of stuffed chicken breasts and "real products," then reconvened for the afternoon program.

Two directors, Blaine Martin and Gary McConnell, both of Lawrence County and one director of Beaver County, John Cooper Jr., were elected to serve three year terms. County Agents Lee Miller, Beaver County, and Calvin Sammons, Lawrence County, spoke on the milk diversion before introducing their Outstanding Junior 4-H Holstein members.

Ed Brunton, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Brunton of R.D.3 Aliquippa, was introduced as the Beaver County winner, with Jill Snyder, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Snyder, R.D. 3 Volant, being named Lawrence County's winner. Each of the contestants own five head of registered Holsteins. Jill has been a 4-H member for 10 years, while Ed has been a member for seven years.

Jill lives on a 200-acre dairy farm where her parents milk 60 head of Holsteins. She started in 4-H at age eight belonging to a horse club. She later joined the Yankee Dairy Club and the Advanced Dairy Club. She has shown her projects at round-up and Northwest 4-H District dairy show and has received several Master Showman awards. She was a member of Lawrence County's junior bowl team which participated at '83 Pa. Holstein Convention.

Playing basketball and volleyball at the new Wilmington High School keeps her time well occupied. In telling about herself she concluded with a short poem and stated that, "A 4-H'er is a giver."

Ed, who's family operates Brunton Dairy, and bottles their own milk with a processing plant

on their 210-acre farm. They also rent another 200 acres to supply enough feed for 240 head of dairy cattle with 90 of them milking year round.

Besides being a member of the Beaver County Dairy Calf Club and carrying Holstein calves for projects, he also has carried capons and corn. He was awarded Grand Champion Showman at the 1983 Hookstown Fair and participated in the Southwest 4-H District Show. His major chores on the farm are feeding the calves and milking whenever needed.

Four youths again took the spotlight by winning prizes in the Milk/Fat Contest. Nine junior members with 12 entries turned in outstanding milk records. "Many Springs Ann" with 1178 pounds of butterfat not only took first in the local competition, but was declared third place winner in the state competition for her owner, David Wilson, in the aged cow butterfat division. She also produced 25,566 and ran a 4.6 test which made her win both categories in the local contest of aged cows.

David's brother, William, was noted as following in 4th for butterfat, statewide competition with a 1156 record. "Many Springs Joy Lynn" tested 4.7 and produced 24,987 of milk. Their sister Mary Lou received winning honors of milk/fat with her 4 year old "Many Springs Jolly Royal" making over 20,890 of milk, 758 of butterfat and a 3.6 test. She also captured first place for milk with 18,467 in the three-year-old class with "Many Springs Bobbie."

Keeping it in the same family, William's "Many Springs Angie" made 686 of butterfat to beat his sister out of 669 of fat. "Angie" produced 15,599 of milk and tested 4.4, while "Bobbie" ran a 3.6 test. These youngsters reside in Lawrence County, but a Beaver County girl did not take the honors in the two-year-old class. Julie Anne Kroll's young Holstein made 18,910 pounds of milk, ran a 3.4 test and 638 pounds of butterfat to receive tops in both milk/fat.

Youth committee, Bob Trotter and Ron Caldwell, praised the youths for their outstanding accomplishments and were highly

pleased with all the junior entries. "The adults had better watch out with records like these!" Trotter remarked. It was also noted that the juniors would have a team going to the state convention, participating in the Junior Dairy Bowl Quiz.

State representative, Elder Vogel, spoke on the progress made in dairy promotion with the local McDonald's food chain participating. He noted that local milk was being used at McDonald's and that several dairymen would be asked to help promote milk and the "Real" seal in the coming months at the various local McDonald's.

Vogel announced the club made the membership goal before Jan. 20th and would be receiving the \$200 kick-back that was to go into

the youth program. He noted that a new class of Intermediate yearlings would be added to the shows, starting this year.

Diane Bliss, of the Pa. Holstein staff, was on hand to up-date the club on Holstein functions, including the Pa. Convention/Sale progress. Declaring the plans for fun night, tours, sports events, youth awards, calf raffle and the Junior Dairy Bowl Quiz along with the 46 Holsteins consigned for the sale were well under way. She noted that the Pa. on Parade Sale for March 29 was changed with the show beginning at 8 a.m., followed by bred heifer sale at 6 p.m. The calf sale is the next day.

President Lawrence noted there would be two district meetings, one

in the Southwest at New Stanton and the Northwest at Franklin. Representatives would be going to each. He also stated that selectors were out looking for consignments now for the State heifer/calf sale, Erie County calf sale and Mercer County Spring Spectacular Sale. The date for the Northwestern Championship Show has been set for Aug. 3 in Washington County.

Steve Moff, a dairy program specialist, at Coba/Select Sires presented a slide program on "Linear Type," explaining how the code numbers work on various ranges of one through nine and showing sample slides of each division. Questions were discussed during the presentation, followed with several by those in attendance after the slides were viewed.




Pictured from left are Beaver County Agent Lee Miller, Beaver/Lawrence County Dairy Princess April Kroll; Beaver County Outstanding 4-H Junior Holstein Member Ed Brunton; Lawrence County Outstanding 4-H Junior Member Jill Snyder and Lawrence County Agent Calvin Sammons.



Directors recently elected for three-year terms are from left, Blain Martin, and Gary McConnell, for Lawrence County; and John Cooper Jr., Beaver County.



Winning the milk/fat contest was Dave Wilson, center. He is flanked by Bob Trotter, youth advisor, left; and President Paul Lawrence.

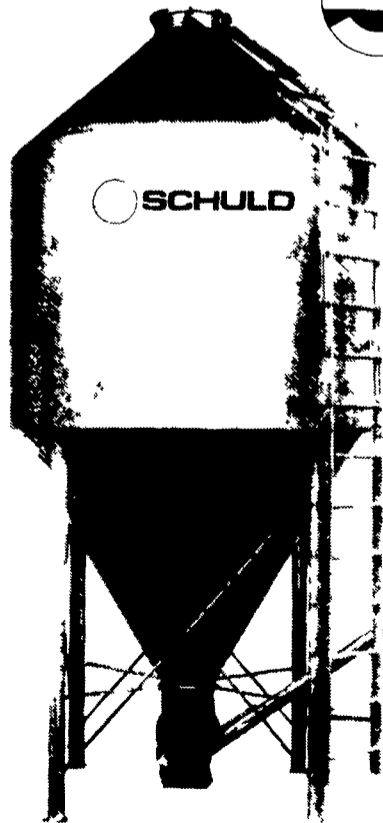


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