

Love of Cows

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dairy setup, only heifers and dry cows are housed there. Milking animals are farmed out to neighboring dairies.

Patty remembers watching her older brother show cows when her father had a Holstein dairy. Because of the size of the Holsteins, her father told her, "I'll get you a nice little Jersey." Since then, Jerseys became common at Clearview Farm. Although Beth started her 4-H career with Guernseys to keep from competing with her sister, she also switched to Jerseys after Patty was out of 4-H. "I just liked the Jerseys a little better," she states.

Patty is particularly proud of her typey homebred animals. "I like to see a Jersey that looks like a Jersey," she says. Because her interests are to extensively show her animals, Patty breeds mainly for type. "It doesn't pay me to breed for production," Patty

states. "It wouldn't help me at the shows, which is what I like to do." Animals are bred for refinement, a dished face and a long neck. She wants them to be clean boned and dairy looking. The sires Patty is currently using on her winners include: Advancer Sleeping Milestone, Golden Faithful, Golden Master, and Milestone Babes Master.

"We like a sharper looking cow," Beth says. These two sisters know what they are talking about. Although this was the first year for the premier breeder honors, they have been in the top three at the Farm Show for the past several years. In 1981 a Clearview cow took the Reserve Grand Championship at the Farm Show, and this past year saw several Clearview grand champions at the local fairs. The Farm Show remains as one of the Jenkins' favorite shows because of the competition.

"I'd rather be fifth in 10, then

first out of two," Patty says with a smile.

One of Beth's animals was also shown at the national show in Kentucky this past year. The girls are proud of the fact that she stood in the top half of the large classes.

Patty's favorite animal is her nine-year-old cow, Clearview Criterion Holly. Recently raised to a "very-good" - 87, on her 1984 appraisal, Holly is the foundation for five of the animals in the Jenkins string.

"I like what I'm getting," Patty says of her breeding philosophy. "Buyers are pleased. I want to keep breeding my own, it's more rewarding that way."

Patty plans to build up her herd and one day go into dairying and showing on her own. She credits her parents for all their support and help. "If it wasn't for them, we couldn't do it," she says of her and her sister's efforts.

From experience Patty has developed several practices that have helped her. Calves are fed milk for three months. "You get a stronger animal," she states. At two weeks of age, calves are also fed grain and a high quality alfalfa. Before shows, Patty feeds calf manna to her animals. "It tends to help their overall appearance," she continues. Animals should be on the thin side to show better, but Patty says that she is often too good to them and her animals are often too heavy. Patty is also an avid observer of the winning animals at all the fairs and shows that she attends.

This lady's life is cows, cows, cows, and she has spread her in-

terest familywide. With her family's backing and her sister following in her footsteps, Patty's breeding philosophy will continue to make it's mark in exhibitions.

Although just a small part, her dedication to research will also show itself in years to come. When you meet Patty Jenkins, you will probably see cows. It's her life.

Consider Special Clothing Needs

NEWARK, Del. — Like everyone else, the elderly and handicapped feel their best when they're well dressed. But for them, clothing needs to be more than attractive. It should also be comfortable, easy to put on and take off, and practical to care for, says University of Delaware Extension Home Economist Roxane Whittaker.

People whose movements are restricted need clothing with generous openings, and easy-to-use fasteners. Front fasteners are easier to reach. Where dexterity is a problem, a large, decorative loop can be attached to a zipper pull. Or, large, flat buttons can be sewn with a thread shank so they stand away from the fabric. Woven nylon strips that adhere when pressed together are also useful.

Comfort features to look for include semi-fitted waistlines or gently elasticized waists. Avoid high, close-fitting necklines and tight sleeves. If a person uses crutches, choose sleeves that are cut high in the underarm.

For women, wrap-around slips and skirts provide extra comfort and convenience. Pockets are handy for carrying tissues, coins,

and other necessities.

Skirts should be full but not drag on the floor while a person is seated or using crutches. A convenient feature in women's pants is a side zipper that opens all the way down the leg.

Lined pants prevent wear if braces are used. Shorter trouser lengths will not catch under crutches.

Rough textures and heavy fabrics are often annoying to older people and can irritate dry skin. Choose soft, non-irritating and non-binding fabrics.

Look for adequate seam allowances and small, even stitches. Consider reinforcing areas of strain.

For washable garments, check for easy-care characteristics. Look for wrinkle-resistance and no-iron features.

It's sometimes difficult to find the styles, sizes, and convenience features the elderly and handicapped need. If the right clothing isn't available in ready-to-wear, perhaps a home sewer can adjust a garment's features to suit an individual's needs.



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