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Heading the Maryland Holstein Association for 1984 are, from left, president James R. Hill, director Edward Kahler, vice president Joseph Schwartzbeck, ex-officio member Jane King and secretary/treasurer John Morris. Directors not pictured are Tom Shaw, Edward Stanfield Jr. and James Stonesifer.

Farm Show changes, too

End to minimum Pa. milk pricing urged

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN
HARRISBURG — A review of two state agencies associated with agriculture — the Pa. Milk Marketing Board and the State Farm Products Show Commission — has recommended their continued existence, but with some very basic changes in their membership and what they do.

The two most important recommended changes in these agencies made in a staff report of the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee as required under sunset legislation to determine if they should remain in existence include:

—The Milk Marketing Board should end its mandatory setting of minimum milk prices at both the

wholesale and retail levels in Pennsylvania.

—Membership in the Farm Products Show Commission should be expanded to include members from the general public who have no direct ties to agricultural interests.

The staff audit, which is among the early stages of legislative review of the future of the agencies, contains a number of other recommendations. The termination date for both is Dec. 31 unless the legislature votes to extend their existence.

In its review of the PMMB, the committee staff found that while the board is beneficial to the public health by maintaining the quality and supply of milk, the practice of

setting minimum prices at the resale level appears to be overly restrictive.

It recommends that the Legislature consider amending the board's enabling legislation to

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Md. Holstein Assn. holds convention

BY LAURA ENGLAND

NORTH EAST, MD. — Holstein breeders from across the state met at the Sandy Cove retreat Tuesday and Wednesday for the 20th annual Maryland Holstein Convention and Sale.

The convention began with the annual meeting in which new officers were elected for the coming year. James R. Hill, Emmitsburg, was elected president, while Joseph Schwartzbeck, Union Bridge, was elected vice president and John L. Morris, Frederick, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Thomas Shaw, Fairplay, was elected to a three-year term on the board of directors. He joins board members Edward Kahler, Keymar, Edward Stanfield Jr, Randallstown, and James A. Stonesifer, Union Bridge.

The Md. Holstein Association noted an increase in membership this year with a total 930 members. Also on a positive note was the increased support of the scholarship fund. A total of \$2,500 was donated to the fund with \$4,200 worth of scholarships awarded to junior members last year.

In addition to committee reports given during the business meeting, awards were presented to outstanding Holstein breeders.

Progressive Breed Registry (PBR), production and All-Maryland awards were presented.

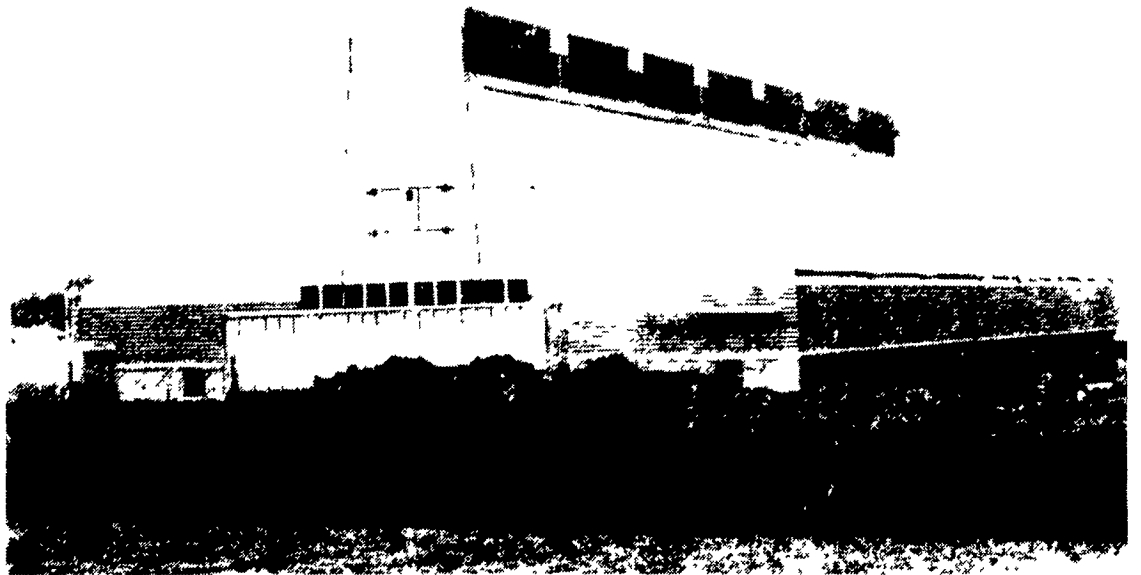
To receive PBR awards, a dairyman must have a herd milk average over 19,261 pounds, a fat average of 692 pounds and a BAA of 102.0 or higher. Qualifying for this honor were: Carl Bender, Accident, with 90 cows averaging 20,032 pounds of milk and 742 pounds of fat; Kingstead Farms, Damascus, 101 cows with 21,158 pounds of milk and 787 pounds of fat; and Maple Lawn Farms Inc., Fulton, 147 cows with 21,696 pounds of milk and 782 pounds of fat.

Also Roger and Jason Myers, Westminster, 41 cows with 21,752 pounds of milk and 752 pounds of fat; C. Renn Remsberg, Middletown, 78 cows with 21,017 pounds of milk and 766 pounds of fat; Schenning Brothers, 102 cows with 19,574 pounds of milk and 712 pounds of fat; and Donald Wilcom, Ijamsville, 149 cows with 19,742 pounds of milk and 701 pounds of fat.

Bender, Myers and Wilcom received the PBR award for the first time, while Kingstead Farms received it for the 29th year. Remsberg for 22, Maple Lawn Farms Inc. for 17 and Schenning Brothers for four years

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Penn State ag arena takes shape



The skyline of the Penn State campus is decorated with a new and unique structure — the Ag Arena — a cooperative symbol of much of the Commonwealth's farming community.

Exterior construction is virtually completed, except for trim and other final touches, such as landscaping. Inside, electricians, plumbers and other craftsmen are working in various service facilities.

The unique construction features a system of six double louvers found in the "monitor" section of the upper roof area. These louvers are electrically operated and are the heart of an air exchange system that will provide both natural and forced-air ventilation for animals, exhibitors and spectators.

While official completion is slated by June 1, a number of senior Penn Staters are hoping that Spring's traditional two big show events — the Little I and the Dairy Expo — might possibly be the Arena's inaugural activities.

Pa. Holstein Hall of Fame inducts Hurlbert, Stebbins

BY JOYCE BUPP
Staff Correspondent

ALTOONA — Carl Hurlbert and Herman Stebbins are the two newest additions to the Pennsylvania Holstein Association's Hall of Fame

The honoring of these two longtime Holstein breeders was the highlight of PHA's annual convention banquet on Feb. 23 at the Altoona Sheraton.

Hurlbert and his wife Ruth have farmed for over 50 years at Westford Road, Jamestown, on the home farm where he was born.

Although the Crawford County breeder began with grade cattle, he gradually developed the herd into a registered one. One of the founders of the Crawford County Holstein club, he served as that group's secretary for many years.

A director with the early Western Pennsylvania Breeders

Cooperative, later merging into Atlantic Breeders Cooperative, Hurlbert used the pioneer bull stud's Pabst and Rag Apple bloodlines as a breeding basis for his herd

Keystone Ideal Pioneer, bred at the Seipt's Keystone herd near Easton, was used as the farm's herd sire for a number of years. Among his offspring were some of Knoll-Hurst's top daughters, including one top producer with records over 20,000 milk and 800 fat, at a time when production averages were perhaps half that figure.

Many Hurlbert-bred calves help start 4-H and FFA youngsters in the dairy business, as initial herd project animals. Merchandising also included consignments to various sales, such as the Pennsylvania state sale at Harrisburg.

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