

# York Holstein Assn. plans meeting & bus trip

YORK — York County Holstein Association will hold its annual spring barn meeting at Smysers' Richlawn farm on Tuesday beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Program plans for the meeting include a presentation on dry cow management, with the opportunity to view the Smyser's recently-constructed dry cow and maternity facility.

The Smyser farm, operated by Richard, Robert and Rodney Smyser, is located west of York on the East Berlin Road (Route 234). Last year, the Richlawn herd topped the county's DHIA production list with a herd average on 68 head of 21,485 milk and 792 fat, and won top protein production honors with 690 pounds. Individuals in the herd also won 305-day milk and fat record awards.

Richard Smyser began dairying on the century farm in 1947, and his two sons comprise the fifth generation of family farmers.

County Holstein club members

and all interested dairymen are invited to attend the annual barn meeting.

Holstein club trip committee chairmen have announced plans for the club to organize a spring bus trip to visit several top registered Holstein herds in the

area of Toronto, Canada.

Dates of the bus trip are April 10 through 12, with overnight stops at Niagara Falls, on the United States side, and at Toronto. Tentative plans include possible stops at such noted herds as Roman...

Hanover Hill, Roundtree, Roybrook, E.B. Holmes and Browndale.

Estimated cost of the bus and accommodations is \$135, with a \$50 down payment per person required when reservations are made.

Reservations may be made, with downpayment, at the barn meeting, or be sending to Thomas Boyer, 110 Biesecker Road, York, 17404. More details on the bus trip will be available following the barn meeting program. — J.B.

## Dum named Holstein consultant

BRATTLE BORO, Vt. — Thomas G. Dum, Jr., a native of Pennsylvania, has been named by the Holstein Association to serve as field consultant to dairy breeders in western Pennsylvania and northern West Virginia.

Prior to his new position, Dum was a herd classifier for the national Association.

Consultant Dum will assist dairymen with on-the-farm corrective mating programs, sire development, cattle merchandising and many of the other Association services available to herd owners.



Thomas G. Dum Jr.

Raised on the family dairy farm, Dum started his own Holstein herd in 1952, progressing from a grade herd to an all-registered herd in 1965, when he went on official test, classified the animals and began to show in local, state and Pennsylvania All-American shows.

Dum has been a member of the West Perry Young Farmers Association, the Pennsylvania Holstein Association, and elected as delegate to national Holstein conventions.

He has been a director of the county Holstein club and the DHIA board. His community work has

included promotion of the Perry County Princess sale.

Dum and his wife Nellie are parents of five children and reside at Elliottsburg. Contact him through the Holstein Association area office in Harrisburg at 717-657-8800.

## Sidders gets Holstein post

BRATTLE BORO, Vt. — Tommy L. Sidders, a new part-time Holstein Association herd classifier, has finished his field training and has joined the permanent field staff serving dairy breeders in the Eastern regional states.

Sidders will work out of the Harrisburg, national Association office, classifying Holstein herds in states as far north as New England and as far south as Virginia.

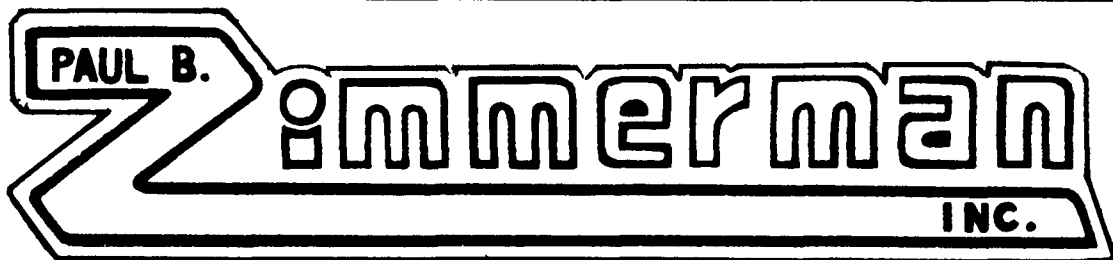
Holstein classifiers provide functional type evaluation services for herd owners, a program that requires scoring individual animals against the ideal cow of the breed.

Classification information can be used as a herd management improvement tool, as well as providing information for merchandising cattle.

Sidders has received intensive technical training in the linear method of measuring type traits of Holstein animals, a system implemented by the Association in 1983.

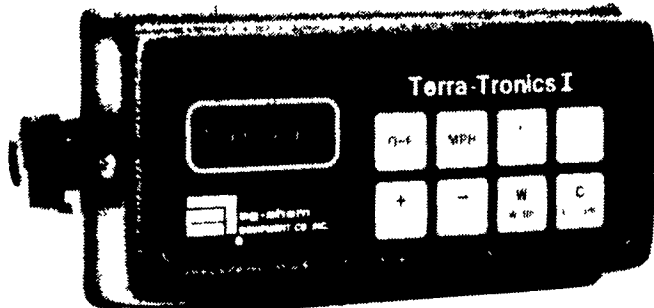
The Ohio native has owned and bred registered Holsteins and participated in most aspects of the dairy industry in the last 18 years.

Sidders and his wife Jane have two children, Emily and Lucas. He can be reached through the Holstein Association area office in Harrisburg at 717-657-8800.



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