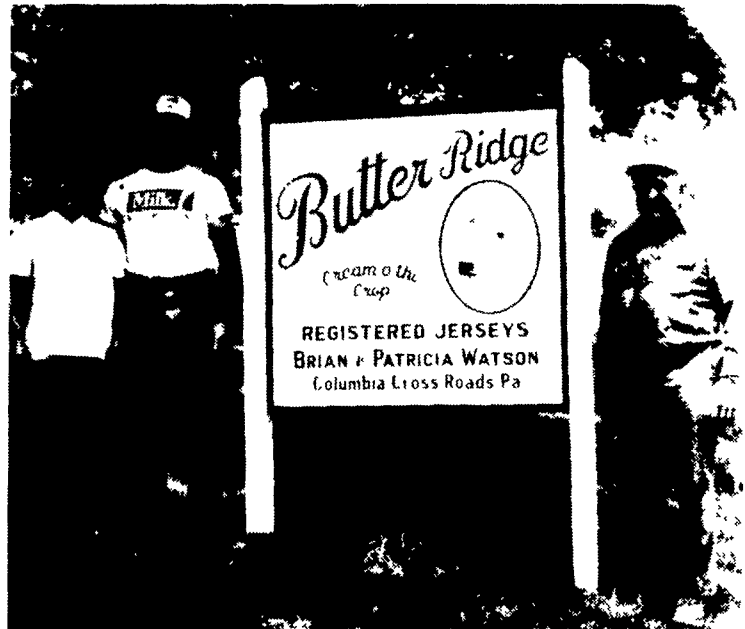




Randy Watson is owner of Blue Angel Flats, which houses a Holstein herd.



Butter Ridge Farm is home for Brian and Patty Watson, pictured with Roy Watson, right.



Rodney Watson will take over the family farm, Smokey Hill Jerseys.

Progressive thinking

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continue his policy to establish his sons, but yet a way to recoup some of his capitol.

"It was a golden opportunity," he says of this sale idea. "The state Jersey club needed funds for its upcoming hosting of the 1985 National Jersey convention and I needed to get back some of my loss from Schepps."

"I have surplus cattle," he adds and has given the state club rights to a commission for managing the sale.

After the sale July 14, Watson looks forward to January when his

last two sons will take over on their own. "In January I'll be a free man," he says with a big smile.

He looks forward to no longer having to milk twice a day, but adds, "I'm hoping my boys will still need my advice."

But Watson is also a progressive thinker and says, "I hope they don't do just as I did, you should go with the times, as long as it's practical."

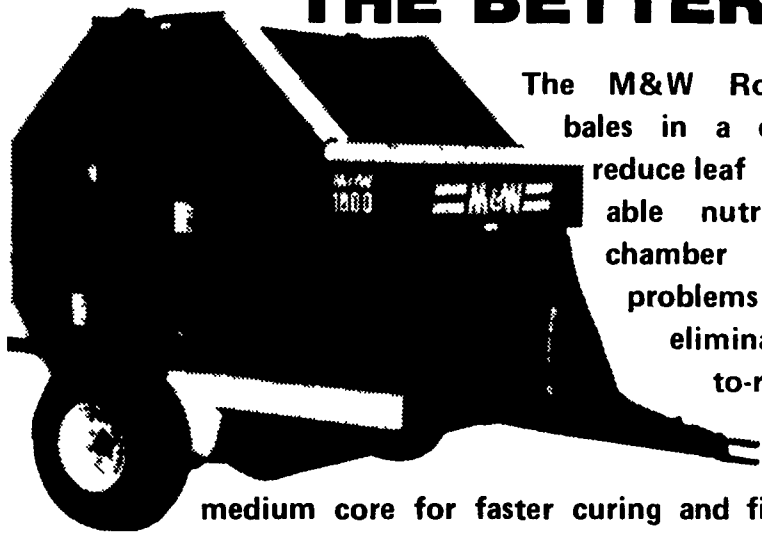
While many people might think that Roy Watson is a rich man in terms of dollars and cents, Roy states, "I don't have any money, it's all invested."

He flourishes his arms over his sons and their land. Like most farmers, Watson's riches lay with his land, his sons and the friendship and trust of his neighbors and acquaintances.

At times when he is discussing the upcoming sale it is with sad tones that he speaks of ending a part of his life. But he speaks with great admiration of his own father, Ivan, who is still farming at 79 years of age. "I just hope that my boys will look back like that on me," he says.

Watson does not need to worry. When speaking to his boys, they make it clear that their biggest asset has been their father, and their farms thrive on Watson philosophy.

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