

Columbia DHIA

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BLOOMSBURG — Leading the Columbia County DHIA for the recently completed testing year was the herd of Frank and Jan Jurbala of Orangeville. Their fifty cow herd of registered Holsteins averaged 21,654 pounds of milk and 822 pounds of butterfat. Following the Jurbala herd was Richard Kriebel, Benton, who averaged 774 pounds of butterfat and 20,336 pounds of milk on the 47 cow herd of registered and grade Holsteins. And the Schultz Brothers herd, Bloomsburg, had 18,493 pounds of milk and 764 pounds of butterfat from 70 registered Holsteins.

There were 60 members and friends attending the annual meeting on Nov. 17, where recognition was given to high herd averages and herds with outstanding increases in production. William Blissinger, Bloomsburg, posted an increase of 2559 pounds of milk and 104 pounds of butterfat over the previous year on his herd of 36 Holsteins. There were five herds with over 700 pounds of butterfat and fourteen more herds that exceeded 600 pounds of butterfat. Robert Bronson, Bloomsburg, received an award for having the lowest average somatic cell count for the year.

Columbia County's DHIA average for 1984 was 15,790 pounds of milk and 605 pounds of butterfat. There were 38 herds that com-

pleted the year with 2325 cows on test.

Top lifetime producers in the county were: "Milly", a 12-year-old Holstein at Pen-Col Farms with 233,682 pounds of milk and 8431 pounds of butterfat in nine lactations; "Vallie", a 12-year-old Guernsey in the Albert Hack herd of Berwick, with an eight lactation total record of 109,472 pounds of milk and 5,306 pounds of butterfat. These cows are still producing and adding to their life-time records.

Other herds with distinguished life-time records were: Fred J. Hess, Benton; Shultz Brothers, Bloomsburg; Jack W. Dent, Berwick; Hunter Crest Farm, Orangeville; Robbins Farms, Bloomsburg; Richard Kriebel, Benton; Thunder Bird Farm, Benton; Robert C. Bronson, Bloomsburg; Lyons Den Dairy, Millville; Glenn Bowman, Bloomsburg; Richard D. Wenner, Stillwater; Fairwood Farms, Berwick; Hosler Brothers, Berwick; Frank Jurbala, Orangeville; Tri Vale Farms, Bloomsburg; Barry Wise, Benton; Robert Schlichter, Benton; John Turofski, Catawissa; Faus Triple Run Farms, Millville; and William Bissinger, Bloomsburg.

Following is a list of dairymen who posted 700 pound butterfat averages this past year: Frank Jurbala, Richard Kriebel, John W. Turofski, Circle C. Farms, and Shultz Bros.

Potato breeder honored

ITHACA, N.Y. — Cornell University scientist Robert L. Plaisted, who specializes in potato breeding, has been elected an honorary life member of the Potato Association of America (PAA) for his "many accomplishments and contributions" to the nation's potato industry.

PAA also cited Plaisted for his meritorious service to the organization. He is one of four scientists so honored this year at the PAA's 68th annual meeting of the University of Maine at Presque Isle. In 1971-72, Plaisted served as president of the group, which has more than 1,700 members in the United States and 80 other countries.

Plaisted is a professor of plant breeding in the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell. He served as chairman of Cornell's department of plant breeding and biometry from 1964 to 1979.

Plaisted is on a team of Cornell scientists that has developed several new potato varieties including "Bake-King," a baking variety of exceptional culinary quality, and "Rosa" and "Hudson" that have built-in resistance to the golden nematode, an important potato pest in New York State. Another golden nematode-

resistant variety developed by the same group is being readied for commercial use soon.

Born in Hornell, N.Y., Plaisted

received the B.S. (1950) from Cornell, and the M.S. (1954) and Ph.D. (1956) degrees from Iowa State University.

WAYNE COUNTY DHIA October, 1984

James Slocum, Susquehanna, had the leading dairy herd in the Wayne County in the October test period, according to the Cooperative Extension Service. The herd of 31 Holsteins had a rolling herd average of 20,233 pounds of milk and 775 pounds of butterfat.

Other top herds were Kevin Burleigh, Pleasant Mount, 20,960 milk and 773 fat, Kinghill Farm, Starrucca, 19,700 milk and 763 fat, Paul Kennedy, Honesdale, 21,144 milk and 739 fat, Robert Fries, Aldenville, 18,212 milk and 726 fat, Rowe Brothers, Honesdale, 18,262 milk and 709 fat, Glover Brothers, Starrucca, 18,326 milk and 707 fat, James Woodmansee, Lake Como, 17,614 milk and 691 fat, and Golden Willow Holsteins, Honesdale, 19,668 milk and 678 fat.

The cow completing the highest lactation of 305 days or less during the October test period was a 7-year-old Holstein owned by Randy Howell, Waymart. "Tess" produced 30,625 pounds of milk and 1158 pounds of butterfat.

Other top producers were "Tess" owned by James Slocum, Susquehanna 29,828 milk and 1127 fat; "JoJo" owned by Robert Fries, Aldenville, 20,425 milk and 1023 fat, "Polly" owned by Rowe Brothers, Honesdale, 24,290 milk and 987 fat, "Lettie" owned by Don B & Wm R Bryant, Honesdale, 24,929 milk and 934 fat, "Joy" owned by Kinghill Farm, Starrucca, 20,995 milk and 915 fat, "4101" owned by John Worobey, Thompson, 20,660 milk and 901 fat, "5982" owned by Robert Fries, Aldenville, 19,881 milk and 889 fat; "Beverly" owned by Hayson Farm, Starrucca, 24,090 milk and 886 fat, and Robert Fries, Aldenville, 20,201 milk and 878 fat.



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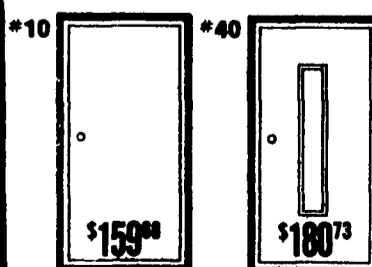
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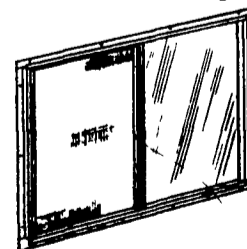


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