

York elementary students enjoy dairy program

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EAST PROSPECT — "Dear Young Dairymen, Thanks for the erasers and ice cream and stuff. Love, Joshua."

Joshua was one of over 500 students at the Canadochly Valley Elementary School who recently participated in a milk promotion program, thanks in part, to a grant from the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Board.

Recipient of a \$250 funding grant was the Young Dairymen group of the Middle Atlantic Division, Dairymen, Inc. Since the majority of that organization's membership of young dairy farmer families hails from southern York County, promotion focus has been on elementary schools in that area.

Students were divided by classes into five groups, with the program altered slightly based on the age levels. Spokesmen from among the Young Dairymen membership

took turns speaking about cows and milk production, the Real Seal, and the importance of milk for physical fitness, plus answering the gamut of expected — and sometimes unexpected — questions.

From the thank you letters the Young Dairymen received following their visit, it becomes obvious that each child learned at least one new thing.

"Thank you for teaching us. Thank you for the cows. I enjoyed the program. I learned that cows can bring up cuds. I learned that cows have calfs all year round. Thank you for the bumper sticker. Lewis."

"Thank you for showing us the Real Seal. Jerry."

"You are nice to us. I learned it has fore stomachs and they have no teeth at the top. Sincerely, Your Friend, Ted."

Younger groups saw the movie "Hey Cow" from the producers of Sesame Street programs, while older students enjoyed a slightly longer and more detailed film, "Wholly Cow."

Then it was time to line up, class by class, for a chance to really get into actual involvement with making a dairy product. For many of the youngsters, taking the crank of a freezer full of hardening ice cream was a first-time experience.

While strong Young Dairymen held the freezer in place and supervised the cranking chores, other members in an adjoining room watched over several other batches being whizzed into vanilla ice cream for sampling. By the end of a full day of ice, salt and churning, 76 quarts of the tasty homemade dessert had been distributed.

Each student had the opportunity to sample flavored UHT milk, and older grades nibbled away a full five pounds of flavorful Longhorn cheese.

Their heads filled with milk information and their tummies with Real milk products, youngsters warmly welcomed the program's climax, and left with pockets stuffed as well. Molly Moo, fuzzy pink cow with a "bag" full of dairy promotion goodies, made the rounds, handing out cow erasers, balloons, and other souvenirs of the day.

It's hard to tell which the kids enjoyed more — their new knowledge, the ice cream, or the goodies they got to take home.

"Dear Dairymen, Thank you for giving us the coloring book and the sticker and the eraser and the ice cream and thank you for sharing the movies with us. And I learned that they have four stomachs.

And one more thing. I like milk. Sincerely, George."

"This should be repeated periodically," was the sentiment expressed by teacher Pat Hollander, keeping watch over her second grade class. "We should be made more aware of the value of dairy foods."

Other upcoming school

promotions scheduled by Young Dairymen are at the Eastern District's Wrightsville Elementary School, and select classes at the three elementary units of the Southeastern District, at Delta, Fawn Grove, and Stewartstown.

"Thanks for the drink and the books and the cow. I wish you would bring a cow. Gery."



People power cranks a milk mix into cold, sweet vanilla ice cream as students at the Canadochly Valley Elementary School take turns at the hand crank freezer. Holding down the hardening batch of dessert is Young Dairymen president Leroy Walker.

Guernsey sale brings in over \$40,000

LANCASTER — The 332nd Special Guernsey Sale brought in over \$40,000 at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion, Lancaster, on January 24. Featured at the sale were animals from the Grassland Farm of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Paine, Salisbury, Conn., and the complete Brown Farm herd of Vernon and Arline Brown, Walton, N.Y., as well as numerous other consignments.

Topping the sale was Greystone Titans Ella, consigned by Anchor and Hope Farm Inc., Port Deposit, Md. "Ella", a three-year-old fresh December 29, was purchased by John Gallagher, Houtzdale, for \$1,250.

Second high selling cow was Bettsward Bingo Helen, also consigned by Anchor and Hope Farm. Ellsworth E. Lehman, York, offered \$1,025 for "Helen."

Total receipts from the sale were \$42,855. Eighty head, three fourths of which were Guernsey, were sold for an average of \$535.

Volume buyer of the sale was Earl C. Zug, of Leola, who purchased 12 head.

Also selling were 16 units of Clovelly Top Hornet semen, consigned by Romella Farms, Strasburg. They were purchased by Bernard Wagner, Meadville, for \$65 per unit for a total of \$1040.



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