

Maryland Dairy Shrine Serves as a Gallery of Greats

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FREDERICK, Md. — Enter the Maryland Dairy Shrine in Frederick County, Maryland, and come face to face with some of the most influential people and cattle that have made important contributions to the development of the dairy industry. The walls of the shrine serve as a gallery for photographic portraits of dairy's distinguished notables.

Patterned after a similar organization on the national level, headquartered in Fork Atkins, Wisconsin, the shrine was established by The Maryland Purebred Cattle Association in 1963.

The austere faces of 11 "Pioneers" and 28 "Contemporaries" fill the wall space that is not covered by plaques, trophy cases and banners. Secretary of the association, Ted Ridgely, explained that honorees are classified as "Pioneers" if they have been deceased for 10 years or more. "Contemporaries" are living recipients of the recognition.

Nominations made by individuals are submitted to an anonymous committee for review. The committee, appointed by the president, meets once every year to select an honoree. Nominations remain in the files for yearly review for 10 years.

Secretary for the first 15 years, and now consultant, John Morris, said the organization exists to "preserve the dairy history of Maryland." The room is located in the offices of Sire Power. "They were very generous to let us have this space," said Morris of the AI company.

Morris and Ridgely met with other officers of the organization,

President William Powel, Vice President Jim Hill and Treasurer Jack Remsberg, at the semi-annual board meeting.

Gathered around the handcrafted walnut conference table, they discussed business matters and started refining a slide-tape presentation about the Maryland Dairy Shrine that they will make available to schools and other organizations. The half hour show will introduce the public to the shrine's wealth of dairy related information.

Housed in the shrine room are volumes of citations and biographical materials that accompany the honorees' portraits.

Leafing through the pages of bios reveals such notables as Elmer McCollum (Pioneer), who discovered vitamins A, B and D. Referred to as the "father of nutrition," Dr. McCollum was professor emeritus at Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health.

In his company is the Contemporary, Howard Barker. His biographical entry states, "As George Washington became the father of his country and Henry Ford the progenitor of modern industrial efficiency, Howard C. Barker firmly established himself as the real fire under the Maryland Holstein Association kettle."

And, there is Isaac Wallace Heaps (Pioneer), who established several national firsts in the dairy industry. Under his leadership, the Maryland Cooperative Milk Producers, Inc., became the first organization to establish a base-surplus plan of milk marketing. He also developed the plan of selling milk to dairies on a classified basis.

Contemporary, Paul B. Misner,



Seated around the handcrafted walnut conference table in the Maryland Dairy Shrine are (left), John Morris, consultant; William Powel, president; Jim Hill, vice president; Jack Remsberg, treasurer; and Ted Ridgely, secretary. They are flanked by the pioneers and contemporaries who have shaped the dairy industry. The small model cow is a 1923 representation of a "true-type Holstein-Friesian Cow."

"a deep student of pedigrees," developed one of the most important seed stock herds at his Dunloggin Farm, and used the cattle there to experiment with vaccinations which led to today's freeder from brucellosis.

Also noted is McKendree Walker (Pioneer), who was the first in Montgomery County Maryland to grow alfalfa when it was then called Lucerne.

The pages of interesting bios go on and on, with each one as interesting as the last. Ridgely said

that the volume of biographies, pictorial records of national judging teams since 1920, pictures of dairy cattle with outstanding production, all the grand champions of all breeds since 1930, trophies, banners, and memorabilia are open for "inspection and enjoyment" from 8 to 4:30, Monday through Friday.

Sipping either white or chocolate milk, the board members stated what is the main purpose of their efforts. "People have a great concern for preserving the history of the Maryland dairy industry, whether it be production or technology."

Upon inspection of the mem-

bership roster, it becomes evident that Maryland's impact upon the dairy industry is nationally recognize. Lifetime members who paid the one time fee of \$10 hail from New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Missouri, Florida, Arizona, Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Louisiana, and England. Ridgely said the organization "sustains itself through membership dues."

Those interested in becoming a member of the Maryland dairy Shrine, or for information on materials housed there, may write to: Maryland Dairy Shrine, Box 555 Frederick, Maryland 21701.

Jacob Fussell:

Father of the Ice Cream Business

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FREDERICK, Md. — Ice Cream Day is just a lick and a promise away. That cool, refreshing dairy delight has an interesting history as well.

Delving into the archives of the Maryland Dairy Shrine in Frederick, Maryland, reveals the "Father of the Wholesale

Ice Cream Business," Jacob Fussell. Honored as a "Pioneer" at the Shrine, Fussell developed the first ice cream business on the wholesale basis.

Born in 1819 in Hartford County, Pennsylvania, Fussell conducted a milk business in Baltimore of four routes, "a fair sized concern in those

days," according to his bio. The milk came down on the Northern Central railway from York County, from "the sturdy Pennsylvania Dutch farmers."

The account continues. A few customers wanted cream, but the demand was intermittent, and the supply was unreliable. The question arose as to how to dispose of surplus cream when the supply exceeded the demand.

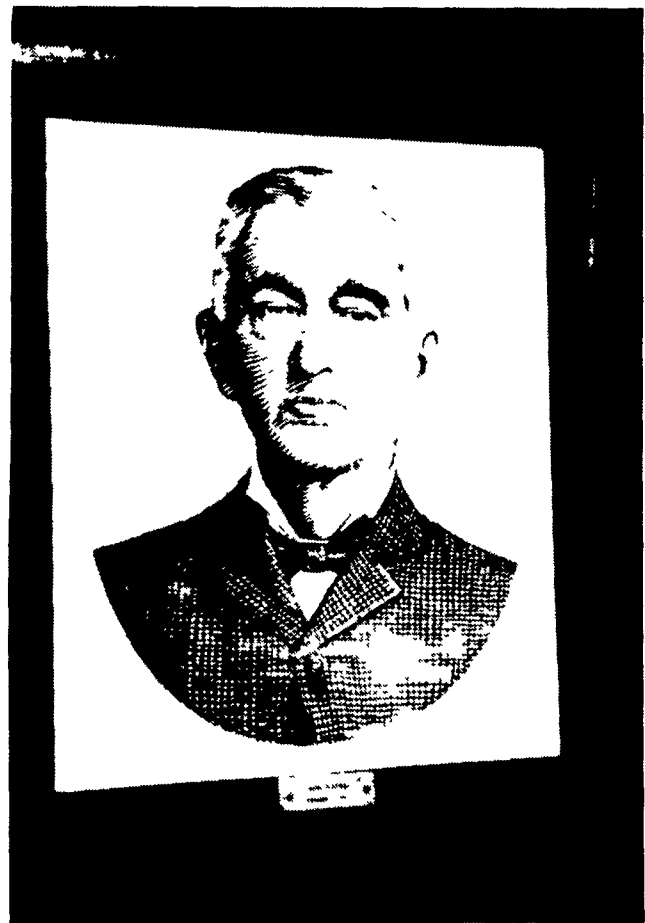
Fussell determined that if the surplus were made into ice cream, it could easily be disposed of at small profit. The idea led to the development of the first wholesale ice cream business.

A plaque in recognition of his accomplishments was placed at the site of Fussell's first plant on the corner of Hillen and Exeter Streets in Baltimore, Maryland. The plaque bears the following inscription:

Birthplace of the Ice Cream Industry
1851

On this site Jacob Fussell in 1851 established the first wholesale ice cream factory in the world. This was the foundation of a major American industry devoted to the production of one of the most wholesome, nutritious and popular foods.

Three generations of the Fussells entered into the ice cream business and established plants in New York and Virginia. At the time of his enshrinement as a Pioneer in 1969, ice cream was still being sold under the Fussell name.



A portrait of Jacob Fussell, "Father of the Ice Cream Business," hangs in the Maryland Dairy Shrine located in Frederick, Md.

Jubilee Sale Averages \$1,726

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WATERFORD — Independence Day was celebrated many ways this year; family picnics, local festivals, fireworks, and by attending cattle sales. In Erie County, a few hundred breeders turned out for an ox roast followed by the third annual July Jubilee Holstein Sale.

Thirty-four head of registered Holsteins celebrated Independence Day by garnering a \$1,726 sale average. The top selling animal, Rather Sweet Grace, claimed the high price of \$5,200. She was purchased by Michael Gillis who travelled from Argyle, N.Y., with Dr. Kurt Lutgens and Dr. Joe Cali with plans to take "Grace" home.

"Grace" is a Sweet-Haven Tradition daughter and her dam has a top record of 26,890 pounds of

milk and 1,135 pounds of fat. This top consignment has been milking 90 pounds per test for the past three test.

A 3-year old, she was flushed in June and as the auctioneers said, "This is a cow that is going to do somebody a lot of good." She was consigned by James L. Smith and Howard Hammond of Corry.

The volume buyer was Mark Thompson of Sugar Grove who took home nine Holsteins for a total of \$13,575. Raymond Anthony, Meadville, purchased six and Allen Farm, Conneaut Lake, Michael Gillis, and Neil Stewart, Marion Center, were the other multi-buyers at the sale.

Buyers and consignors were from Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio. Michael Weimer of Backus Associates was the auctioneer while Horace Backus ran through the pedigrees.



Buyers Dr. Kurt Lutgens (left), Dr. Joe Cali and Michael Gillis, all of Argyle, N.Y. In auctioneer's box, Michael Weimer and Horace Backus, pedigrees. Dolly Mitcheltree is on the halter. This Tradition daughter is currently milking 90 pounds per day and sold for \$5200.