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New PHA Barn In Time For 1,000 Head Export

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MIDDLETOWN — Mix 300-plus yards of concrete, 260 headgates, 60 by 220 feet of metal roofing, tons of stone, several truckloads of

lumber and posts and what do you have?
At the Pennsylvania Holstein Association's farm near Middletown, members now have the groundwork for an even bigger

chunk of the international export market, plus another valuable property asset.
Now under roof, with feeding troughs and pen floors being poured this week, is the latest addition to the PHA's export, quarantine and sales facility. The new 60-foot wide by 220-foot metal pole structure is nearing final completion, just in time to handle the Association's largest-ever shipment of cattle.

nearby Harrisburg International Airport, and ultimately into the herds of Brazilian buyers who have combed the states' registered Holstein farms for selections.

The Brazilian business registers yet another high point for the PHA's 12-year exporting success story. During that time, not only cattle, but swine, sheep, and goats have been assembled and processed through the Middletown

farm's catch chutes for buyers as close as Canada and as distant as China.

But primarily it is Holstein cattle which have filled the pens and feeding areas, and run through chutes for health testing and loading, on their way to customers in 45 countries around the world.

After the Association's 1975 purchase of the 125-acre farm on

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Dean Hood Looks For Innovation At PSU

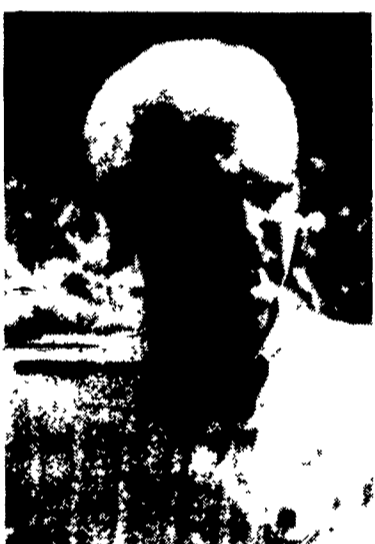
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Editors Note: Dr. Lamartrine Hood, Dean of Penn State University, came back to Pennsylvania after 18 years on the faculty at Cornell University in New York state. Dr. Hood is fond of saying that Penn State farmed him out to get more experience and then decided to bring him back to the majors.

Since returning to State College earlier this year, Dr. Hood has spent much of his time traveling over Pennsylvania to get acquainted with farmers and extension personnel. His friendly, open manner has already endeared him to many in the state farming and agribusiness community. Here is a personal interview regarding some of the important issues related to Penn State Extension and farmers in Pennsylvania.

Q. To help our readers get acquainted with you, will you tell us something of your past experiences?

A. I am a Pennsylvania boy. I was born in Johnstown but grew up on a dairy farm in Bucks County. I have two degrees from Penn State—Bachelor and PhD. The Bachelor degree is in dairy science. The Phd. is in food science with the Master's tucked in between also in dairy science. The last 18 years I



Dr. Lamartrine Hood

have been in New York on the faculty of Cornell University, first in the department of food science and more recently in administration.

I would claim legitimately to be a farm boy. I would be farming today if I had had my druthers. My heart is clearly in agriculture. In fact, just parenthetically, although we had not lived on a farm or actually farmed during our marriage (my wife is also a farm girl), we've always lived out in the rural environment close to farmers. When we moved back to

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That order, according to PHA executive secretary Bill Nichol, will move nearly 1,000 head of registered, pedigreed Holstein young stock through the new facility, onto cargo planes at the

Northeast Milk Dumping Rates Mixed Reviews

BY MARTHA A. GEHRINGER
ALBANY, N.Y. — In an attempt to secure a better price for their milk, dairymen in four northeastern states began dumping milk for the second time in a month Wednesday.

"We hope to get farming back on parity, or a milk price of \$23 per hundredweight," said a milk strike organizer in New York this week.

While the farmers have yet to achieve this goal, they have been able to focus media attention on the plight of the farmer in the northeast, observers explained.

The original milk strike, or milk withholding, began on Labor Day weekend in sections of New York, according to an industry spokesman there. This strike did not affect milk supplies in the region, spokesmen for milk co-ops in the region reported. They anticipate a similar result with the current milk strike.

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Building crews are putting in long days readying the Holstein Association's latest addition, in time to handle PHA's largest export shipment in the farm's history, destined for Brazil.

Dairy Shrine Inducts Doty Remsburg At Expo

BY SHARON SCHUSTER
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JEFFERSON, Md. — "He lived, ate, slept and dreamed cows," said Helen Remsburg of her late husband Doty Remsburg. The Maryland dairyman and founder of Remsburg Sale Service was inducted posthumously into the National Dairy Shrine in Madison, Wisc as a "Pioneer" on Thursday, Oct. 2.

Noted as a man who made "major contributions to the dairy industry," as determined by the National Committee, A. Doty Remsburg was "very dedicated" and "loved cows and loved his work," explained Helen. She said that her husband conducted livestock sales "until the last day when he was stricken." It was determined that Remsburg had suffered a heart attack on the same day that he sold 100 cows "straight through" and complained only of being tired and not feeling well at the end of the day. "He just wouldn't give up," Helen recalled.

The Remsburgs farmed in partnership with brother, 'Brick' on the home farm called Remcrest. Doty Remsburg was born at Remcrest and acquired his love for cows and the dairying way of life while surrounded by the fertile acreage located in Jefferson. His first 4-H calf, "Lily Pons," was the start of an illustrious career in the dairy industry.

After attending the University of Maryland for two years, Remsburg assisted sale manager Howard Barker. As his responsibilities grew, he graduated to conduct his first sale on March 19,



L and J Holsteins earned the prestigious best three females title at the recent Eastern National Holstein Show. Ida Jane, left, and Leroy Pance stand with their homebred trio shown by Bob Lord, Denny Patrick and Dr. David Reese. For complete coverage of the show see A-22.

See You At KILE

As soon as you're finished reading this week's Lancaster Farming, why not load the family in the car and head for Harrisburg's Farm Show Complex, where the Keystone International Livestock Exposition is currently celebrating its 30th anniversary as the state's premier livestock event.

This year's herd of immaculately fitted livestock totals 3,116, including 499 beef cattle, 1,457 sheep, 706 sows and 454 horses. The show began on Thursday afternoon with an open market lamb show and ends on Monday with a Simmental breeding cattle show at noon.

A schedule of events appeared on page D2 of last week's paper, and next week's edition will include comprehensive KILE coverage.