

# Miller Honored At York County Holstein Banquet

YORK — David S. Miller is the newest member of the York County Holstein Association's Hall of Fame.

Miller, of Darlington Road, received the honor Wednesday evening, as the highlight of the annual county Holstein dinner meeting, held at Rutter's Restaurant. In commemoration of his award, Miller accepted a framed certification of recognition. His name has been added to the York County Holstein Hall of Fame plaque, on permanent display at the York Agricultural Extension office.

Born in 1913 and raised on his family's beef and general crops farm in Jackson Township, today one of the J.E. Baker Company properties, Miller did not spend his boyhood milking cows. It was not until 1936 when he and Ethel, his wife of four years, purchased two registered Holsteins at the Middletown Sale. Gradually they added more milking animals, until they had expanded to 10 head, an adequate herd size to begin shipping milk from the Hanover area farm where they resided.

After nine years, the Miller's Airy Maples Holstein herd had outgrown the facilities, and the family moved to the former Eyster

farm near Nashville, where they would remain for 32 years.

Few animals were purchased into the herd after the initial milking string. Carnation, Lochinvar and Ivanhoe are familiar breed names which played roles in the development of their Holstein bloodlines. The Miller's herd sire, Lochinvar Ormsby Var, was a major influence on the Airy Maples pedigrees. This outstanding production and show bull was purchased from another prominent York breeder, Jonas Gruver. Gruver and county Holstein pioneer Norman Rishel were instrumental in helping the Millers during their early years as Holstein breeders.

Airy Maples became a recognized name on the local and regional show circuit, participating in fairs from York to Bloomsburg, and Timonium to the State Farm Show. Several of the Miller's six children were enthusiastic and successful 4-H dairy exhibitors. Claiming the most honors was son Glenn, whose three Maplebend Dean King Posch offspring from his initial 4-H heifer earned him reserve All-Pennsylvania honors in 1958. A Mooseheart Excellency daughter



David S. Miller was inducted into the York County Holstein Hall of Fame. Miller and his wife, Ethel, accepted the award from county president Sue Beshore.

won for him the 1962 Farm Show championship.

David and Ethel Miller dispersed their Airy Maples herd in 1970, with many of the 35 head

purchased by county Holstein breeders. Top of the sale, at \$850, was a homebred daughter of Gray View Skyliner.

While no longer a dairy farmer, Miller has remained a vital part of the county's dairy industry. He has been a DHIA herd supervisor for several years, testing 20 herds monthly in southwestern York County.

A long-term ag community supporter, Miller was county Holstein club president in 1959, a director for several terms, participated in breed advertising, and attended numerous state and national conventions. Several Airy Maples heifer donations over the years went to recipients through the Heifer Project International.

Miller was a 4-H dairy club leader for 15 years and has served as a director for the DHIA, Agway and the Production Credit Association. He continues to be actively involved in leadership and choir at the West York Church of the Brethren.

The Millers celebrated their 50th anniversary in 1982, and in their extended family include 20 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Their six children, all on hand for Miller's Hall of Fame induction, are sons David Jr.,

Ralph and Glenn Miller, and daughters Dora Krebs, Debbie Jacoby and Diane Wagman.

Special recognition was extended during the program to class winners and sponsors at the county Black and White show.

Several Holstein youth were also honored for accomplishments in 4-H and dairy related activities; State Jr. Holstein Dairy Bowl Team: Tim Warner, Angie Lang, Jenelle Boyer and Rick Bupp. Honored for their judging accomplishments were Patty Bupp and C.E. Hubbard.

During the business meeting presided over by county club president Sue Beshore, three new directors were elected to three-year terms on the county Holstein board. Chosen to fill those positions were Phil Laughman, Thomas Boyer and Robert Morris.

State director Leroy Bupp reported on the progress of the state breed magazine, *Pennsylvania Profiles*, and encouraged breeders to promote their cattle through advertising programs. He also briefed members on the nearly-completed pole-barn addition to the state Holstein farm at Middletown, and the export shipment being readied for Brazilian buyers.



Jr. Holstein members honored from left, front, are Tim Warner, Angie Lang, Jenelle Boyer; and rear, Patty Bupp, C.E. Hubbard, and Rich Bupp.

## PSU International Ag Extension Program Leader Retires

UNIVERSITY PARK — Dr. Thomas B. King, program leader for international agriculture extension at Penn State, retired Sept. 30 as professor emeritus of animal science. He was a faculty member for 35 years. As program leader, he directed efforts to acquaint Pennsylvania with the importance of the University's involvement in international agriculture.

From 1982 to 1985 he was Chief of Party for the Pennsylvania State University/Tennessee State University/US Agency for International Development Project on cropping systems research and extension training in Swaziland. There he organized and directed a team of eight professionals and their Swazi counterparts, six Peace Corps volunteers, and 10 Swazi research assistants.

Two major components of the project were the development of an inservice training program for extension workers in Swaziland and the development of an information section within the Ministry of Agriculture for the generation of educational materials to be used by extension workers and farmers.

"One of the important lessons the international experience taught me was a greater ap-

preciation for the United States and the importance of stability and integrity in government. While not all people involved in government see their role as working to enhance their country, citizens must continue to keep government accountable," says Dr. King.

Before assuming his role in Swaziland, Dr. King was associate dean for extension in the College of Agriculture from 1971 to 1982. As associate dean he directed the activities of a diverse group of specialists at University Park and in each of Pennsylvania's 67 counties.

From 1965-70 he was head of the department of animal science, directing all departmental research, teaching and extension programs. In addition, he taught formal courses and presented seminars and lectures in the areas of animal science and extension education.

He served as extension specialist in animal science from 1951 to 1965. During this period he organized a series of regional livestock clinics held annually to keep farmers abreast of developments in animal production.

Dr. King's individual research activities have been directed toward programs of animal

nutrition with some earlier research interest in factors affecting wool quality.

Dr. King has been active at the national, state and community level, serving on the National 4-H Council Board, chairing the legislative committee of the Extension Committee on Policy, chairing the Pennsylvania Rural Development Committee, and serving as a member of the Farm Show Commission and the Pennsylvania Planning Board and Conservation Commission.

He was president of the State College Area Rotary Club and was

Scoutmaster of Boy Scouts of America Troop 38, and a moderator of his church.

He is affiliated with several professional and honor societies including the American Society of Animal Science, which he served as president in 1976-77, the American Grassland Council, the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology, Phi Kappa Phi (scholastic honor society), and Gamma Sigma Delta (honor society of agriculture).

Epsilon Sigma Phi (national extension honorary) recently

## Farm-City Kickoff Banquet Set for Nov. 11

CHAMBERSBURG — The annual state Farm-City Week Kickoff Banquet is scheduled for Nov. 11 at Laird Hall on the Wilson College Campus in Chambersburg.

The Franklin County Farm-City Council is hosting the statewide event, which will begin at 6 p.m. with County Agriculture Commodity Queens serving light refreshments. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Farm-City Week has been an annual event in Pennsylvania since 1955, beginning the Friday

before Thanksgiving and continuing through Thanksgiving Day. The purpose of the week is to help create a greater understanding between rural and urban Pennsylvanians.

The week is sponsored by a statewide committee of 50 organizations in cooperation with the National Farm-City Council, Inc. The committee is made up of representatives of government, business, industry and agriculture.

The Council annually recognizes the top three Farm-City counties in

the Commonwealth, based on their promotional and educational activities. The first place winner, Franklin County in 1985, traditionally hosts the state kickoff. The 1985 second place went to Lebanon County Farm-City Council. Berks County Farm-City Council placed third.

The public is invited to attend the banquet. Tickets may be purchased from Dalton Paul, State Farm-City Week Council Chairman - telephone - (717) 263-9033. Deadline for tickets is Nov. 3