Somerset Holstein Club Visits Chester Co.

Wednesday, September 16, proved to be a delightful day for Somerset County Dairy farmers to take a tour to visit five of Chester County's fine registered Holstein farms. Nearly 40 excellent cows were seen sired by the breed's best sires.

Farms visited were Melvin Stoltzfus, Cochranville 40 cow herd with a BAA of 105.5, the rolling herd average over 1000 lbs. of fat and 3.9% test. Valiant, Tradition, and Pete milking daughters and number of daughters from the Golden cow family (Dunwood) were seen along with a New York style heifer barn.

Next stop was Pinta Lane Farms, owned by Ben Beiler and Tim Barlow, comprised of 90

voter registration drive with spe-

cial emphasis being placed on its

most important issues to affect

agriculture in recent years," he

said, "All Pennsylvanians will lose

if we continue to lose our farm-

land," said Snook, "We sincerely

hope that everyone will vote "Yes"

"This referendum is one of the

own membership.

for farmland."

registered Holsteins made up of milking daughters of Valiant, Tradition, Enhancer and Bell. This herd has an average of 19,500 milk and 750 lbs. fat.

Dunwood Farms, owned by Alvin Stoltzfus, Oxford, 60 cow herd has a RHA of 21,059 milk, 3.9% fat, 814 lbs. fat with a BAA 105.9 includes 7 excellent cows. Many daughters of the Golden family were seen here which will be dispersed in March.

Joy-Wil Farms owned by Wilmer and Barry Hostetter proved to be an interesting stop for seeing 12 excellent cows with a RHA of 20,500 milk, 3.7% 758 fat.

Last stop was Glenn Freese's Glee-Hi herd of 70 cows with a RHA of 22,300 milk, 778 lbs. fat and a BAA of 106. Milking Rotates, Tonys, and Chairmen were predominate here. Cattle sales equal milk sales on this farm.

Willard Maust, Meyersdale, coordinated the tour sponsored by the Somerset County Holstein Club. — A voluntary program as the first step toward the control and eradication of swine brucellosis in Pennsylvania gets started this week, the State Department of Agriculture announced today.

Officials said swine affected with brucellosis (Bang's disease) will continue to be a menace to the cattle population of the State from which the disease practically has been eliminated.

- Although killing frosts came a week after the normal Sept. 21 frost date for this area, damage in Lancaster County is counted in the millions of dollars.

Most of the damage is in the tobacco crop which was only 80-90 percent harvested. The dollar value of the damaged crop would have been much higher if the crop this year had been of better quality.

-- Harry H. Ranck, R1 Ronks, who has topped the Red Rose

DHIA in butterfat production for the past two years, is a modest man. To hear him talk, all he has ever done is provide a boarding house for Holsteins.

— A Marietta blonde, Miss Dorothy Fletcher, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fletcher, was crowned "Miss Lancaster County" at the Ephrata Farm Show Thursday night. She won the title in competition with 15 other contestants. The crowning of "Miss Lancaster County" is a yearly event at the Ephrata Fair.

— A highly fitted Hereford steer took the Grand Championship at the Ephrata Fair Thursday night. The steer is owned by Miss Leona Augsberger, Reinholds. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Augsberger.

Reserve championship went to an Angus steer owned and shown by David Zimmerman of R1 Reinholds, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Zimmerman.

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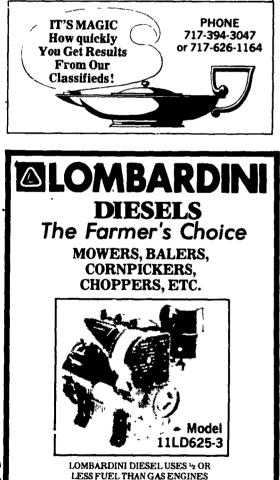
JERSEY SHORE — "Everyone in the commonwealth should vote "YES" in support of the referendum to save farmland", said Edward P. Snook, President of the Lycoming County Farmers' Association.

Snook was referring to the referendum question which will appear on the November 3rd ballot which will call for a one-time \$100 million bond issue to fund a purchase of development rights program in Pennsylvania.

"When farmland disappears, the price of food just goes up, because of transportation costs, and quality normally suffers.

"Agriculture generates more than \$35 billion worth of business in the state...it's our number one industry," Snook added.

The Lycoming County Farmers' Association is conducting a



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