

Maryland Holstein Convention

FREDERICK, MD — An outstanding selection of genetically superior cattle from the Mid-Atlantic region will be offered at the Maryland Convention Sale to be held Thursday, February 18, at 7 p.m. Sale to be held in Frederick, MD, Sheraton Inn, Francis Scott Key Ballroom.

Anyone wishing to view the cattle can do so prior to the sale. Cattle will be housed at the Frederick County Fairgrounds from February 15 until time of sale. Anyone interested will be required to enter the fairgrounds at the back entrance only near the cattle barns off Highland Street because of another event requiring paid admission at the fairgrounds during the week of Feb. 14 through the 19.

The Maryland State Holstein Convention will open Friday, February 19, at 9:30 a.m. with registration and milk, coffee and donuts being served in the Francis Scott Key B Room of the Sheraton Inn, Frederick, MD.

SOME EXCITING FEATURES

— An oil painting depicting Holstein cows by Frederick artist,

Sherry Kemp, will be auctioned Friday evening during the Banquet. Sherry's art work has earned Top Honors several times in the National Holstein Art Contest!

— In celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Maryland Holstein Association, a Holstein calf & Texas Star Quilt are being raffled off. A calf with a quality pedigree is being donated by Glen Toctin Farm. The drawing will be held on Thursday evening prior to the sale & the lucky raffle winner has the choice of either accepting the calf or a color television. In addition, a beautiful handmade Texas Star Quilt will also be raffled off during the Convention. The date & place of the drawing will be announced at a later time. Buy your raffle tickets now & don't miss the chance at winning one of these fantastic prizes! For further information, contact Jimmy Hill - 301-447-2633.

— A contest to promote milk and/or the Holstein cow will be held among 4-H & FFA groups. Contestants will be required to build a booth reflecting their ideas of the Dairy Industry. For

additional information, contact Jane Smith - (301-473-8259).

— The guest speaker for the business meeting on Friday afternoon will be Ed Reed of Thonyma Holsteins, Lyons, Kansas. Mr. Reed is no newcomer to the Holstein business which is evidenced by his long list of accomplishments — National Holstein Director, member of the Genetic Advancement Committee, former editor of Kansas Holstein Quarterly, World Dairy Expo's 1975 "Dairyman of the Year," Dairy Shrine's 1983 Distinguished Breeder and an accredited show ring judge.

Thonyma is one of the oldest herds in Kansas. Their RHA on 71 lactations is 21,626 3.8 820 with a BAA of 105.7%. Over the last 60 years, Thonyma has bred 93 Excellent Holsteins of which 28 were males and 68, females. In addition, Thonyma is accredited with 26 Gold Medal Dams and 25 Gold Medal Sires. Ed Reed's topic for the afternoon will be, "Developing A Seed Stock Herd and Its Role in the Purebred Livestock Industry." Reed is a firm believer in strong cow families. Don't

STATE CONVENTION ACTIVITIES Friday, February 19, 1988 Francis Scott Key B Room

9:30 a.m. - Registration - Milk, donuts, coffee
10:30 a.m. - Welcome - Donald Wilcom, Convention Chairman
Annual Business Meeting - Joseph Schwartzbeck, President
Production Awards - Marlin Hoff
PBR Awards - Tom Dum, Holstein Consultant
Ladies Program
10:30 a.m. - Junior Holstein Program
12:30 p.m. - BUFFET LUNCH - BY RESERVATION ONLY
Introduction of Speaker - Russell Wachter
Guest Speaker, Ed Reed of Thonyma Farm
Topic: Developing a Seed Stock Herd and Its Role in the Purebred Livestock Industry
1:30 p.m. - Conclusion of Business Meeting

LADIES PROGRAM February 19, 1988 Village Green Courtyard

9:30 a.m. - Registration - Milk, donuts, coffee
10:30 a.m. - Welcome - Susan Gesling Summers
10:45 a.m. - Entertainment by the "Funny Bones"
12:00 noon - Music selections by Nancy Hood
12:30 p.m. - BUFFET LUNCH - BY RESERVATION ONLY

JUNIOR HOLSTEIN PROGRAM February 19, 1988 Barbara Fritchle Room C

9:30 a.m. - Registration - Milk & donuts
10:30 a.m. - Business Meeting
11-12 noon - Mock Sale & Pedigree Workshop
12:30 p.m. - BUFFET LUNCH - BY RESERVATION ONLY
1:30 p.m. - Ed Reed of Thonyma Farm will speak on the topic "Developing a Seed Stock Herd and Its Role in the Purebred Livestock Industry"

miss this informative talk!
— 1988 will mark the 75th Anniversary of the Maryland Holstein Association & to cele-

brate this milestone, this year's banquet will honor the past presidents of the State Association.

At Age 96 This Young Lady Still Devoted To Holsteins

BY SALLY BAIR

Lancaster Co. Correspondent
YORK — Mabel Rishel was named to the Pennsylvania Holstein Hall of Fame in 1983, recognizing the contributions she and her late husband Norman made to the Pennsylvania Holstein Association. In 1982 they were named to the York County Holstein Hall of Fame. She will be 96 in September, but continues to be interested in Holstein activities and enjoys reading the publications that arrive in the mail.

While Mabel will not be at the 75th anniversary celebration this month, there was a period of time when Mabel wouldn't miss a convention. In an interview at the home of her daughter Ruth Gleim where she has lived for the past three years, Mabel said, "I didn't count 'em, I just went." Ruth, who often accompanied her mother after her father's death, says they attended nearly 35 consecutive conventions. Mabel said they usually drove to the national conventions but added, "If necessary, we flew." Ruth also points out that bad weather was never a deterrent to attendance.

Mabel adds, "I always enjoyed the conventions and went as long as I could. We went to meet old friends. We were very close."

Asked what she liked best about the conventions, Mabel said, "They always had a program that was enjoyable. The program always gave you something to take

home and think about. I enjoyed meeting our many friends each convention time. We had a close friendship with many people."

She recalled that she went "wherever the ladies went." Indeed, Ruth recalls that once it got very late and Mabel did not return to her room. Getting worried, Ruth went out looking, and found her in a "Pennsylvania" suite with many other women, still talking. Mabel says, "We didn't get finished. We liked each other so much. We learned a lot too. I have good memories."

One of Mabel's continuing delights is reading the breed publications, and she noted, "We didn't stop any publications." She says that she often recognizes the names of children of friends of theirs who are continuing the Holstein dairy business.

The Norman Rishels were well known in Holstein circles, and Mabel retains a copy of the August, 1948 issue of "The Pennsylvania Holstein," which features Lauxmont Admiral Dorana.

Dorana was classified Excellent and at 10 years had a 365 day, 2 x record of 20,198 pounds of milk, 4.4 percent and 881 pounds of fat. She was sired by Admiral Lauxmont and one of her sons, Rag Apple Mark Galaxy, was at Southeastern Artificial Breeders Cooperative.

In 1928 the Rishels had the first place herd in milk and fat production in York County. Their herd

numbered up to 38. Their farm was located near York.

In 1929, they were named Pennsylvania Master Farmers, and, to this day, Mabel treasures the Master Farmer medallion which was awarded them for the honor.

Mabel is also well known throughout Pennsylvania for the part she played in establishing the first Farm Women Society in York County on March 6, 1930, in her home. The gathering was an outgrowth of having attended the Pennsylvania Society of Farm Women annual convention during Farm Show and being impressed with their good work. Twenty-six became charter members of Society 31, electing Mabel president. She eventually also worked as a county president and as a state president.

The York County Farm Women Cookbook is dedicated to her, and above her picture is a quote which summarizes much of her life: "There is no end to the good that can be done if you care not who gets the credit."

Mabel claims she met a lot of wonderful people through her work with Holstein cattle, and though the work was often hard, she says, "We didn't think about it because we had friends who were all doing the same." Mabel said that everything got easier over the years, including going to conventions, because "you knew what to expect."



Mabel Rishel, 96, looks over the latest issue of "Profiles," the magazine of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association. Named to the Hall of Fame in 1983, Mabel no longer lives on a farm, but continues her interest in Holsteins and enjoys her good memories of attending conventions.

Dairymen, Inc. Elects Officers

LOUISVILLE, KY — Dairymen, Inc. recently elected officers to serve one-year terms on its Association Board of Directors. The 1988 slate of officers include: Ray Moss Tucker, Finchville, Ky.- President; Franklin J. Teague, Elon College, N.C.- First Vice President; Fred G. Butler, Inwood, W. Va.- Third Vice President; John C. Simon, Youngsville, La.- Secretary; and J.A. Murphy, Starr, S.C.- Treasurer.

Tucker has served on the Kyana Division board for 10 years and

Dairymen's Association Board for seven years. He currently milks 85 Holsteins that annually average 17,500 pounds of milk.

Teague has served on the Southeast Division board and Dairymen's Association Board for 12 years. He currently milks 150 Holsteins and Jerseys that annually average 17,000 pounds of milk. Boyce has served on the Georgia Division board for 14 years and Dairymen's Association Board for six years. He currently milks 450 Holsteins that annually average

16,000 pounds of milk.

Butler has served on the Middle Atlantic Division board and Dairymen's Association Board for six years. He currently milks 223 Holsteins that annually average 17,500 pounds of milk.

Simon has served on the Southwest Louisiana Division board for 16 years and Dairymen's Association Board for 14 years. He currently milks 70 Holsteins that annually average 15,000-pounds of milk.

Murphy has served on the Southeast Division board for 15 years and on Dairymen's Association Board for five years. He currently milks 200 Holsteins that annually average 18,000 pounds of milk.

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