

# Guernsey Association Elects New Officers And Board Members

COLUMBUS, OH — The American Guernsey Association (AGA) board of directors elected officers at their annual meeting on May 28 in Blaine, Washington.

President Ralph Turley of Mansfield, Ohio; First Vice President Phil Tennis of Hayward, Minnesota and Second Vice President Myron Erdman from Chenoa, Illinois, will serve as the executive committee of the nine-man board.

A five-year AGA board of directors member, Turley will guide the organization during the next business year. He is the current chairman of the youth/promotion/Journal committee and serves on the finance, shows/people/field staff committees. As a dedicated dairyman, Turley has served as president for both the Ohio Guernsey Breeders' Association (GBA) and the Ohio Purebred Dairy Cattle Association. He has been the official judge at state and national dairy shows as well as the Royal Easter Show in Sydney, Australia.

Turley also spends time in the showing exhibiting top Guernseys like Raemelton Fashion Kandy-Twin, winner of the 1987 Ohio State Fair Guernsey Futurity. He has also helped to develop one of today's top sires, Raemelton Deacons Fashion, who ranks 21st on the active AI-list. When not milking the 23 registered Guernseys or processing milk for the bottling plant at Raemelton Farm dairy, Turley assists with the establishment of health programs in Ohio. He is also a supporter of many AGA-sponsored programs such as Journal contract advertising, the Guernsey equity program and the AGA's TPE program. His wife Martha is the current Ohio GBA executive-secretary.

Tennis will continue to serve as the first vice president for the board of directors. He operates the 600-acre Alchrist Farm in partnership with his wife, Edie and son, Wesley. They produce corn, soybeans, alfalfa and manage 50 Guernsey cows. They actively support AGA programs by participating in Dairybelt Guernsey Sires, the Guernsey equity program, AGA's TPE program and are Guernsey Breeders' Journal contract advertisers.

As a board member Tennis serves on the youth/promotion/Journal and finance committees and is chairman of the genetic advancement committee. He has served on the Minnesota GBA and South Central GBA boards and has managed Minnesota's state Guernsey sale. The Secretary of Agricul-

ture appointed him to serve as Minnesota's American Soil Conservation Service Chairman.

Tennis participated in the 1979 Salt II talks with former President Carter. He also is involved in community activities serving as president of the Hayward Lutheran Church, a member of the Austin Junior College Advisory Board and the Albert Lea Board of Education.

An active board member and past AGA president Myron Erdman fills the spot of second vice president. As a board member he serves on the committee of herd registration/cattle health, finance and genetic advancement. Erdman is a past president and director of the Illinois GBA and Illinois Purebred Dairy Cattle Association (PDCA). He is also a member of the Dairy Shrine.

Erdman, along with his wife Neta and son Mark operate Myown Farm which consists of farming approximately 600 acres and 91 milking Guernseys. The Guernseys had a year-end average of 15,009M 4.6% 692F ME in 1987. The herd has been on official test since 1954. Erdman has bred, sold and purchased many national class production leaders and Gold Star dams.

Joe "Scottie" Payne of Vale, Oregon, and Lee Riggs of Evansville, Indiana, were elected to the

board of directors of AGA. They will each serve a four-year term on the board representing District Seven and District Three, respectively.

In 1960, Payne purchased the cattle and farmland of Vale View Farm from his father and began managing the operation. Since then, he has received the Oregon Dairyman's Association (ODA) Distinguished Service Award and has been a member of ODA for the past 25 years, serving as director and vice president.

Since his election to the Dairyman's Creamery Association eight years ago, Payne has been instrumental in the board's decision to

adopt an end-product pricing system for purchasing milk in Idaho. He was also a founding member of Western Guernsey Sires, a young sire proving group sponsored by AGA.

Riggs, along with his wife Carol and their three sons began operating Green Ridge Farm, upon the retirement of his parents in 1972. His parents purchased the family homestead in 1941 and four years later began developing the present-day registered Guernsey herd.

Green Ridge Farm participates in two young sire-proving programs and in Journal contract advertising. Riggs has served on the

Lake Central Guernsey Sire committee since its inception. The herd is also enrolled in the TPE program.

The other four spots of the nine member board are filled by David Bolin, director-at-large from Clarksville, Iowa; George W. Fowler Sr., District 6, of Saluda, South Carolina; Robert Holcomb, District 1, from Greene, New York, and Weldon A. Peterson Sr., District 4, of Malone, Wisconsin.

The American Guernsey Association is a national organization for the registration and promotion of Guernsey cattle and is headquartered in Columbus, Ohio.

## Soil Conservation Plans To Be Discussed

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre) — In Pennsylvania, certain conservation practices are important in developing an adequate conservation plan. Several of these practices will be discussed in detail at Penn State's Agronomy Field Day, June 22 at the Rock Springs Agricultural Research Center.

The field day, which will include exhibits and tours, will begin at 9:30 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m.

Conservation plans are required on highly erodible land under the

Food Security Act (Farm Bill) of 1985. The plans are developed using selected agronomic, structural and nonstructural measures. Conservation planners help farmers formulate a plan to meet the specific farm situation by providing several conservation alternatives. Planners take into consideration soil conditions, crop needs, economics and other factors when making recommendations.

During Agronomy Field Day, a specific site will be used to explain the actual planning process. Soil

and other land considerations will be evaluated in preparing a list of conservation measures that could be used in that field. Participants will also have the opportunity to ask questions about suitable practices for specific farms.

The Rock Springs Agricultural Research Center is located on Route 45, nine miles southwest of State College. Lunch will be available at the field day. For more information contact Penn State agronomist Lynn Hoffman at (814) 692-7955.

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