Wolff, Dum Address Franklin Holstein Club

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EDENVILLE — "How can we have a bull that is minus 2000 pounds on milk and plus two points on type?" Dennis Wolff asked the audience at the Franklin County Holstein Club Field Day August 2. "And how can a bull that transmits feet and leg problems be plus two points in type?"

Wolff explained that the Holstein industry is going to have to put more emphasis on functional type traits. Too much emphasis has been put on such factors as size, depth of body, spring of rib, esthetic lines, and smooth fore attachment, he said. Longevity factors should be number one in importance. The traits important in longevity are udder depth, teat placement, and foot and leg structures.

"Jersey breeders have put more emphasis on functional type," he continued. "This will make the Jersey cow more competitive. Jersey breeders have made tremendous strides. Holstein breeders should learn from the programs Jersey breeders have put in place."

"Cattle that are functionally correct will be in demand," Wolff concluded. "We have to look ahead to the future, not back at tradition."

Wolff is a Holstein breeder from Pen-Col Farms in Millville. He milks 500-600 registered and grade Holsteins. The farm has an embryo transplant program in which cows are flushed weekly.

Tom Dum, consultant for the National Holstein Association, spoke to the 200 people in attendance about milk pricing.

"There's a problem with the way we price milk in this country, he said. "The inefficient dairy farmers are already out of business. Now, the ones who are leaving are the ones who have had bad luck."

Dum advocates supply management, also called a quota system.

"We need to price our own product," Dum said. "We take a wholesale price for our milk, and everything we buy is retail. We need someone to step forward and get farmers to think one way. And we can't go through the existing farm organizations-they're always arguing with each other. We need to line up together and say YES to a quota system."

Dum, of Elliottsburg, told the audience about the unfair charges levied on dairy farmers concerning the milk surplus. "You pay three times," he said. "First, the dairy farmer pays income tax, just like everyone else, and part of this is used to support the military. Second, when the government buys dairy products to feed the military, they get these dairy products at a discount because they are called "surplus". And third, calling these products "surplus" effects the Wisconsin-Minnesota milk price downward, according to Dum.

Ken Raney of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association announced that between August 1 and November 30 any heifer between the ages of twelve and twenty-four months can be registered for \$20 if the owner is a member of both the state and national Holstein associations.

The Field Day was held at Wil-

soncreek Farm, operated by Dwaine and Kevin Brechbill. The brothers farm 150 acres and milk 45 registered Holsteins.

Activities at the Field Day included a judging contest. Wolff served as official judge.

Winners in the Senior Division were Ed Reichard, Keith Grove, and Ken Mellott. Junior Division (16 and under) winners were Toby Horsh, Damon Harwood, and Brian Reichard.

The Donald Upperman Surge dealership supplied milk for the event. Ice cream was provided by Franklin Feed and Supply Company. Production Credit, Pennfield Feeds and Paramount Feeds donated the tent.

Pennsylvania Poultry Industry Contest at Hershey, Pennsylvania, Saturday, Aug. 23. The contest will climax the 8th Annual Pennsylvania Poultry Festival held during Dutch Days and in conjunction with the National Plowing Contest.

The County queens were selected by local poultry associations in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation to represent their county in the State Poultry Queen Contest. They are Ethel Faye Hess, RD1, Shoemakersville, Berks Co.; Diane Bitting, Plumsteadville, Bucks Co.; Joyce Ann Zilhaver, 220 W. High St., Erie, Erie County; Janice Koser, RD2 Manheim, Lancaster County; Sandra Lee Kelly, Jonestown, Lebanon County; Phyllis Troutman, RD1, Herndon, Northumberland County; Patricia Baum, RD2 Selinsgrove, Snyder County; Karen Ryland, RD2, Pine Grove, Schuylkill County; Carol Jane Gabel, New Bloomfield, Perry County; Donna Sue Warfield, Fawn Grove, York County. Blair County and Northeastern Queens are to be selected.

30 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

— Show steers went to 15 buyers at the Garden Spot Baby Beef Club show and sale at the Lancaster Stockyards on Wednesday. Big buyer of the sale was Gimbel's Food Plan of New York who paid \$1.02 per pound for the Grand Champion.

Champion of the show was Blackie, a stocky Angus weighing 1,105 pounds. He carried off the purple ribbon for his youthful master, Billy Hackman, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis H. Hackman, Elizabethtown R#3. Bill, who will be in the eighth grade, plans to use the receipts from the sale of his steer to buy a saving certificate. When asked what he was saving for, Bill said that he planned to start farming, "But school comes first," his dad was quick to remind.

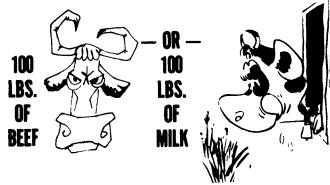
— Martin Witman, RD1 Marietta, placed sixth in level land plowing competition at Hershey on Wednesday. In competition for the Pennsylvania crown and the right to compete in the National contest, Witman made a score of 413 points.

— A local poultryman is one of a group of franchised hatcherymen who have become the new owners of the Mount Hope Poultry Department.

J. Russell Johnson, Johnson's Hatchery, Ephrata, PA, is a director of the new organization to be known as Mt. Hope Poultry Farm, Inc. The announcement was made by J. Rockerfeller Prentice, speaking at the Mount Hope sales conference, Aug. 13.

— Twelve county poultry queens will enter the 1958 Miss

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Wyoming, Lackawanna Holstein Club Picnic

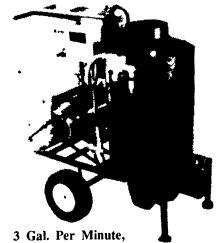
Wyoming and Lackawanna Counties Holstein Association held their annual picnic recently. The picnic was held on the farm of George and Paul Sheypuk.

After enjoying a delicious steak meal, the chairperson of the Wyoming and Lackawanna counties Dairy Princess Committee, Doris Hirkey, introduced and presented a savings bond to Patty Spadine, Dairy Princess, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Spadine of Nicholson; Wendy Ellsworth, alternate Dairy Princess, the daughter of Anna Ellsworth of Meshoppen; Donna Spadine, Dairy Maid, the daughter of Mr. &

Mrs. Lawrence Spadine of Nicholson; and Kim Mattocks, Dairy Maid, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Mattocks of Meshoppen. The two dairy princesses reported on the different activities they have attended. The dairy princesses are available to make appearances at schools, malls, grocery stores, and community groups. If you would like to have the dairy princesses and maids for a promotion, please call Patty Spadine at 942-6567 or Joyce Mattocks, booking chairperson, at 836-4644.

Mary family members cooled off by going swimming, which was a great way to end a nice picnic day.

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