

**Talk Continues On Grade-up Program**

**Ruth, Jones Welcomed To PHA Hall Of Fame**



Representing Holstein Clubs which reached membership goals were: (from left) State Membership Chairman and State Director for Beaver/Lawrence, Paul Lawrence; Bruce Dietrich, Lehigh state director; Tim Sturgeon, Beaver/Lawrence president; Cliff Snyder, membership chairman for Clarion/Venango.



Award winners for milk production scrapbooks: (front, from left) June Boyer of York; Marlene Mitchell of Beaver/Lawrence and Eleanor Isenberg of Huntingdon; (back row) Paul Hartle of Centre; Harry Bachman of Lebanon and Arthur Moore of Mercer.

WEST MIDDLESEX (Mercer) - Milk marketing, Bovine Somatotrophin, and the Grade-up Program were the topics of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association's Annual Convention when they met this week in West Middlesex in Mercer County. But the grade-up program continues to draw the most attention, according to PHA President Jay Landis of Lancaster County.

The discussion will no doubt continue at the Winter Forum meetings scheduled for March 13-14 at State College. With other

concerns needing attention, Landis feels the association should make a decision on the grade-up program and shift their concern to other areas affecting milk producers which need members' attention.

"BST is becoming a big concern and we need to address the problem we already have with over production. We don't know how it will contribute to over production. They say the use of BST will save the producer money, but we're not sure. There's also the consumers reaction to the use of this hormone," explained Landis.

The affects of BST use on bull proofs is another critical concern for registered breeders. How will it affect production records? If BST is used how will its use be reflected accurately on production records? There are a lot of questions surrounding the use and monitoring of BST and it is predicted it may be available to farmers as soon as next year.

**Hall Of Fame-ers**

Russell L. Jones of Little Meadows and Alpheus Ruth of Fleetwood are the newest inductees into the 1989 Pennsylvania Holstein

Association Hall of Fame.

**RUSSELL L. JONES**

Jones and his wife Carol took over sole responsibility for the family farm in 1958. There they raised one son and two daughters and each have completed a college education.

Russell has been an active leader in dairy farming. In the PHA he served two years as the PHA state president from 1978 to 1980; two years as vice-president; eight years as a member of the State Executive Committee; and five years on the State Board of Directors. He was also chairman of the Program Development and Evaluation Committee.

Russell is also involved with the Bradford County Holstein Club where he has served as President, Vice-President and Secretary. His active support of the DHIA program led him to positions as president, state director and secretary. Russell is also deeply committed to the County Extension Board where he has functioned as the president, vice-president and board member.

Russell has received many

awards including the Penn State Dairy and Animal Science Distinguished Alumnus Award and the Charles E. Cowen award presented by the Dairymen, Inc.

**ALPHEUS RUTH**

Ruth began dairying with registered Holsteins in 1936. In 1943 he attended the Joseph Canby Dispersal with his neighbor who purchased an animal named Greenwood Dean Bobbie. Ruth later bought Bobbie from his neighbor and from that day on the heifer profoundly impacted the progressive development of the registered Holstein herd at Vista Grande Farm.

Bobbie was foundation brood cow and she produced 13 heifers and five bulls in her 16-year life. From this fine cow, Ruth developed his first Gold Medal and Excellent animals, both male and female. A daughter of Bobbie, Vista Grande Ovation Ellen GM, VG87 had a son, Vista Grande Haven Wallie GM, EX90 who was sold to Tri-State Breeders in the 1960's.

Ruth followed the Dunloggin (Turn to Page A21)



Pennsylvania State Holstein President Jay Landis (right) presents Lewis Berkley (left) with the plaque honoring the outgoing executive committee member of the Southwest District.

**Pennsylvania Junior Holstein Convention Is A Big Success**

WEST MIDDLESEX (Mercer) - The first Pennsylvania Junior Holstein Annual Convention to be held separately from the senior convention was overwhelmingly successful, according to Dick Yule.

Yule, Columbia County dairyman and 1989 president of the PA Junior Holstein Association advisory committee said it was the largest turnout with 268 members attending, but Yule said projections for next year put the attendance figure to 500.

"Everything worked out great. These juniors were really wound up about the convention and I think the word is going to get out about the great convention this year and it will be even better next year," said Yule.

Junior membership has been steadily increasing in the last three years according to Yule. For added incentive to participate, several new awards were created to be presented for 1988 achievements and five \$500 scholarships were also presented this year.

"The kids who come to the convention have already set some goals and know what they want to do with their lives. We senior members are excited about their

enthusiasm. They are the future of our association," said Yule. "And it looks real good."

**Junior Members' Cows Reach 30,000 Pounds**

Pennsylvania Junior Holstein members were eligible for two new awards in 1988. The Breeder-Owner of a 30,000-pound cow award and the Junior Progressive Breeder Award.

Two Junior members were recognized for their cows' outstand-

ing production requirements:

Stephanie Corbin and Susan Corbin of Reynoldsville in Jefferson County qualified for the first 30,000 pound production awards.

Stephanie's Corbinview Ford Practice recorded at age 3 yrs. 4 mos., 305 days, 30,112 lbs., 2.8 % fat, 837 lbs. 2.7% protein and 811 lbs. protein.

Susan's Corbinview Ideal Shirley recorded at age 5 yrs. 3 mos., in 305 days, 30,985 lbs. milk, 3.4%

fat, 1,055 lbs. fat, 2.9% protein and 900 lbs. protein.

**Junior Progressive Breeder Awards**

James Houser of Spring Mills in Centre County and Susan Corbin of Reynoldsville in Jefferson County qualified for the first Junior Progressive Breeder Awards which were presented at the Junior Holstein Convention this week.

Houser qualified with three cows bred and which averaged 86 points with 23,415 lbs. of milk, 3.8% fat and 886 lbs. of butterfat.

Corbin qualified with three cows bred and owned which averaged 85 points with 24,095 lbs., 3.5% fat and 845 lbs. of butterfat.

Congratulations to these two young people for getting a head start in their future herd development.

One criteria for the award is animals must have the following production records on official DHI or DHIR:

As a 2 yr. old, 18,000M, 650F, Classified 81 points; 3 yr. old, 20,500M, 725F, Classified 83 points; 4 yr. old, 21,900M, 800F, Classified 85 points and 5 & Over, 22,500M, 830F, Classified 87 points.



Osdel-Endeavor Mark Clara-ET and friends. Clara topped the State Holstein sale with a bid of \$8,700 from Judy Wolford and Dallas Rynd of Cochranon. Sire is Walkway Chief Mark and dam is Rynd-Home Vallant Cutie. Consignor was Imperial C. Breeders of Saegertown.

**State Sale**

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annual convention, "Wild, Wild West," at the Sheraton Inn. The auctioneers for the event were C. Sherman Allen and Mike Weimer. The sale featured 68 top-quality Holsteins, including 66 cows and heifers and 2 calves. Total sales for the auction was slightly more than \$178,000 and the animals brought an average of \$2,684.