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Hacks Promote Dairy Industry And Guernseys

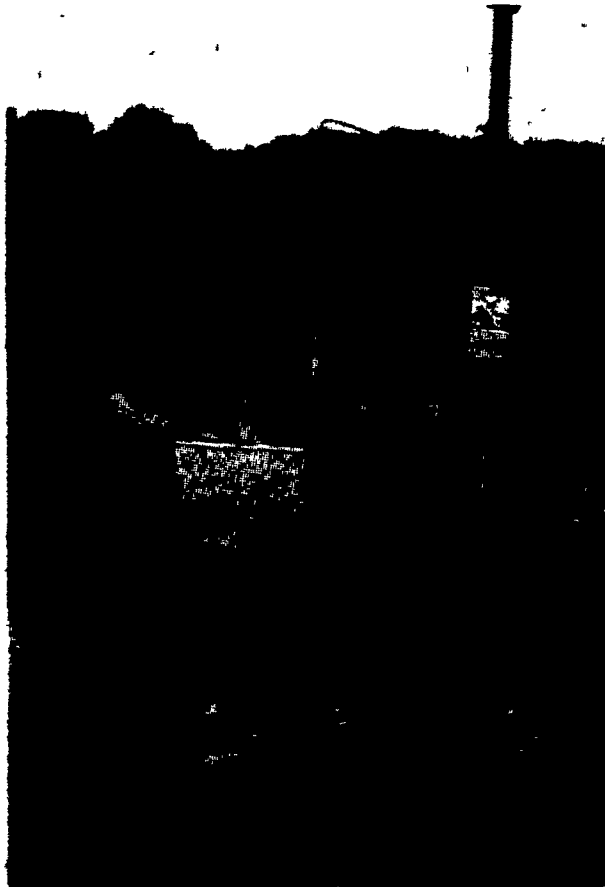
BY HELEN KELCHNER
Columbia Co. Correspondent
BERWICK (Columbia Co.) — Each year nearly a hundred young children in Columbia County get their first hands-on experience with a dairy cow, compliments of Albert and Miriam Hack.

As a way to acquaint children with the source of milk and give some of them a once-in-a-lifetime experience of reaching out to a cow, Albert and Miriam Hack have entertained hundreds of youngsters from Head Start and Easter Seals over the years.

Recently the Hacks hosted 30 preschool Head Start children at the Columbia County farm. Many of the young people had never been closer to a cow than their television set, but on the Hacks' farm they were treated to a romp through the straw in a pen where small Guernsey calves were stabled. The calves provided a "real" hands-on experience.

Guiding them through the long stable, Albert explained the feeding process of the milking herd and

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Bob Lange checks the soybean seed level in his planter. Lange, concerned about the future of the family farm, met with Rep. Dick Schulze to discuss the federal estate tax. The outcome was a bill that would cut or eliminate estate tax on family farms within 50 miles of a metropolitan area.

National Cooking Contest Sizzles With Flavor

BY LOU ANN GOOD
HERSHEY (DAUPHIN) — The aroma of 51 chicken dishes drifted throughout the Hershey Convention Center on Thursday. It was the site of the nation's largest chicken cooking contest sponsored by the National Broiler Council, The Pennsylvania Poultry Federation and trade associations.

Melissa Mathie, a personable young farm wife from Michigan won \$10,000 for her "Summer Italian Stuffed Chicken," boneless

chicken breast halves stuffed with a combination of basil and thinly sliced plum tomatoes, then coated with a mixture of Parmesan cheese and Italian breadcrumbs.

Four other state champions shared an additional \$10,000 in prize money.

June Holley, Cincinnati, Ohio, captured second prize of \$4,000 for her recipe, "Chicken Santa Fe," a zesty combination of roasted red peppers and jalapeno jelly with

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Holiday Deadlines

The office of *Lancaster Farming* will be closed Monday, May 29, to observe Memorial Day and will reopen Tuesday, May 30. Deadlines for the June 3 (special dairy) issue are as follows:

Mail Box Market Ads — 9 a.m. Tuesday.

Public Sale Ads — Noon Tuesday.

Classified Sec. B Ads — 5 p.m. Wednesday.

All Other Classified Ads — 9 a.m. Thursday.

General News — 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Late Breaking News — Noon Thursday.

Chester County Farmer Inspires Federal Estate Tax Bill

BY LISA RISSER
MALVERN (Chester Co.) — "Save the family farm" is Bob Lange's battle cry. Struggling to save his family's farm and his livelihood, Lange persuaded Rep. Dick Schulze, R-Chester Co., to propose federal legislation that would ease estate tax payments on farms.

"My family would have to sell between 25 and 75 percent of the farm in order to pay estate taxes depending on the assessed value," Lange predicted. "We don't want to sell any ground. We want it to stay as it is."

Schulze very much agrees with Lange. "There are people who genuinely want to farm. It seemed to me somehow wrong that we say to farmers that they have to sell off parts of their farm to pay for taxes. We should have a device to enable them to continue farming."

House Bill 2336 has been introduced to the House of Representa-

tives in an effort to help save family farms. The bill would cut the federal estate tax by 20 percent on any family farm owned and operated for 10 years. Qualifying farms must be located within 50 miles of a metropolitan area.

After each subsequent five-year period, the tax payment would drop another 20 percent. After 30 years of owning and operating the farm, the family would not have to pay any tax. The moment the farm is sold or changes hands or is not an operating farm, the estate tax would have to be paid.

Currently up to 55 percent of the assessed value of an estate is taxed when its ownership is transferred through death or as a gift.

The bill, introduced May 11, has already attracted 11 other sponsors. Co-sponsoring the bill with Schulze as *Lancaster Farming* went to press were Helen Bentley, R-Maryland; Sherwood Boehlert,

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Special Dairy Issue Next Week

By next Saturday, June 3, the annual dairy month festivities will be underway. And *Lancaster Farming's* annual dairy issue will add to the celebration. Along with many advertisers who have special messages for the dairy industry, you'll find a milk pail full of dairy recipes that came in response to the drawing for one of a herd of cows (the model type you sit on the shelf). And you will find a story about a young couple who started farming last year. They tell why they did.

Since good dairymen want to produce a quality product, farms that have been recognized for low somatic cell counts are visited. And since BST could revolutionize the dairy industry, several farmers will tell the practical aspects they experienced in on-farm trials sponsored by the companies who want to get the new biotech product approved for commercial use.

And the champion alfalfa grower in the state will tell how he manages the crop.

These are only a few of the features you'll find next week as a tribute to the dairy farmers who provide wholesome dairy products.

New York, Pennsylvania Heifers Earn Top Bids At AGA Sale

BY PAT PURCELL

ROCHESTER, NY — An excellent sale concluded the American Guernsey Association's 112th annual meeting held in Rochester, New York this week. Two Pennsylvania heifers and one of New York's finest grabbed the top bids in their divisions at the sale.

Topping the sale at \$5,600 was Nedrow Farms Admirals Jen, a VG-88. Jen also ranks 60 in the breed for CPI. John DuPont of Newtown Square, Pa. placed the final bid. In 286 days Jen produced 18,479 pounds of milk, 4.0 percent fat, 732 pounds of butterfat, 3.2 percent protein, and 587 pounds of protein. Projections for 305 days, 23,062 pounds of milk, 914 pounds of fat. Nedrow Farms is owned by Kevin and Barb Nedrow of Clifton Springs, New York.

Top selling bred heifer was a Pennsylvania consignment from Trotacres Farm in Enon Valley, owned by James, Bob and Dave Trotter. Trotacre Fayette Barbie sold to Great Hall Dairy Inc. from Marion, Mass. for \$4,100. Barbie was the ninth junior calf at the 1987 National Guernsey Show in Harrisburg. Sired by Fayette and due in to Jetstar. Her dam is an EX-90 Fernell daughter with 605F.

Ken Forester of Ontario, Canada purchased the top selling open heifer. Lebanon Valley Pender Dori-ET ran the bidding up to \$4,200 before it stopped. She is the daughter of Pender and Lebanon Valley Star Elsie. Elsie is an EX-92 GSD. Elsie was named the 1988 high cow for butterfat in Pennsylvania. Robert B. Smith & Sons were the consignors.

Top selling preice for an unborn ET was \$2,750 paid for Marfred Bootsy. Consignor was Fred T. Mills of Saluda, South Carolina. Ken Forester of Ontario, Canada made the buy.

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Nedrow Farms Admirals Jen (VG-88) took the bidding to \$5,600 at the American Guernsey Association's 112th annual meeting and heifer sale held this week in Rochester, New York. John DuPont of Newtown Square, Pa. made the purchase. Consignors were Kevin and Barb Nedrow of Clifton Springs, New York.