

## Morris Honored At Maryland Holstein Banquet

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member of Maryland 4-H Hall of Fame; contemporary of MD Dairy Shrine; Guest of Honor of National Dairy Shrine.

Martha taught chemistry at Barnard College and later joined MD Extension Service and served as Home Demonstration Agent in Anne Arundel and then Cecil Counties. She has always worked close with 4-H clubs. After her marriage, Martha spent all her time working for John L. Morris & sons. The couple have four sons and five grandchildren. Martha was elected Assistant Secretary and Treasurer of the Maryland Holstein Association on December 6, 1988. Martha served 25 years as leader of the Gaithersburg Girls 4-H Club. Martha also is active in her church, serving on the consistory as elder and sings in the adult choir.

Junior Awards were presented by Donna Myers and Nona Schwartzbeck in the following categories:

**PRODUCTION AWARDS** were presented for high ECM in 305 days or less as follows:

**Coldsprings Farm Trophy-** Marlin Hoff Family- Charles T. Dean, III- 2 year old- Dean C-T-Valor Comet-ET- 26,862 ECM.

**Del-Myr Farm Trophy-** Gaylene Smith, 3 year old- O-C-S Dairy Val Phil Patty-Z- 30,862 ECM.

**Brooklodge Farm Trophy-** Charles T. Dean, III- 4 year old- Dean-C-T Pete Missie- 32,220 ECM.

**Oakview Ridge Farm Trophy-** Carl Bender Family- O. Clay Smith- 5 year old, O-C-S Dairy Jerrys Moonshot- 30,842 ECM.

**Kingstead Farms Trophy-** Amy Savage,- 6 years and over-

Savage-Leigh Jo Amy- 29,731 ECM.

Peace & Plenty Farm

**Trophy- Joseph Schwartzbeck Family-** Brian Ehrhardt,- Lifetime Production,- Dean C-T Star Ann- 156,533 FCM.

**RECORD BOOK WINNERS**  
Junior Girls

Cynthia Fell  
Kelli Savage  
Kelly Myers  
Junior Boys  
Mark Iager  
Chip Savage  
Matthew Day

First Year Book- Girls- Jami Savage; Boys- Darren Wolf.

Senior Girls  
Jenelle Rinehart  
Stacey Guyton  
Tanya Iager  
Senior Boys  
James Swift  
David Lenhart  
James Allen

**Patrick Hoff Memorial Scholarship-** \$100.00- Cynthia Fell and Mark Iager.

**Maryland Holstein Scholarship-** \$500.00- Jenelle Rinehart and James Swift.

**Overall Trophy Winner-** Matthew Iager.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Judy Iager, Scholarship Committee Chairman, presented \$500.00 scholarships from the Maryland Holstein Association to the following recipients: Johanna Remsburg, University of Maryland; Gary Dell, University of Maryland Institute of Applied Agriculture; Donald Anderson, VA-MD Regional College of Veterinary Medicine; Nancy Powell, Virginia Tech; Susan Kelly, Virginia Tech; William Swift, Virginia Tech; Karen Knutsen, University of Delaware.

Charles Iager invited everyone to attend next years convention

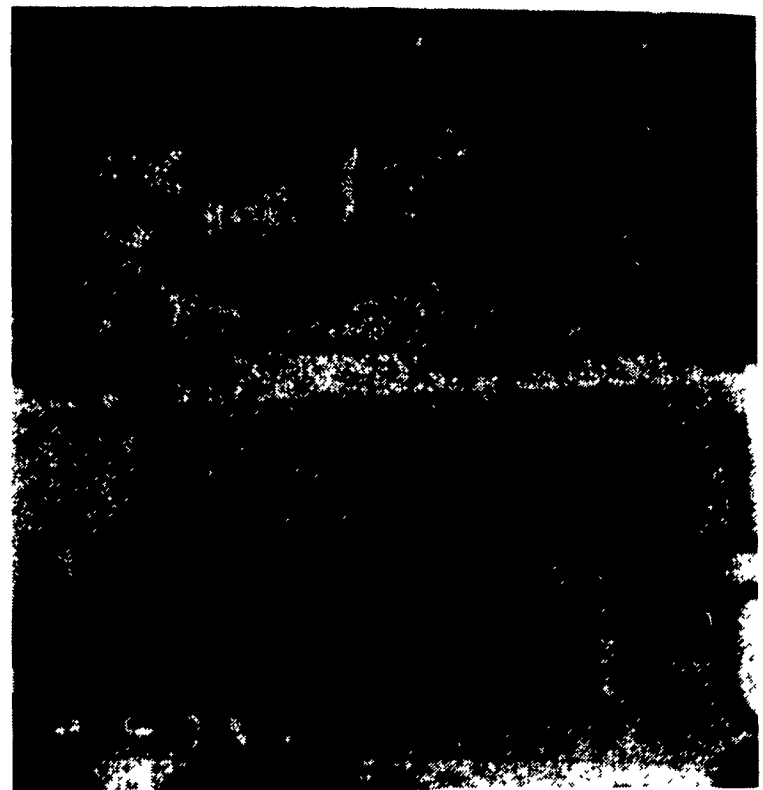
and sale in Howard County on March 8-9, 1991 at the Turf Valley Country Club.

### BURKET ADDRESSES MARYLAND HOLSTEIN CONVENTION

Dave Burket, PA Holstein breeder was the speaker for the afternoon session of the Maryland Holstein Convention. His unique delivery and keen observations had the undivided attention of his audience. Burket noted a similarity of the MD and PA conventions, both having celebrities for speakers, PA having former President Carter and MD having Burket!

Burket opened by saying he was given two assignments. The first was "Breeding a Paper Cow." His answer to that was, learn to read, count and add numbers. AMEN! His second was to challenge his audience to "breed a herd of cows for the nineties." He noted that one of their herds lowest producing cows was ranked 18th in their herd. He observed, "Don't try to beat the numbers, but be sure the numbers don't beat you." Burket said that many breeders are admitting the numbers system is not meeting expectations. At a recent visit to Burket's farm, visitors from Germany saw a real fancy cow they liked and were extremely interested in until they found she was -500. She would not be eligible to enter Germany, Burket said. This is an example of how good cows are excluded due to lack of numbers.

Burket also noted that Cornell University for many years breed All American cows. They are now using the top 1% of the bulls to breed their herd. He challenged anyone to visit and if they feel that Cornell is still breeding All Americans, he will personally pay for the trip and a visit to see a psychiatrist. Burket said it is time to turn to the real experts, the breed-



John and Martha Morris were honored at the Maryland Holstein Banquet for years of service to the dairy industry. John retired as secretary/treasurer after 13 years of work for the association. The package contained a beautiful quilt with the inscription: "In appreciation for years of dedicated service. We love John. We love Martha."

ers. He said some say we can not breed for longevity. Compare it with corn, he noted. We used to have 85-day corn, now we have 125 - 130-day corn. Burket says he would rather have a hot 10-year-old than a hot 2-year-old.

How important is fancy, Burket asked. When you were dating, did you want a girl that was functional or did you prefer one that was fancy? When a potential buyer looks at ten heifers, which one does he pick first? The big fancy one or the small ugly? If we breed better cows, we can sell more and better breeding stock, Burket said. At present, indexes start high and go

down. Burket feels indexes should start low and go up.

The highest achievement for a breeder is standing first at Madison or breeding an All American. Burket said Bull Studs stand taller when daughters from their bulls are selected first at ringside. Burket asked why Canada now dominates the show at Madison. He added that we have lots of milk, so why not breed for better, more fancy cows. We can win the battle to breed better cows if we can devise the formula! Answering a question from the audience as to who has the formula, Burket said, "You the breeder have the answer."

## Shirl Tops Maryland Convention Sale



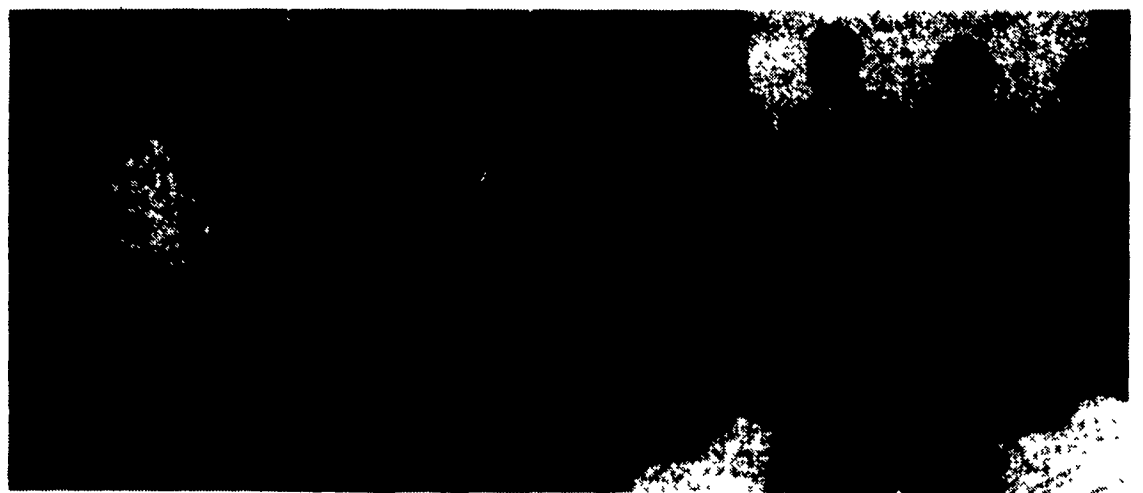
Gay-Ridge Astro-Jet Shirl, sold for \$6800 to top the sale. In the photo (L to R)- Dale Bendig, representing Robert Gallivan of Halfway, Mo., Purchaser, Chris Hill, Leadsman.

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BEL AIR, MD. — The MD Holstein Convention Sale was held at the Bel Air Equestrian Center on Saturday, March 3. The 77 head consigned sold for a total

of \$177,395, an average of \$2303 per animal.

Top selling heifer, Gay-Ridge Astro-Jet Shirl, 1989 All-Maryland Junior Calf, owned by Gay Ridge Holsteins, Ijamsville, Md., was purchased by Robert



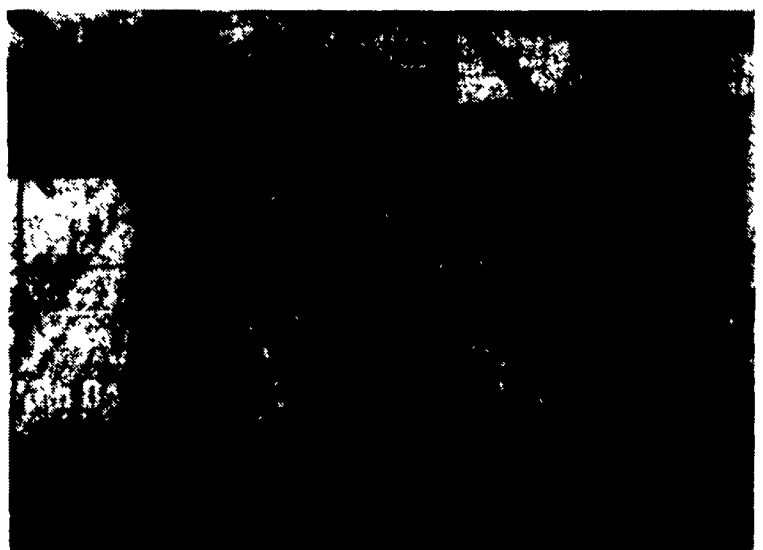
1989 Maryland Holstein Progressive Breeder Award Winners.

Gallivan of Halfway, MO., represented by Dale Bendig, for \$6,800.

Art-Acres Mark Kay O, consigned by Arthur Rhoderick of Hagerstown, Md., was the second highest animal sold. She was purchased by George Stauffer of Williamsport, Pa. for \$6,700.00.

Harold and Colleen Smith, Monkton, Md., were the owners of the third highest animal, Ladys-Manor Sugar Pie-Red, which sold for \$6,100 and was purchased by Elm Park Farm of Scheboygan Falls, WI.

Also selling at the sale was Glen-Tocton Clcitus Beth-ET, owned by William, John and Michael Allen of Jefferson, Md. The \$1400 received from this heifer was donated to the MD Dairy Judging Team for their trip to the International contest in England.



Ladys-Manor Sugar Pie-Red, sold for \$6100 at the convention sale.

**FUN AUCTION HELD FOR DAIRY JUDGING TEAM**  
Anyone collecting milk bottles

found they had to pay premium prices at the MD Holstein Convention. (Turn to Page A33)