

Wyoming/Lackawanna Holstein Members Hold Meeting

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— The annual meeting of the Wyoming/Lackawanna Holstein Association was recently held at the United Methodist Church. A dinner was served by the United Methodist Women. Following the dinner, the business meeting and an honors session were held.

The meeting was highlighted by the announcement of a Hall of Fame Award which will become an annual event of the Association. The first recipient of this honor is Clifford Sands, of Tunkhannock. For 23 years, Sands was a director of the Holstein Club, 14 years its secretary, and for five years served as president. He has been a director of the Pennsylvania State Holstein Association, and served twice as delegate to the National Convention. His name is engraved on a plaque which will be on display at the Wyoming County Extension Office. Another memento was a beautiful clock, handcrafted by one of the club members.

The Hall of Fame Award will be presented each year to a person who has made significant contributions and participated in many activities for the Holstein Association and the agricultural community. Selection will be made by a committee. This year's committee included Wayne Sherwood, Elwood White, and Foster Constable. In making the presentation, Mr. Sherwood announced that each member will, after his appointment, automatically

become a member of the committee for the following year.

Murray Fisk, retired County Extension Agent, recounted Sand's county-wide activities throughout the many years. He was a director of the Tunkhannock Artificial Breeding Coop, which is now Sire Power; he served on the County Extension Committee for 20 years and was a member of the Wyoming County Planning Commission for 24 years. He has a long record as a member of the 4-H Advisory Committee, and still serves there. Lastly, his operating a large and successful farm was somehow dovetailed into his time and effort to public projects.

Congratulatory remarks were also made by neighbors and friends, who cited the support and cooperation of Mrs. Sands. In his response, Sands gave full credit to his wife, Pauline. He introduced his son, Tom, and Tom's family to the gathering.

The warm congratulations of the Holstein Association, as well as his friends and neighbors, were expressed by everyone present.

In other business, the nominating committee reported the nomination of Dale Shupp, Roger Sherwood, and George Shapuk to succeed themselves as directors. Election was by acclamation. Roger Sherwood serves as president of the group.

Kenneth Rainey, Director of Membership of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association, reported on the fiscal year ending in September, 1991. He said that the Association was in a favorable financial



Clifford Sands

position, and related that successful exports of cattle and embryos to overseas countries had contributed to the fiscal welfare. He encouraged the members to be alert for continued sales, especially to the Middle East, as he predicted that a minimum of 1,000 head of registered heifers would be needed for export. He urged the farmers to register all heifers, as those which might be considered lower quality here would contribute to improvement in other countries.

The upcoming dispersal of the dairy herd of George Sheypuk of Lackawanna County will take

place on March 14. Sheypuk has a large milking herd and many head of young stock. He has had a thriving business in producing frozen embryos for international trade.

Rainey also reminded that there will be a Spring Show on March 27 at the Farm Show Arena in Harrisburg. There will also be a sale at Penn State in April.

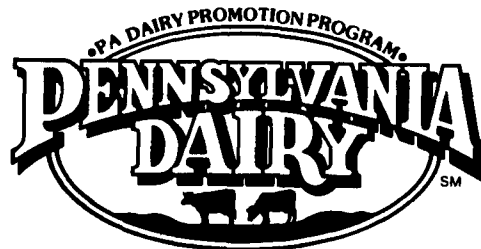
A new State Directory of Members is now being made available. Mr. Rainey also announced that Wilkes Barre has been chosen to host the State Convention next year. Frank Insigna, Secretary of the Wyoming/Lackawanna group will be the overall chairman of this event.

Robert P. Parr reported on the progress made thus far in organizing an Open Dairy Show to be a part of the Wyoming County Fair this fall. Planned for September 5, competition will be open to farmers from Wyoming, Bradford, Luzerne, Lackawanna and Susquehanna counties, and perhaps others as well. In addition to the

Open Show, there will be a Junior Show open to young people from seven to 19 years of age. Work is in progress for the planning and construction of two barns, 30 by 60 feet each, and a 48 by 104 foot show ring.

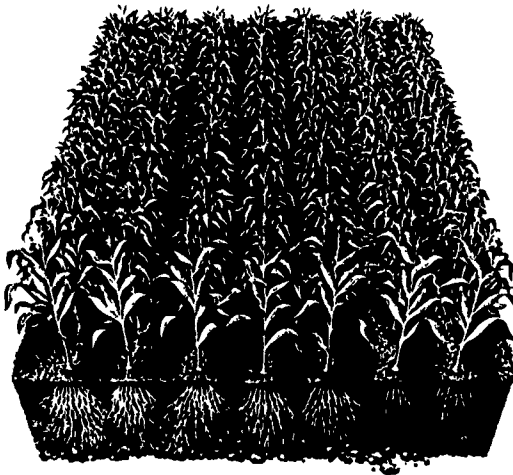
4-H Youth Awards were presented by Dale Shupp. Trophies were given to one boy and one girl in each category. First year awards were made to Bobby Sue Adams and Robert Wilson; Junior Awards to Jenny Teel and David Shupp, with Senior Awards being presented to Charlene Shupp and John Maddox.

Dale Shupp also announced that Wyoming County Extension Director Robert Hobbes plans to retire at the end of June, 1992. In addition, plans are under way for the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Wyoming County Extension Service. It is expected that this event will be held in November. Shupp is president of the County Extension Organization.



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