

National Guernsey Association Reports Actions At Convention

REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO — Positive action was taken by the membership and board of directors to further the future of the Guernsey breed at the annual convention of the American Guernsey Association in Dubuque, Iowa.

Positive action was taken by the board of directors on several matters. One was to make changes regarding the current type traits appraisal program. The board passed a motion which stated "Animals owned by individuals housed on same farms may be considered separate herds for appraisal purposes. If any animal is transferred over 15 months of age between herd owners within one year prior to appraisal, then all eligible cattle must be appraised. If both herds are not appraised, then occasional classification rates will be charged if appraised on a regular schedule. However, the minimum herd fee will be \$75."

Effective in 1994, junior exhibitors in the national junior Guernsey shows must have cows and calves registered in their names by July 1. This transfer date change from January 1 to July 1 was made to increase the participation in the mature classes at the national junior shows. The January 1 rule will remain in effect for the 1993 show season. The junior entry fee in the All-American contest will be reduced from \$20 to \$10 per entry. These new fees will go into effect with the 1993 All-American contest.

The membership also took a stand on an important issue at the annual meeting. The vote to eliminate the Guernsey Genetic Growth program from Section K of Article III of the Bylaws of the American Guernsey Association passed by the majority of active membership who voted.

Church Crowned National Guernsey Queen

Amy Church, the 20-year-old daughter of Craig and Gladie Church of Cresco, Iowa, took top honors when she was crowned the 1993 National Guernsey Queen. She has been active with the family's Oak Knob Guernsey herd since she was a small child. As National Guernsey Queen, Church feels that her responsibilities fall into two categories, consumer promotion and producer events. She said, "Consumer promotion is essential to publicize Guernsey cattle and the delicious, nutritious products they provide for us. Equally important is promoting the Guernsey breed to dairy farmers. The national Guernsey queen should promote excellent Guernsey cattle, herds and achievements to producers of other breeds." Church is a junior at Iowa State University where she is majoring in dairy science and agriculture journalism.

Elizabeth Littlefield of Ithaca, New York, was named the first runner-up in the National Outstanding Guernsey Youth contest and received \$75 to assist with her travel expenses to the convention. When asked what she would do to change her current operation, Littlefield said, "I would change the calving interval from 13.4 months to 12 months. I feel the faster we can get heifers into our milking herd, and the sooner we can get cows to freshen again, the more return we will get on our investment." She is responsible for milking and doing chores as well as helping set up the feeding and breeding programs on the farm.

She also helps with field work when needed. Littlefield, the 20-year-old daughter of Clarence and Sharon Littlefield, is majoring in dairy science at Cornell University and owns 21 Guernseys.

National Guernsey Sale Proved Successful

"If we host it, they will come" was the perfect slogan for the Iowa Guernsey breeders who hosted the 1993 American Guernsey Association National Convention. Buyers nationally and internationally gathered to bid last on animals selling in the National Convention Sale. Averaging \$2,760 on 46 lots, this sale proved a success for American and foreign interests.

Artur Pinho of Brazil was the high bidder on Spring Walk Gingers Janie-ET, making her the highest priced female in the sale at \$6,300. "Janie," a Perfecto daughter consigned by Spring Walk Farm of Big Prairie, Ohio, has PA totals of +1,795M and +51P. Her 87 point gold star dam, a Welcome Choice Admiral daughter, has records to 27,260M 1,233F 848P at 5-04 in 305 days.

The second high-selling female was Myrtledeals B Most Heather, an 89 point Lincrest Telestar Buttermost daughter. Purchased by Dan and Loretta Mithoefer of Claypool, Indiana, "Heather" is ranked number seven on the January 1993 high CPI list and made 16,800M 817F 526P at 1-11 in 305 days. Her 90 point Able gold star dam has records to 23,130M 1,133F 827P at 4-05 in 365 days. "Heather" has maternal brothers in A.I. and was consigned by Myrtledeale Farm of Newberry, SC.

Trotacre Mercury Lora-ET, an Oaklands Mercury daughter consigned by Trotacre Farm of Enon Valley, Pennsylvania, was the third high-selling female for \$5,000. Purchased by K.A. Forster of Ontario, Canada, "Lora" has PA totals of +1,650M and +52P. Her 92 point Fayette gold star dam, the well-known Trotacre Fayette Loretta, is ranked number 17 on the January 1993 high CPI list, is the top milk flow queen for the second consecutive year, has sons in A.I. and has records to 32,250M* 1,145F* 1,070P* at 2-11 in 358 days.

Witmer Honored for Distinguished Service

The American Guernsey Association honored Raymond F. Witmer of Willow Street, Pennsylvania, for his distinguished service to the breed.

Witmer's dairy career began in 1937 when he bought his first registered Guernsey as a 4-H calf. In 1952, with the help of his wife Louise, he purchased the home farm from his parents. With his herd of Guernseys at Penn Del Farm, Witmer owned the high herd for fat in his county and the nation, as well as developing two gold star sires, Golden Harvest King Cole and Lake Louise Kings Reliable, who both went into A.I. The Penn Del herd was on official test from its formation in 1952 until it was dispersed in 1988. From 1961 forward, Penn Del Farm was a regular recipient of the Gold Star Breeder Award. Their milk was sold under the Golden Guernsey label to a local dairy until bought out by a larger regional dairy. Witmer paid close attention to production and type to develop a herd with uniformity and longevity.

Witmer has strong ties in the dairy community. Elsie Wolff, a fellow Pennsylvania Guernsey breeder, said Witmer has "always been a strong supporter of the Guernsey cow and her potential to be a leader among the dairy breeds. Raymond is respected in his community as a leader and willing to lend a helping hand." Witmer was certified as an approved judge for all breeds in Pennsylvania by the state's Purebred Dairy Cattle Association and judged cattle for nearly 20 years. He was also active showing cattle in Maryland, Harrisburg, Madison and Louisville. Penn Del Farm hosted the Pennsylvania PDCA judging school twice, along with numerous 4-H, FFA and college judging teams over the years.

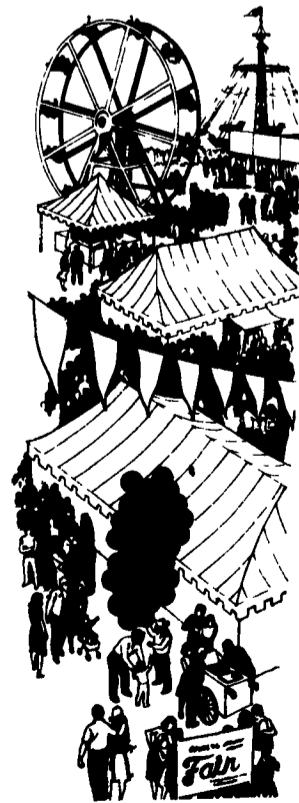
In 1987, Witmer received the Charles Cowen Memorial Award for leadership contributing to the improvement and promotion of the Pennsylvania dairy industry from the Pennsylvania Dairy and Allied Industries Association. He received a certificate of appreciation in 1975 from the American Guernsey Cattle Club for sincere dedication and leadership in the Guernsey industry while serving as a member of the Board of Directors from 1965 to 1975. In 1964, he was awarded with the Outstanding Pennsylvania Farmer Award by the American Grassland Council.

Witmer is a member of National Dairy Shrine, a past chairman of Mid-Atlantic Guernsey Sires, past president of the Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders Association, and a director and class sponsor of the Pennsylvania All-American Show. He has also been the president for Guernsey Restaurants, Inc. for six years. The Witmers have four children.

Special Citation Presented to John Merryman Family

The American Guernsey Association presented a special citation to the John Merryman Family of Sparks, Maryland. The citation was awarded for Merryman's contributions, dedication and loyalty

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Animal Housing Expo

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equipment.

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• **Blue Mountain Structures**, RD#1, Box 571, Brogue, PA 17309, (717) 927-8222, Ken Deliz. Livestock buildings.

• **Met-Life**, 801 Orange Street, Lebanon, PA 17042, (717) 272-6681, Matt Shults. Investment.

• **Agpro, Inc.**, Route 7, Box 100, Paris, Texas, 75960-9644,

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