

## Chester Holstein Club Has Field Day

**SADSBURYVILLE** (Chester Co.) — The Chester County Holstein Association held its annual field day activities Thursday at the farm of Dick and Alice Hostetter in Sadsburyville.

An estimated 200 people turned out for the event. The association has about 140 active members in the county.

Speakers at the function included Jane Pepple, Chester County's state director, who reported on the status of the organization and some of the changes. She also told members that they may be eligible for a reduced rate telephone service that, if they would join, would also benefit the state organization. She said to call the organization and ask for more information about "Telnet."

Also speaking was Leon Wilkinson, chairman of the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board, who explained that he and the other board members are trying to do their best to ensure a safe and reasonably retailed commodity coming from the state's dairy producers.

According to Wilkinson, the organization has been working with setting over-order prices and conducting milk tank inspections in order to see through its responsibilities.

He said that it was good to see so many young people at a Holstein picnic, "because without the young people the dairy industry won't survive."

Wilkinson also said that anyone with a question about the milk marketing board should call him at (215) 274-8108.

Also speaking was Bill Allen with the Pennsylvania Holstein Association who said that members can expect to be questioned about a pending export sale to Saudi Arabia this fall that is to be similar to the sale last year, except that a slightly higher pedigree of animal is being sought.

He said that the organization is seeking short bred heifers, bred heifers and bulls from dams with records of 20,000 pounds of milk or more. However, details have not been finalized.

He also said that Holstein breeders should be looking to the Sept. 22 Eastern National Sale held during the All-American Dairy Show week at the State Farm Show Building in Harrisburg. "If you're not a consignee, be a buyer," he said.

And, he said it's not too early to

be thinking about consignments for the annual state Holstein convention set to be held in Gettysburg in 1994. For more information, call the state Holstein association.

In addition to those speakers, Ken Umble, county president, and Clarence Stauffer, consultant for Pennsylvania to the national organization, Walter Wurster, county dairy extension agent and Carl Kettering, a representative from Agri-King, gave talks to the crowd.

Kettering's speech was motivational. Wurster talked about the strength and cohesion of the county dairy industry and said that he was seeking donations of calves to be offered for sale during a benefit auction that is to raise money for buildings at the planned 4-H center located near Honeybrook. He said the land is acquired, but funds are needed to construct usable buildings for the county's youth.

According to Wurster, John St. Johns and Mildred Seeds are both acting as contact people in the effort to get the fund-raising sale together. He said to give them a call if anyone has a calf that can be donated.

Wurster also said to look forward to a two-part intensive forage school tentatively scheduled for next Feb. 9 and Feb. 16 with Penn State University's Marvin Hall (who normally judges the Ag Progress Hay Show) set to speak.

Ice cream, popcorn, food, games and activities for the children were also held.

A cattle judging contest was also held with three classes of four animals in each class offered. The classes consisted of 2-year-olds, aged and dry cows and senior yearlings.

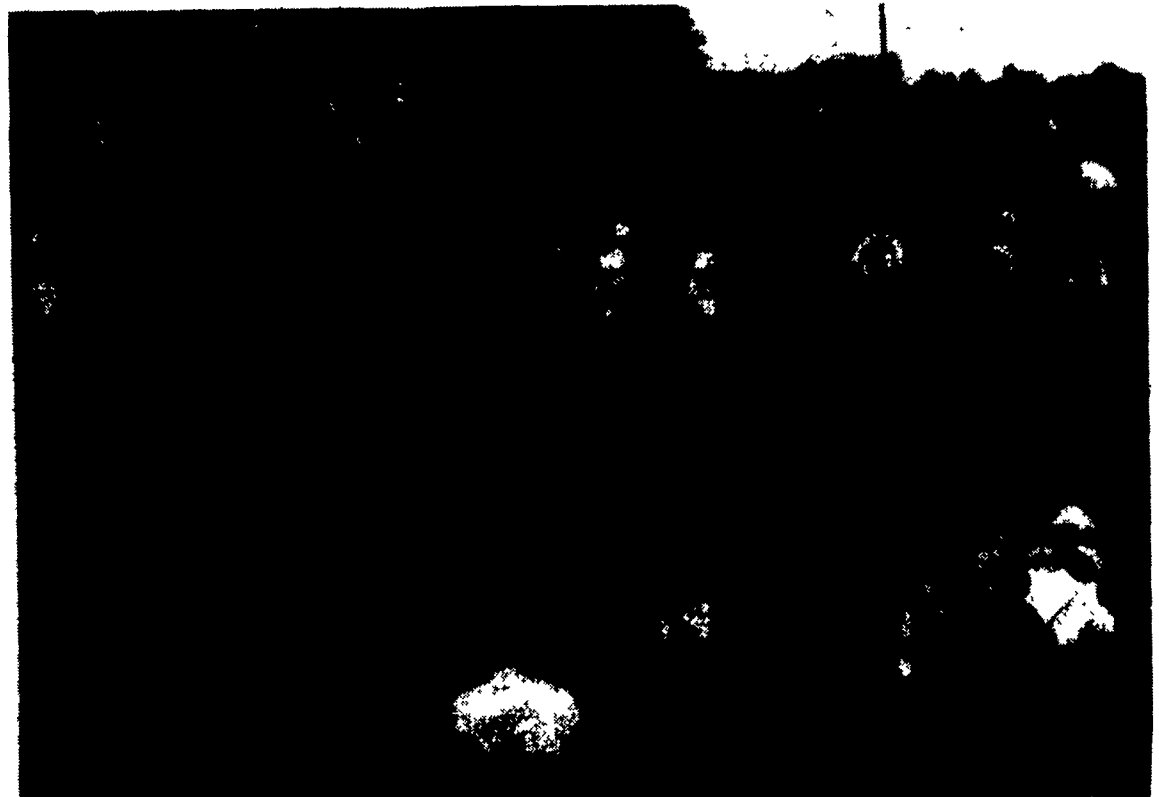
There were 97 people who participated in the judging contest. In the mens' division, the first place winner was Galen Martin, followed by Donald Hostetter and Merle King who tied for second, and Melvin Stoltzfus in third.

In the women's division, Kathy St. John, wife of John, was first, while Dorthea Hostetter, wife of Dale, was second, and Erma Kauffman, wife of Ben, was third. Jeanette Brooks, daughter of Ben and Erma Kauffman, took fourth place.

In the junior division, Angela Barlow was first, Calvin Stoltzfus was second, Marvin Lapp was third and Krystal St. John was fourth.



More than 200 persons attended the Chester County Holstein field day Thursday at the farm of Dick and Alice Hostetter.



Games were part of the fun.

## New Director To Head NYFEA

**ALEXANDRIA, VA.** — The National Young Farmer Educational Association, Inc. (NYFEA) announced that Byron Ernest of Sheridan, Ind. will serve as their new executive director beginning September 7.

Ernest will provide national leadership for the organization, advocating continued education of all people engaged in agriculture. He will be working with business and education leaders to ensure

that adult agricultural education programs will provide opportunities to participants for personal and professional growth. His duties will include management of NYFEA and initiating and coordinating projects to strengthen Young Farmer adult education in agriculture.

Dr. Larry Case, coordinator of agricultural and rural education at the U.S. Department of Education

and National FFA adviser, said "Ernest has extensive experience in adult education in agriculture at both the state and local levels. His proven record of leadership and enthusiasm for excellence will benefit the membership of the NYFEA and the industry of agriculture."

A former agriculture and adult vocational education specialist for the Indiana Department of Education in Indianapolis, Ernest holds a master's degree in vocational agriculture education, bachelor's in agriculture education, and a bachelor's in animal science from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.

Ernest is a member of the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association, the Indiana Vocational Association, the American Vocational Association, the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, and the Indiana Farm Management Association. He is presently chairperson of the Long-Range Planning Committee of the Farm House Fraternity at Purdue University. His previous work experience includes being a vocational agriculture instructor at two area Indiana junior/senior high schools, a farm management consultant, a self-employed farm manager, and a sales representative for Pioneer Hi-Bred International.

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