

# Somerset DHIA Holds Annual Meeting, Presents Awards

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SOMERSET (Somerset Co.) — Approximately 110 persons attended the annual Somerset Co. DHIA banquet meeting was held on Dec. 8 at the Masonic Temple here.

Directors elected at the meeting for 3-year terms, were Scott Foreman, Rockwood, RD; Gerald Weigle, Friedens, RD and Bradley Fox, Berlin, RD.

Awards presented found the North View Farm, Berlin, operated by the Will Brothers — Jim, Dan and John — honored for high herd for protein production per cow. On three times-per-day milking the herd averaged 817 pound protein.

North View also had the high individual cow record for milk and protein with Chick, a Holstein that made 36,622 pounds of milk and 1,151 pounds of protein.

Harry Mosholder, Rockwood, had the high herd for fat production per cow with an average of 885 pounds.

High herd for milk production per cow went to Jim Brant's Stoney Acres Farm. The herd produced an average of 24,904 pounds on twice per-day milking.

Low herd somatic cell count went to Bill and Mark Blough of Blough Brothers, Boswell. The count was 127,000.

Valerie, a cow in the herd of Donald Glessner Berlin, RD, had the high individual cow record for fat with 1,422 pounds.

Herd management awards found Harry Mosholder taking first; Stoney Acres Farm, second, and Dormel Farms of Somerset, third.

Reports from Andy Meier, who is county DHIA president and also a state DHIA director, included discussion about the county technician and director health insurance rate increase that is necessary for the local DHIA to remain independent.

The increase is approximately 11 cents per cow, said Meier, with 5 cents going to the state and the other 6 cents remaining here. He said that in the county there are currently 10,000 cows and 175 herds.

## Adams Club Approves Schedule

THOMAS E. PIPER  
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Adams Co. Extension

GETTYSBURY (Adams Co.) — Re-organization, membership drive kick-off, and the organization of a calendar of activities for 1994 was the agenda for the board of directors, Adams County Holstein Association, when it met on Dec. 6 at the Adams County Extension Office in Gettysburg.

Marvin Brown of Littlestown presided at the meeting and was re-elected in the first order of business.

Elected vice-president was Adam Lobaugh of Aspers. Kevin Holtzinger of East Berlin was elected secretary to replace Vincent Lobaugh who retired from the board. Robin Thompson was retained as treasurer, Steve Wood as state director.

Wood is to spearhead the membership drive which seeks to enroll 85 members by Jan. 25.

The directors are to meet at the home of the treasurer on Saturday, Feb. 5, to assess progress and finalize plans for hosting the State Junior Holstein Convention, Feb. 11-13 and the Pennsylvania Holstein Convention, Feb. 24-25. Both events will be held at the Ramada Inn, Gettysburg.

Other events planned for the year include a

twilight barn meeting in July, a tour to a destination to be decided, a classification meeting, and participation in various shows.

Interest was expressed in a possible York-Adams Calf Sale.

Support is to be provided by the Dairy Promotion Committee in the selection of a Dairy Princess, provided the volunteers and contestants step forward to participate in this program.

County Agent Thomas E. Piper requested the board's support for an Extension Dairy Day program to be held on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Adams County Extension Office in Gettysburg. Extension specialists Larry Hutchinson, DVM, and Dr. Jud Heindrichs will be among those presenting state-of-the-art dairy technology.

In other business it was announced that the Adams County Extension Office will be a down-link site for the 1994 Dairy Nutrition Teleconference and workshop scheduled for Thursdays, February 10, 17, and 24, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The program is designed for producers who want to improve their feeding management practices and gain a better understanding of ruminant nutrition. A \$25 registration fee covers notebooks and a forage analysis. Meal cost will be extra.

Meier also said that personnel changes have affected the local DHIA somewhat, through illnesses and retirements. Technicians are also learning computer for DHIA, he said.

The state DHIA has adopted a new set of by-laws according to Meier. He said that any member can be a delegate to a district DHIA meeting to discuss his

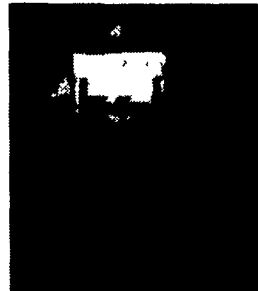
concerns.

Larry Hay, the Pa. DHIA regional manager, spoke briefly to the group. At one point he said, "I'll put Pennsylvania DHIA up against any processing center in the United States."

Stephanie Singo, the Somerset Co. Dairy Princess also spoke briefly following the dinner.

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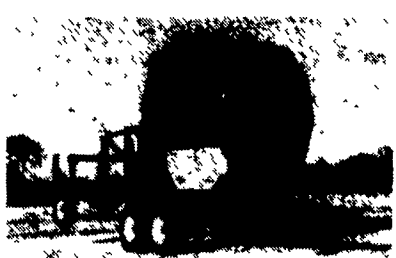
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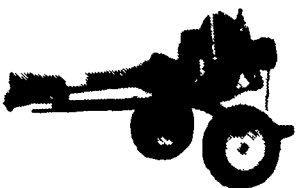
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