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Young Holstein Breeder Winners Scorched By Fire

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LITTLESTOWN (Adams Co.)—Chris and Steve Wood can count another blessing in their lives as one of the state's outstanding young dairy families.

In February, the Woods, of Littlestown, were named Pennsylvania Holstein Association's Distinguished Young Breeder award winners. Their Penn Gate herd is one of the best known on the Pennsylvania show circuit, with a host of premier breeder and exhibitor banners to its credit over the past several years and several out-

standing cow families. And their sons, Clayton, 8, and Corbin, 4, are healthy, happy youngsters who thrive on their family farm environment.

Their latest blessing came last Saturday morning, when the noted Penn Gate herd came perilously close to destruction by fire.

"Scott is our hero," says Chris Wood of their tenant Scott Doody, who came home from work at 12:30 a.m., about two hours earlier than he usually returns from his job with a Taneytown, Maryland, pump manufacturer.

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Surrounded by their beloved herd, Distinguished Young Holstein Breeder award winners Chris and Steve Wood, with four-year-old Corbin, find they can smile again after facing terror by barn fire.

Grumbine Is Named Farm Show Director

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.)—Agriculture Secretary Charles Brosius today announced the appointment of Dennis Grumbine of Myerstown as director of the Farm Show Bureau.

Assisted by a 50-member staff, Grumbine will oversee the daily operation of a state-owned facility maintained to advance the interests of Pennsylvania agriculture and other industries of the commonwealth. In addition, he will work with the Farm Show Commission, a 14-member board that determines policy and governs the overall operations of the Farm

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Dennis Grumbine

Keystone Farm Credit Charts Course

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 Lancaster Farming Staff

NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.)—Keystone Farm Credit held its annual stockholders' meetings in two locations this week. Stockholders attending the Montgomery and the Lancaster County banquets charted the course for the upcoming year by voting for directors and for members of the nominating committee.

Phil Kimmel, president and CEO of Keystone Farm Credit,

gave a synopsis of the annual report to the more than 800 people who attended the banquets held on April 3 and 4.

Kimmel said that earnings were good at \$2.1 million despite stiff competition from banks. The asso-

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Penn State Trustees' Ag-Interest Newsletter

DAVID MORROW
 Penn State Trustee
 STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.)—This newsletter is written on behalf of the trustees who rep-

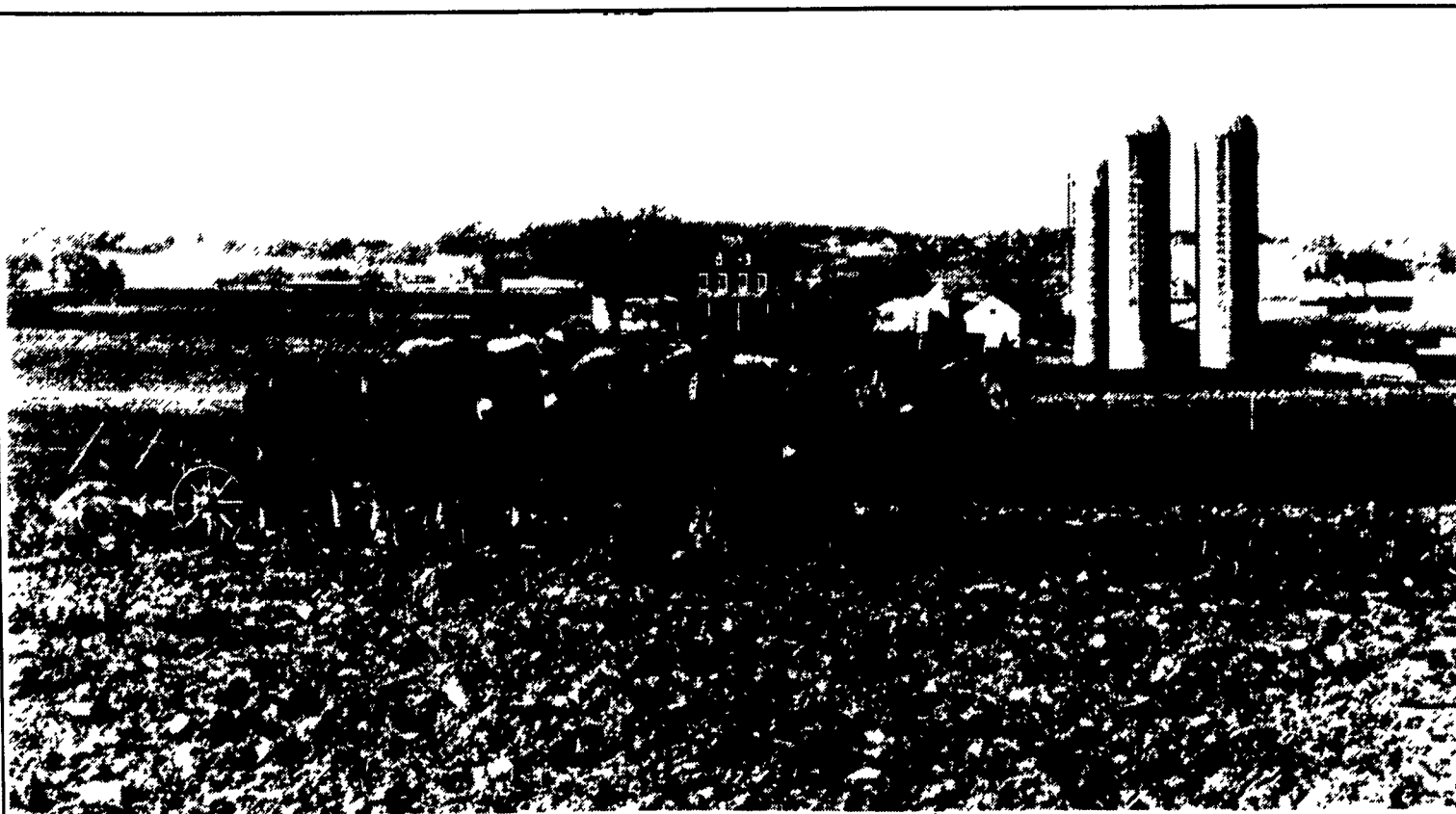
resent agriculture on the Board of Trustees: Charles Brosius, Guy Donaldson, Gordon Hiller, Roger Madigan, David Morrow and Obie Snider. Trustees Donaldson and Snider were elected in 1994 for three-year terms. Trustee Madigan is a candidate for reelection in May 1995. Trustee Brosius, whose term expires in 1995, has been named Secretary of Agriculture and will serve on the Board in that capacity. His current position on the Board will be filled in the May 1995 election. The Board acknowledges the leadership of retiring Secretary of Agriculture Boyd Wolff.

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Last Call For Dairy Of Distinction Applications

The deadline for dairy farmers to submit their application for the Dairy of Distinction recognition is upon us. The program that is designed to draw consumers' attention to beautiful, well-maintained, dairy farms has a deadline of April 15. That's next Saturday. So you need to act now to be included.

To date, more than 1000 farms in New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey have joined this effort in rural beautification and milk promotion. The full details of the program that include the rules and an application blank are published in this issue of *Lancaster Farming* on page D6. Fill in the application and send it to the appropriate program secretary today.



While their Amish owner took an ice cream break in at the farm house, this seven-mule team rested their reactivated muscles in the middle of a field of spring plowing after a winter lay-off. They posed Monday afternoon at the corner of Kissel Hill Road and East Oregon Road in Lancaster County, south of Litz. Because of the mild, open winter, a lot of horse plowing is already finished, but spring field work is underway in all Amish farm communities across Pennsylvania and bordering states.

And even though temperatures dropped into the winter

zones over the middle of the week, "English" farmers were seen working their tractors in the field too. One large Maryland grain farmer said he was "itchy" to get the no-til planter into the field, but he resisted the temptation to break his set rule to never plant corn before the 15th of April. Come to think of it, that's next Saturday.

As for the Amish ice cream break—chocolate? strawberry? or vanilla? —we have no official report on the flavors consumed. Photo by Everett Newswanger, managing editor.