

# Somerset DHIA, Holstein Club Hold First Combined Banquet

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**BERLIN (Somerset Co.)** — Some 135 persons attended the first combined, annual banquet of the Somerset County Dairy Herd Improvement Association and the Somerset County Holstein Club, held in the local community building.

Many ticket holders opted out at the last minute when yet another winter storm and frigid temperatures made driving risky on icy roadways.

Claradale Farm, Salisbury, a partnership since 1978 between Clark Yoder and Rick and Bob, his sons, took high honors in the DHIA Herd Management awards presented by Larry Hay, Pennsylvania DHIA regional supervisor.

Claradale owners may have missed attending the affair but said later they believe that registering stock reaps higher dividends in the long run — when sale time rolls around as it ultimately will for many of the animals.

They could have been echoing the words of Ken Raney who strongly emphasized that very point when he told the group, "Continue to register young stock."

There are some 75 registered Holsteins being milked at Claradale, with a herd average of 23,970 pounds. Rick says they keep an equal number of young stock.

Clark says Agri-King's feeding program is followed. As it happens, Bob is an Agri-King representative.

The soil testing, which is done by Brookside Laboratories in Ohio, Clark says is a program which correlates with DHIA.

Comfortable cows are more productive cows. That means the cows' hooves get extra attention at Claradale. "We like to have a hoof trimmer come every six months," Clark said.

Some 170 acres are reserved for

corn, the primary crop raised by the partners. They depend on 145 acres for grass and 75 for oats.

Cash cropping, another aspect of Claradale's operation, according to Bob, finds marketable assets in high-moisture corn and oats. A 70 to 40 ratio puts corn on the high side of the additional 110 acres.

Other DHIA awards went to George Stahl, Somerset, RD, second; Latuch brothers, Rockwood, third; Say View Farm, Rockwood, fourth; and Michael and Carol Walker, Meyersdale, fifth.

The second urgent message Raney had for parents was their young people need to immunize their calves against brucellosis. "Vaccinated animals bring a great-er return," he said. Raney reported on local exports to Egypt and Mexico.

Rob Brown, director of the Somerset County Cooperative Extension Service reported that the junior dairy show will be held on July 16, a day prior to the Somerset County Holstein Show, so that the exhibitors can qualify to attend, on August 2, the Morrison's Cove District Dairy Show in Martinsburg.

He explained that a merger between the 4-H district dairy show and the FFA district dairy show has taken place.

The state dairy show advisory committee is now allowing anyone who is eligible to show at any district show in the state, Brown said.

Brown said the Somerset County Fair directors, because the junior dairy show was moved ahead, are currently looking at a fair without the usual dairy show. Apparently, they are batting around other possibilities, but Brown said he was unaware of their having reached a decision.

New directors elected to the county DHIA are Mark Miller, Boswell, and Wayne Petenbrink, Garrett, RD.

Elected to three-year terms in the county Holstein Club were

John Fox, Rockwood; Cheryl Glessner, Berlin, and Mark Ream, Markleton.

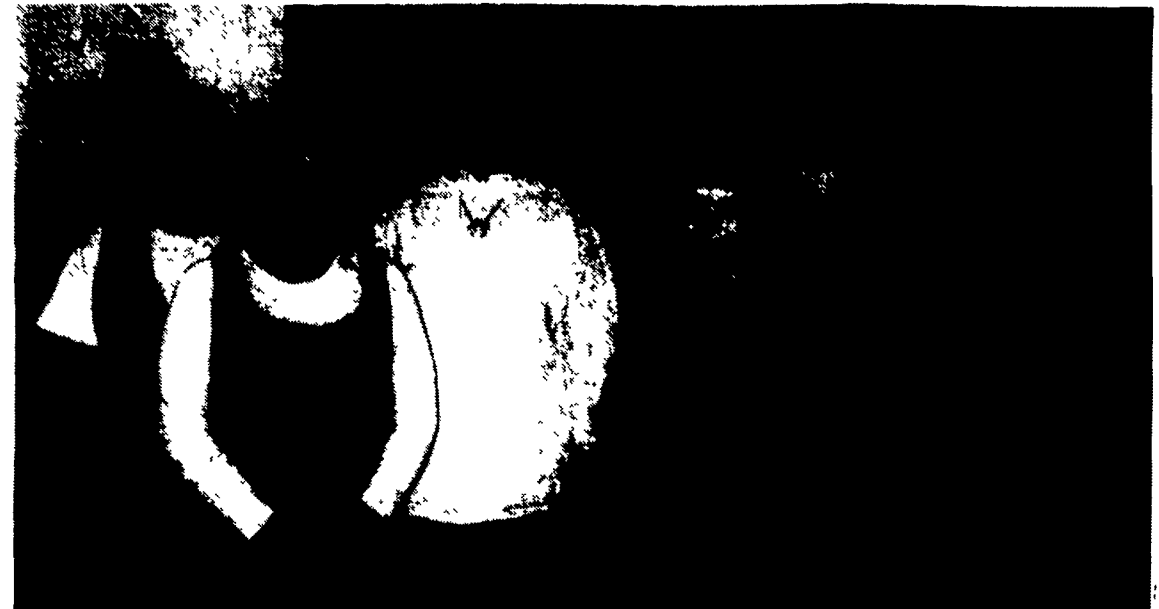
Tim Clites, president of the

Somerset County DHIA, and Harry Mostoller, president of the Somerset County Holstein Club conducted the business session

following welcoming remarks and introductions by Dr. Bob Bastian, and expressions of gratitude by dairy princess, Amy Paul.



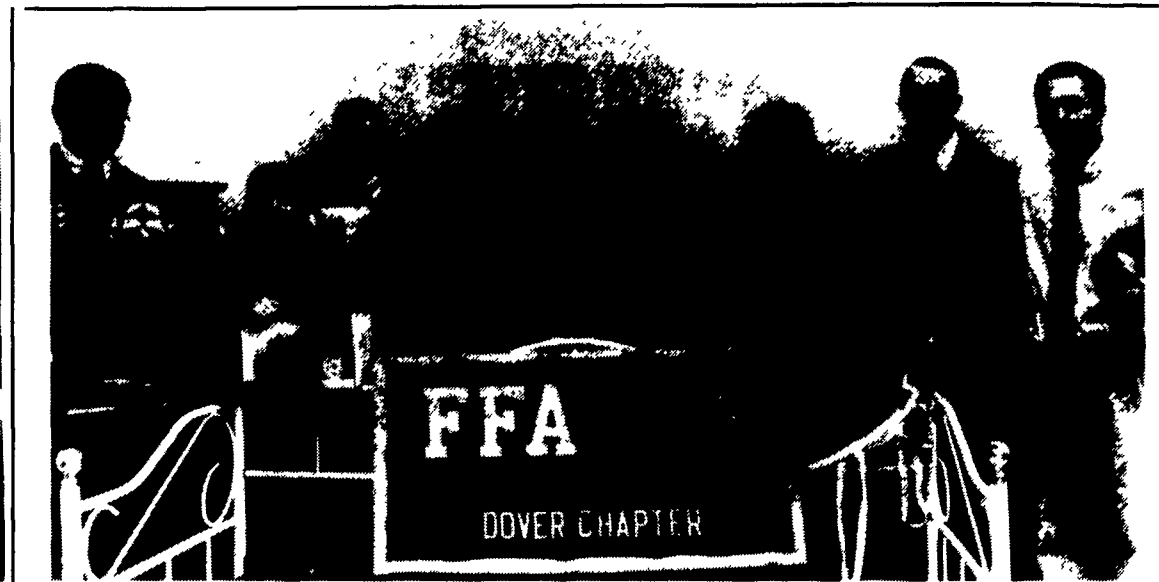
Claradale Farm was ranked first when the Somerset County DHIA herd management awards were given. The operation is a three-way partnership of Clark Yoder and his sons Rick and Bob. In the photo at the family farm are from left, Richard and Eileen Yoder, and Shari; Clark and Vera Yoder; and Bob and Glenda Yoder.



Somerset County dairy bowl participants at state competition are, from left, front, Rebekah Fox, and Zachary Foreman. Middle, Lauren Lynch, Michele Petenbrink, Ben Miller, and Adam Coleman. Back, Phillip Petenbrink, Jason Baughman, Dan Ream, and Jonathan Smiley.



County DHIA Management Awards go to, from left, Marjorie Saylor, Sue Saylor, Dave Latuch, and David Stahl.



Members of the Dover FFA Chapter display items that have been donated for their fundraiser. From left, Rodney Smith, Joanna Newcomer, Andy Baumgardner, Laura Lease, Lauri Bish, Kelli McDonald, Jed Smeysner, and Matt Hurley, student teacher.

## Auction To Benefit Dover FFA, York United Way

**DOVER (York Co.)** — The Dover Area High School FFA will be holding an auction March 19 in the Dover High School cafeteria to benefit the United Way of York County and the Dover FFA chapter. The auction is being organized by the students of the Dover FFA chapter and their student teacher Matt Hurley who is a senior at Penn State in Agricultural Education as well as a licensed auctioneer in Pennsylvania.

The auction was planned to allow the FFA members to do community service in York Coun-

ty as well as allowing them a chance to improve their communication and public speaking skills. The students have really been excited about the auction and the chance to help others who are in need. The FFA is a nonprofit organization that is concerned with building confident and assertive leadership, promoting citizenship, volunteerism and patriotism in the youth of America.

The United Way funds 42 health and human service agencies in York County, touching the lives of more than 151,000 individuals

in 1995 alone. The goal of the United Way in York County is to nurture children and youth, strengthen families, and foster healthy, self-sufficient adults, making our community a better place for all of us to live.

The FFA would like to invite the public to attend their auction and support the efforts of its members. The following is a partial listing of items to be sold at the auction:

NCAA football autographed by Joe Paterno, NCAA Basketball signed by the Penn State Men's

basketball team, oak curio cabinet, oak child's chair, lamp, daybed, 6-foot wooden picnic table, 2-ton hydraulic floor jack, Ertl tractors, (3) Ertl truck banks, Winross truck, NASCAR collectibles, (2) wooden picnic tables, (5) oil changes, several green fees at York County golf courses, Dale Emhart clock, bird feeders and houses, horse equipment including; halter, lead, saddle blanket, and cooler blanket, computer mouse, crafts, Sunbeam weather station, allen wrench set, (2) screw

driver sets, hair cuts, memberships to local gyms, Video rentals, tickets to Zoo America, 6-foot party sub compliments of Subway, gift certificates from local merchants and restaurants; Hoss's, Chi Chi's, West Side Steak House and many other items. There will also be a silent auction from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to donate items may contact Matt Hurley at the Dover agriculture department weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at 292-3671 ext. 242.