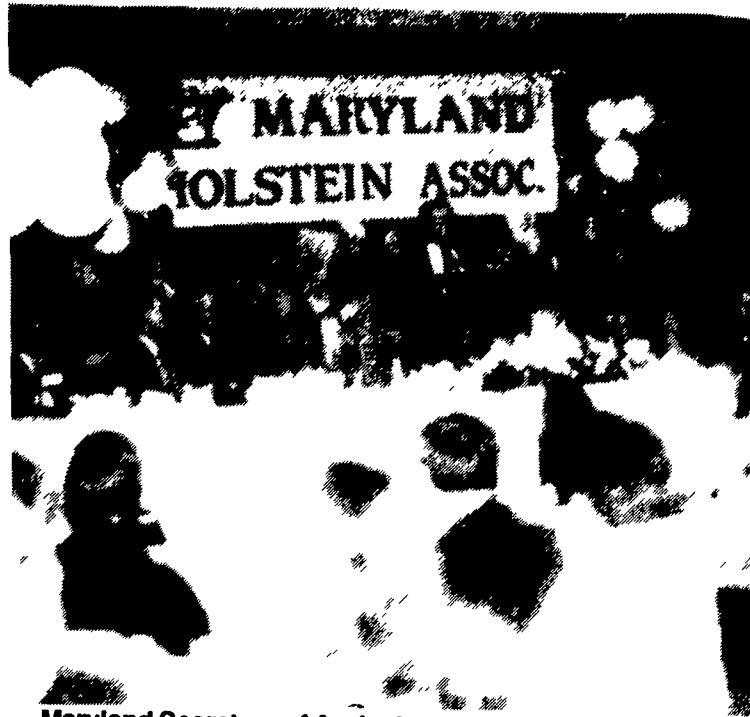




From the left, recipients of Maryland Holstein Association Progress Breeder Awards are amy Savage, Harold Smith, Dick Sutton, Wayne Savage, Roy Crow, Oren Bender, Carl Bender, Frank Covey, and Delvin Mast.



Maryland Secretary of Agriculture Lewis Riley is speaker at the banquet of the Maryland Holstein Association's 33rd Convention.

## Maryland Holstein Association Celebrates 33rd Convention

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secretary/treasurer — were re-elected to serve another term.

New three-year directors are Ron Kling, Mike Allne, Laura Phipps-Douthit, and Robert Knutson. Serving a one-year term will be D.D. Hollingsworth.

Progressive Breeders Registry Awards were presented to: Marlin Hoff, 16 years; Clovertop Farm, Inc., 13 years; Carl Bender, 12 years; Jason and Donna Myers, 9 years; Donald Wilcom, 9 years; My Ladys Manor Farm, Inc., 8 years; Savage-Leigh Farm, 7 years; Dennis E. Savage, 7 years; Roy W. Crow, 6 years; Wayne E. Schrock, 6 years; Harmony Farms, 5 years; K. Scott Hood, 4 years; Oren C. Bender, 3 years; Paul and Henry Kinsinger, 3 years; Cleland Beitzel, 2 years; Delvin Mast, 1 year; and Patrick Brothers, 1 year.

There were five Progressive Genetics Herd Award winners honored. This award is given to the herds with the highest average TPI of all the females in the herd.

Receiving awards were Allen Bros., with 177 head, 6 years; Richard Flickinger, 218 head, 6 years; Marlin Hoff, 897 head, 6 years; Scott Hood, 97 head, 6 years; and Jason and Donna Myers, 144 head, 6 years.

Production and type winners were Futurland 2020 Holsteins; Savage-Leigh Farm; Hannahs Distillery Springs Farm; O.C. Smith and Family; Kenneth and Shirley Zimmerman; Tom and Joy Crothers; Oren C. Bender; Kingstead Farms.

Awards for high herd for milk-DHI went to Tom and Joy Crothers, 89 cows and under; and Savage-Leigh Farm, in the 90 cows and over category.

Dr. Lee Majeski presented a brief program on the many possibilities of using the new Breeders Net.

The featured speaker for the day program was Dr. John Erri. Dr. Erri and his wife have been veterinarians for 27 years. Dr. Erri, from Denmark, operated his own dairy farm from 1977 to 1989. He bred the highest production bull in Denmark.

He began doing embryo work in 1982, and in 1989 his practice went to all ET work. In 1990 he formed a relationship with ABS-Global to put US Genetics in Denmark.

In 1994 he and ABS bought a bull stud in Denmark to market U.S. semen. In 1996 he formed a partnership with Echo Farms in Denmark where he owns half the cows.

There are 400,000 cows in Denmark, 100 percent registered and 80 percent on milk test. They cows are tuberculosis and lukosis-free in Denmark.

Producers have a milk quota and the average farm milks about 60 cows. Goals for the near future include attempting to bring the national average up to 100-200 cows with milking robots, perhaps by the end of 1997.

Erri said Denmark has the same problem as United States producers, as far as milk prices dropping and working with a high labor cost. The average annual labor salary is about \$40,000.

They also have other restrictions, such as they can only spread manure from February to spring, and must plow down within 24 hours.

In other convention action, the ladies had a historical theme program with tours of the old Episcopal Church, Beaten Biscuit Store, Old Wye Grist Mill, and Old Wye Oak.

After touring on a rainy day, a lunch and style show were enjoyed at Bloomingdale Place, a 17th century home. After lunch they were free to shop at the outlets and shops in the area.

The convention concluded with a buffet banquet where the highlights were the youth awards. Paul Gunther was toastmaster for the evening. Jana Edwards, Eastern Shore dairy princess gave the invocation and a milk toast was given to Sarah Bedgar, Maryland dairy princess.

Music for the evening was provided by Christy Beauchamp, Worchester County Farm Queen.

Lewis Riley, secretary of agriculture, was the speaker. He spoke on different legislative proposals, namely, a dairy bill, a pesticide bill, and a veterinarian bill, as well as providing highlights of happenings in Annapolis (the capital).

He stated that agricultural land preservation is the state's top priority program.

A fun auction of donated items was held following the awards.

The proceeds of \$2,430 are to benefit the Maryland Holstein dairy

bowl teams going to Grand Rapids for the national contest in June.

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