Holstein Picnic

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Richard E. Card, D.V.M. from Jefferson Laboratories in Jefferson set up a unique display in one of the barns. He brought in a cow he owns with a rumen fistula, a surgically created hole about four inches around to allow direct inspection of the cow's rumen. Dr. Card is doing ongoing research on the dynamics of how feeds are broken down by the cow's digestive system.

Picnic sponsors were: Southern States, Gladhill Tractor Mart. Ceresville Ford-New Holland, Mid-MD Dairy Veterinarians, Willard Agri-Services, Elanco Animal Health, Alta Genetics, Pennsylvania DHIA, Farmers Coop Assoc. - Master Mix, Hoffman Seed, Sire Power, Select Sires, ABS, Taurus Service, Inc., Semex, Doody's Mechanical Service, Priest's Refrigeration, Cargill, Performance Products, Inc., Protiva, Remsburg Tent Rental/ Wayne Smith, Genex, Mid-East DHIC, Advanced Nutrition -Renaissance, North Glade Feed -Purina, H.C. Summers, Central MD Farm Credit, H.B. Duvall, D.W. Ogg, AMS Genetics, Fort Dodge Animal Health, Pennfield, Pioneer Seed - area sales representatives, Knott and Geisbert, Tri-State Farm Automation, Keymar Fertilizer, Shank Surge Co., Interstate Dairy, and Norman Hill Sales.



Dr. Richard E. Card, D.V.M., displayed this fistulated cow he uses for research for characterizing feeds and the dynamics of what is going on in the rumen.



Scott Debaugh likes this calf.



These kids have a good time at the Maryland Holstein picnic.



The large trees and beautiful home at Savage-Leigh Farm provides the setting for the Maryland Holstein picnic.



Pro Ag **Plans** March

MESHOPPEN (Wyoming Co.) -Dairy farmers are to assemble in Washington D.C. on July 15 to observe National Dairy Farmers Awareness Day, according to Arden Tewksberry, manager of Progressive Agriculture Organization.

The event is to be sponsored by several organizations including the National Family Farm Coalition, National Farmers Organization, and Pro Ag.

According to Tewksbury, people representing the groups are to meet at the Methodist **Building in Washington** and then go to the Capitol Building for a rally. From the Capitol Build-

ing they are to march to the USDA building, possibly the White House.

The group is promoting several policies. They want Congress to pass SB-604; to raise the Class I differentials in all federal milk marketing orders by \$3 per cwt. and pool it nationally; place a \$14.50 floor under the Basic Formula Price; and implement a milk supply program. Anyone interested in going to the rally should contact Pro Ag at (717) 833-5776.