

Miller, Jackson Are 2000 Holstein

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Mt. Pisgah influenced him and affected countless others."

Jackson's parents, Scott and Helen, were a huge influence on him, instilling in him a quiet strength and strong faith through example. Though Scott raised Guernseys his entire life, he still passed on the love of the

land and farming to Ben.

In 1951, Jackson married his wife, Regina. Two years after they were married, they started milking cows, eventually getting to 34 Holsteins and four children — Dave, Cathi, Dan, and Dean.

"Mt. Glen" was the prefix Jackson chose for his herd when he purchased his first registered

Holsteins in 1953.

Testing and classification on Mt. Glen farms began in the early 1960s. Since then, Jackson has owned many Excellent and Very Good Holsteins. Probably the biggest influence in his herd came from a farm a quarter mile up the road owned by Ernie and Tom Young. Woodbourne Pisgah View Chief was the sire who left five Excellents and 10 Very Goods in Jackson's herd.

In 1953 Babe started showing his Holsteins and Guernseys at the Troy Fair. At his first show, he stood dead last. But he still went back year after year. And now he often stands first. In 1985, the Jacksons won breeder and exhibitor honors for both Holsteins and Guernseys.

In 1971, the Jacksons built a new 76 tiestall barn to house their herd, made up of three-quarters Holsteins and one-quarter Guernseys. But then in 1988 Jackson sold the Guernseys from his herd.

Jackson is farming in a partnership at Mt-Glen with his son Dean who returned to the farm after graduating in 1980. According to McMurray, their relationship is remarkable, with Ben willing to step back as Dean makes more decisions on the farm.

The Jacksons have been featured in the Pennsylvania Holstein Profiles, Hoard's Dairyman, and *Lancaster Farming*. Their farm is always hosting 4-H, FFA, and Holstein events. In 1998, they hosted Governor Casey's "Capitol for a Day" Program.



David and Martha Poole from Berks County received the 2000 Distinguished Young Breeder Award. From left are the Pooles with their children — Taylor, Martha, Elliot, David, Lynette, and Caitlyn.



Robert Rumler, Holstein USA Inc., retired, left, was honored at the awards breakfast for his lifetime of service to the dairy industry. Making the presentation is James Burdette, association president.

The herd averages 28,171 pounds milk, 1,149 pounds fat, and 890 pounds protein. Their 1999 BAA was 107, and they received the Progressive Breeder Registry Award for seven years in a row.

Paul Miller became interested in registered Holsteins as a teenager. In 1951, the Millers purchased their first registered Holstein. And, in 1952, Miller and Art Nesbitt talked his dad into joining the National Hol-

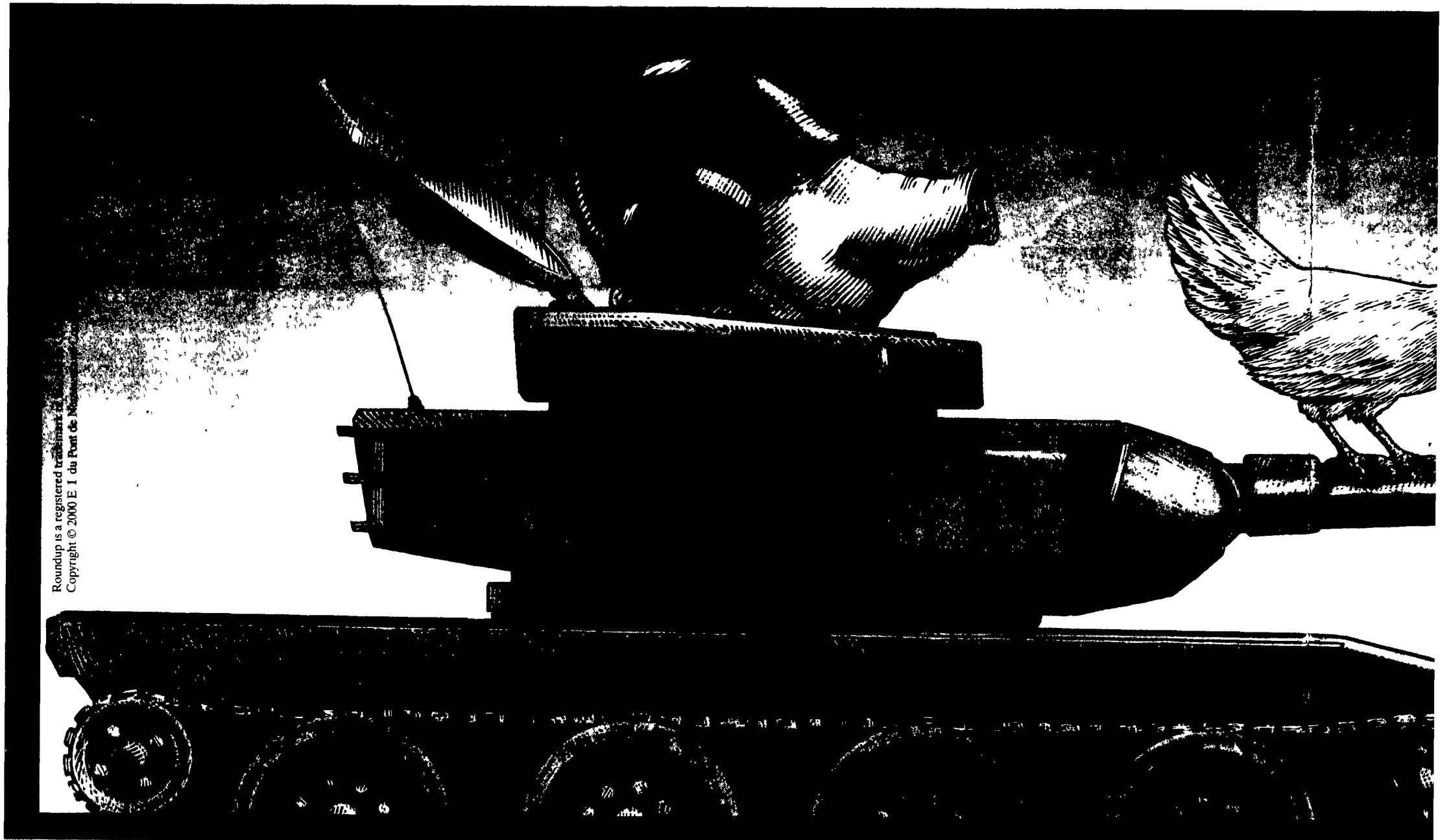
stein Association.

At a young age, Miller made breeding a good herd of registered cows his lifetime goal. In 1956, Paul's father Harrison sold the farm where Miller grew up and helped Miller purchase Great-View Farm in Fishing Creek Valley.

Paul met his wife Patricia when he took a pair of clippers to the electric shop to get fixed. During one of their first dates, Pat asked Paul to sing while she

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