

# Miller, Jackson Are 2000 Holstein Hall-Of-Famers

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1989, the Millers were awarded the Dairy of Distinction Award.

Since retiring, Miller is still helping dairy producers strengthen their breeding programs. He also enjoys showing and judging cattle. He has been a Lira Gold dealer for the past several years.

According to McMurray, "you don't go to many dairy functions where you don't find

Paul Miller spreading his special brand of charm and goodwill."

Jackson Yoder, a 1999 Hall of Fame inductee, was born in Mifflin County. After working on his older brother's dairy farm and driving tractor trailer for awhile, Yoder bought his first farm and purchased 11 registered Holsteins in 1952.

In 1953, Yoder married Reba. Nearly 50 years later, they are still happily married and have

three children — Carl, Carol, and Linda.

Most of Yoder's herd at Rocky Side farm can be traced to the original 11 animals Yoder purchased. The first homebred Excellent cow was Rocky Side Lena, a Hilltop Apollo Ivanhoe daughter.

Since then, Jeff has bred 17 excellent cows. Five purchased cows also went Excellent.

Yoder's breeding goals for Rocky Side farm were size, legs, udders, temperament, and percent fat. He concentrated on building consistency in his herd and won the Progressive Breeder Award 19 times from 1967 to 1987.

Once Yoder was established in the dairy business, Rocky Side purchased very few cattle. Most of the heifers were calved out on the farm. However, the excess were sold privately

through New Holland Dairy Sales. Yoder also supported the State Spring Sales with consignments.

Yoder's son Carl has worked at Rocky Side farm ever since he was old enough to be in 4-H. Carl and his other siblings were all active in 4-H. Rocky Side cattle often stood at the top of classes at the Eastern Championship Show and Pennsylvania Farm Show.

In 1985, Jeff and Carl formed a partnership, with Carl following the same breeding philosophy as Jeff. In 1990, Carl moved the Rocky Side herd to Bedford County.

A well-respected dairyman, Carl died tragically in a farming accident. And the herd was dispersed in 1993. Of the 146 head cataloged for the sale, 54 head had Excellent or Very Good dams.

Now retired, Yoder enjoys spending time with his children and grandchildren. He couldn't attend last year's convention for his induction because he was in Florida.

The 2000 Distinguished Young Breeder Award winners were also recognized during the annual banquet. David and Martha Poole of Robesonia received this prestigious award.

The Pooles own 175 registered Holsteins on their farm, Fanta-

syland Holsteins. The herd has a rolling herd average of 29,853 pounds milk, 1,015 pounds fat, and 955 pounds protein with a BAA of 107. The Pooles are expanding from 90 milking cows with a goal of 300.

The Pooles are very active in their local Holstein club, helping with both senior and junior activities. David has volunteered as coach of the Berks County dairy judging team, and Martha has served as a 4-H leader for six years.

The Pooles have received various honors with their Holsteins, both in the show ring and through marketing genetics. According to Pa. Holstein Association President James Burdette, registered Holsteins have a bright future at Fantasyland Holsteins.

During the annual banquet, Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Lori Connelly talked about her involvement in the Junior Holstein Association and the role that the association has played in her life. She also commended Holstein breeders on their dedication to producing an excellent cow.

James Burdette was presented with a pin for serving as the 1999-2000 president during the banquet. Heidi and Holly Miller, granddaughters of Paul Miller, sang the invocation before the dinner.

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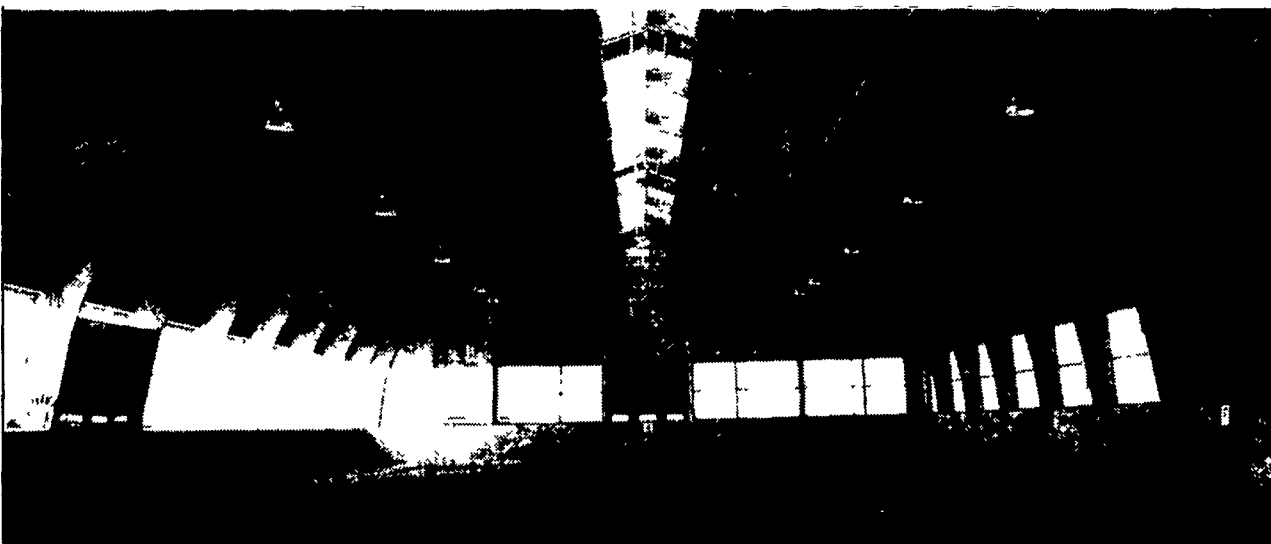
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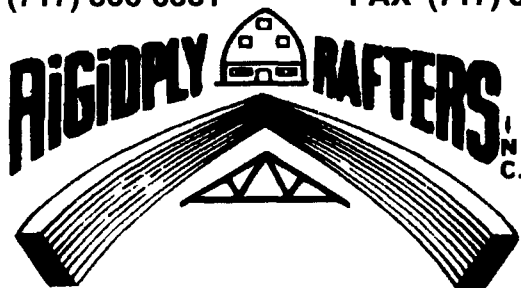


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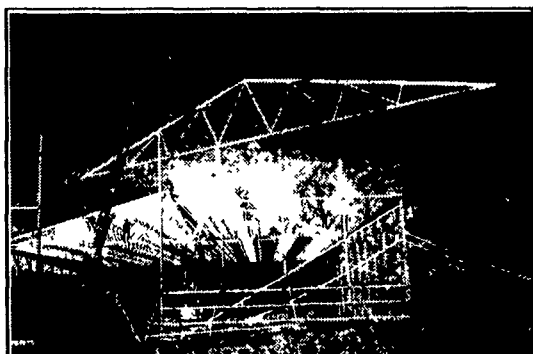
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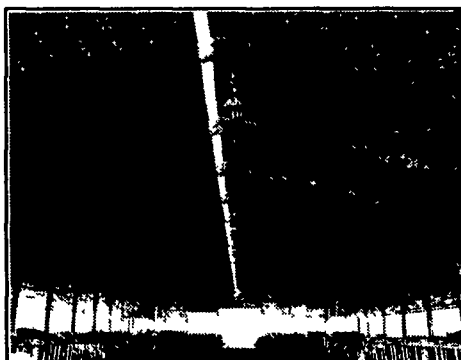
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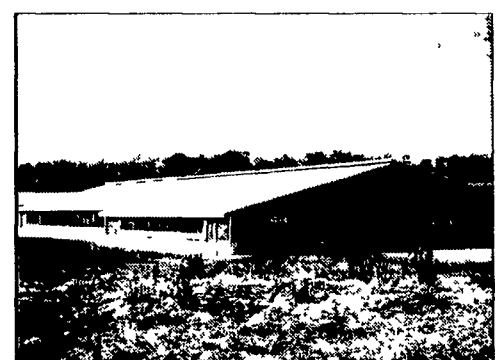
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