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Corn Talk Has 5-Acre Reports



Corn Talk, the newsletter of the Pennsylvania Corn Growers Association (PCGA), is included in this issue of Lancaster Farming. The issue features the winners of the Five-Acre Corn Club contest. Pictured here is Lebanon County crop and livestock farmer Steve Wenger and his son Nicholas. Read more about the Wenger family's operation in Corn Talk, included this issue.
Photo by Michelle Kunjappu

Central, Western Pa. Holstein Breeders Honored At Annual Convention

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ALTOONA (Blair Co.) — Harold F. Crider registered his first animal in 1941 when he was 10 years old.

Since then, Crider went on to develop what has been called "one of the (genetically) deepest herds in the entire country" by renowned Holstein broker and author Horace Backus.

Crider and wife, Leona, have now turned the management of that herd on Antrim Spring Farm, Franklin County, over to sons, Roger and Rodney.

Having bred more than 30 cows that scored Excellent over the years, Crider was one of two breeders inducted into the Pennsylvania Holstein Association Hall of Fame at the annual convention banquet here Thursday evening.

David Burket, Burket Falls Farm, Blair County, was honored for his pioneering work in both polled Holstein and Red and White genetics, as well as his overall breeding program.

In 1960, Burket traveled to Wisconsin where he purchased a herd of 11 registered Holsteins. One of them gave birth to a naturally polled heifer calf named Princess Fayne Houwtje, who

was destined to become a famous cow.

In addition to holding the lifetime record for butterfat production for a period of time, Princess was also featured on the cover of Pennsylvania Holstein News and was granddam to Burket-Falls Reflection Milly, the 1971 All-American 2-year-old cow.

In 1974, a Milly and Penstate Ivanhoe Star daughter gave birth to a red heifer calf sired by Burket-Falls Grandec. This calf,

Burket-Falls Grand Mini, became an All-American Red and White as a 2-year-old and served as seed stock for the Red and White herd.

"By accident, (Burket) got started in both the polled and Red and White business," said Douglas Seipt in presenting the award. "But it was no accident that (Burket) has developed these traits into a thriving business."

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DHIA Members Conduct 14th Annual Meeting, Banquet

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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — More than 50 DHIA members marked another year of the association with the 14th annual meeting and awards banquet at the Days Inn Penn State Wednesday evening.

During the program, Becky Mowrer, Pennsylvania's dairy princess, commented on the importance of product promotion. Since she began her reign as a county dairy princess in June, she has logged 3,000 miles as she represents and endorses the dairy industry.

Tom Smith, Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Promotions/Atlantic Dairy Association Dairy Council, spoke about several programs under way to promote milk products. Mothers and children are the target audiences for many of the commercials, said Smith.

Although television commercials are important for advertising, "the most important thing I think we're involved with is school programs," said Smith.

The organization not only works to disseminate curriculum information but also to provide milk coolers to ensure that children get cold milk during lunch.

Additionally, a milk vending machine project has been introduced to several schools and businesses. Milk is sold at a rate of about 300 units per week from the machines of mostly (90 percent) chocolate milk.

The Clyde Robison Award, given to honor leadership within the dairy industry, went to Stanley Burkholder, Potter County.

Burkholder, a former DHIA board member who is active in many agricultural and civic organizations, has served on the Tioga County cooperative extension board, is a 35-year member of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, and has served in many capacities on the county level of the Farm Bureau.

Frank Orner, Pennsylvania DHIA board secretary, said that Burkholder "always had the fortitude to stand up and speak for the farmer." Burkholder was elected to the state DHIA board.

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Dairy Day Presents Challenging Questions

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NEW CENTERVILLE (Somerset Co.) — "If your business is going to continue, you must be replaced," said Dr. Bernard Erven, an Ohio State University professor who spoke to more than 50 farmers on Feb. 20 during the annual Laurel Highlands Dairy Day, at New Centerville Firehall.

"Who's going to operate your business in your absence? These are questions you must ask yourself and prepare for the future," said Dr. Erven, an extension specialist for the Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics at Ohio State since 1984.

The purpose of Dairy Day is to present research-based information on issues relevant to local dairy farmers. Emphasis is

placed on improving performance and competitiveness of dairy production.

This year, the program addressed the labor management problem in dairy farms with keynote speaker Erven. An information management session was held to help farmers improve profits.

Erven, a professor at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, has his bachelor's in agricultural education and his master's degree in agricultural economics, both from Ohio State. His doctorate in agricultural economics is from the University of Wisconsin. He has co-authored the book "Foundations for Managing the Farm Business," along with D. Lynn Forster, from Grid Publishing in 1981.

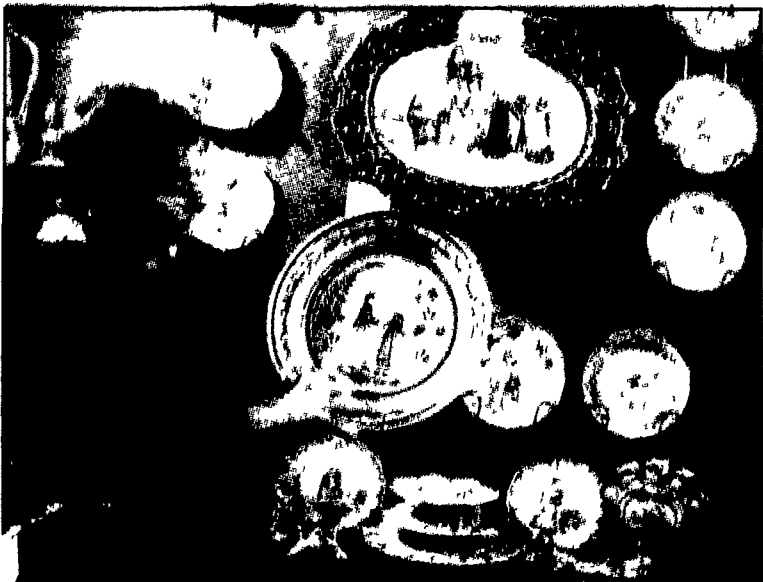
During the afternoon session, Erven presented topics on labor management and the transfer of farms to the next generation.

Erven advised farmers to understand the culture of their business, because no two businesses are alike. He advised that the family should be a part of everything that happens.

"Oral agreements often lead to confusion and disagreement, but written records provide the basis for resolving differences," he said.

He related to the farmers that transferring the farm to the next generation changes the business but choices are better made than

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Upscale antiques attract collectors at Hunt Valley show. Joan Datasman of Merry Walk Antiques holds one of her favorite pieces of Quimper from her colorful collection. The unsigned piece dated 1870 sells for \$1,100. Read more about the show in Lancaster Farming's Antiques Center page B27.

Photo by Lou Ann Goed, food and family features editor

2001 All-Md. Holsteins Named



Pictured is Savage-Leigh Dazzle-ET, named 2001 All-Maryland 4-year-old Holstein. The Savage family of Savage-Leigh farm, Knoxville, also exhibited All-Maryland junior and senior best three females. To see the complete field of All-Maryland winners, turn to page A28.