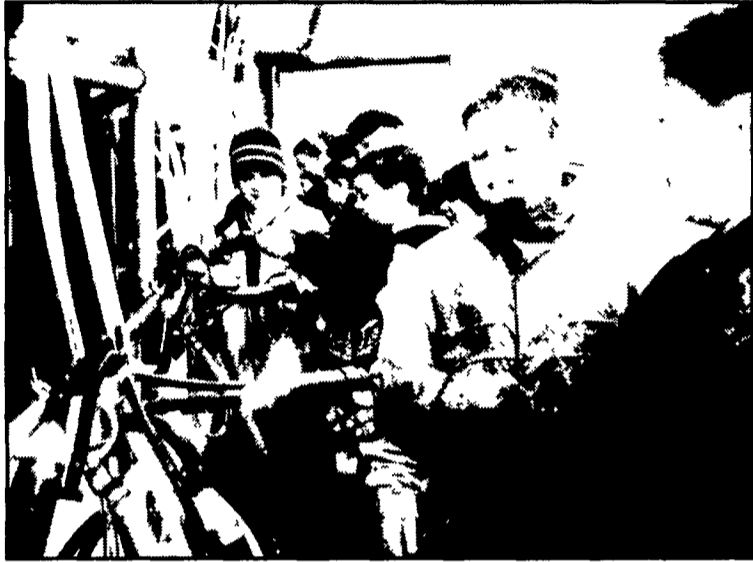


Kids Korner

Cornwall Readers Moo-ve To Their Reward

A Trip To Krall Dairy Farm, Lunch, Ice Cream

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Students were able to feel the pulsing of the milkers during their tour.

CORNWALL (Lebanon Co.) — Two classes of students who won the February "Moo-ve into Reading" challenge contest at the school received their prize this week.

Doreen Weaber's second graders and Maurice (Jim) Keesey's fifth graders visited the dairy farm of Tom and Shirley Krall Monday as part of their reward.

The 40 children split into two groups to tour the dairy, spending time with the baby calves and the milking parlor.

The second group was able to see the menu of what a cow eats and view the adult milking cows up close.

In addition to the dairy operation, the Krall's piglet, llama, goats, turkey, and goose attracted the students' attention and allowed more educational opportunity for the Kralls, who led the tours. The Kralls milk 90 cows.

As the milk truck rumbled in and driver Randy Luckenbill began draining the milk tank into the truck, Shirley Krall explained the workings of the dairy. After the farm's tank was emptied, she said, the tank would be carefully washed.

Luckenbill added that the milk shipped out that day would end up at an area chocolate factory.



Both a llama and a turkey join the other various animals at the Krall farm. Both Tom and Shirley used the opportunity to teach about products from animals.

then on to Dairy Queen for dessert.

The purpose of the challenge contest was to encourage reading. The school's principal and librarian challenged the students to read, read, and read during February's "Moo-ve in to Reading" program, designed by librarian Sherry Kalbach. On Read across America day (March 1), the results of the school challenge were announced.

During the month, primary students had earned one "cow" for every picture book they read or had read to them. Students in grades 3-5 earned one cow for every four chapters that they read.

If the school total surpassed 2002 cows, the librarian and prin-



Even though the day was rainy, students toured the various barn facilities for the different ages of the herd.

The truck holds approximately 7,000 gallons, or 61,000 pounds of milk, said Luckenbill.

The three basics of a cow's production are "fed, bred, and bed," said Tom Krall. He explained the importance of a balanced ration, freshening, and proper bedding on a dairy farm.

After the dairy farm tour, the students proceeded to the Golden Corral for a special lunch and

principal promised that they would kiss and milk a cow in a school-wide assembly on March 1. That goal was easily reached in two weeks.

A second goal was that the students get to 10,000 cows and the principal would become a human sundae.

The librarian and principal fulfilled their promises at the assembly on March 1, as the students had actually read more than 18,000 cows' worth during February.

The Lebanon County Dairy Princess and Dairy Maid also served Purple Cows during lunch and did presentations about the dietary importance of milk and about Lilly, the cow that Mr. Kindt milked.

Winners of the grand prize—the trip to the dairy farm, Golden Corral and Dairy Queen were announced that day.

Weaber's students had earned 1,607 cows, each representing a picture book and Keesey's earned 1,176 cows, each representing four chapters read during February.

The trip and reading promotion with a dairy theme is funded by school activity funds and the PTO.



Randy Luckenbill, driver, came to the farm to get milk while the students were visiting.



"The cow needs a very healthy diet," explains Tom Krall as the students see the components of a cow's ration.



Keeping cows healthy is important to a farm, and Shirley Krall showed the students the tools they use to keep the animals in optimum health.