

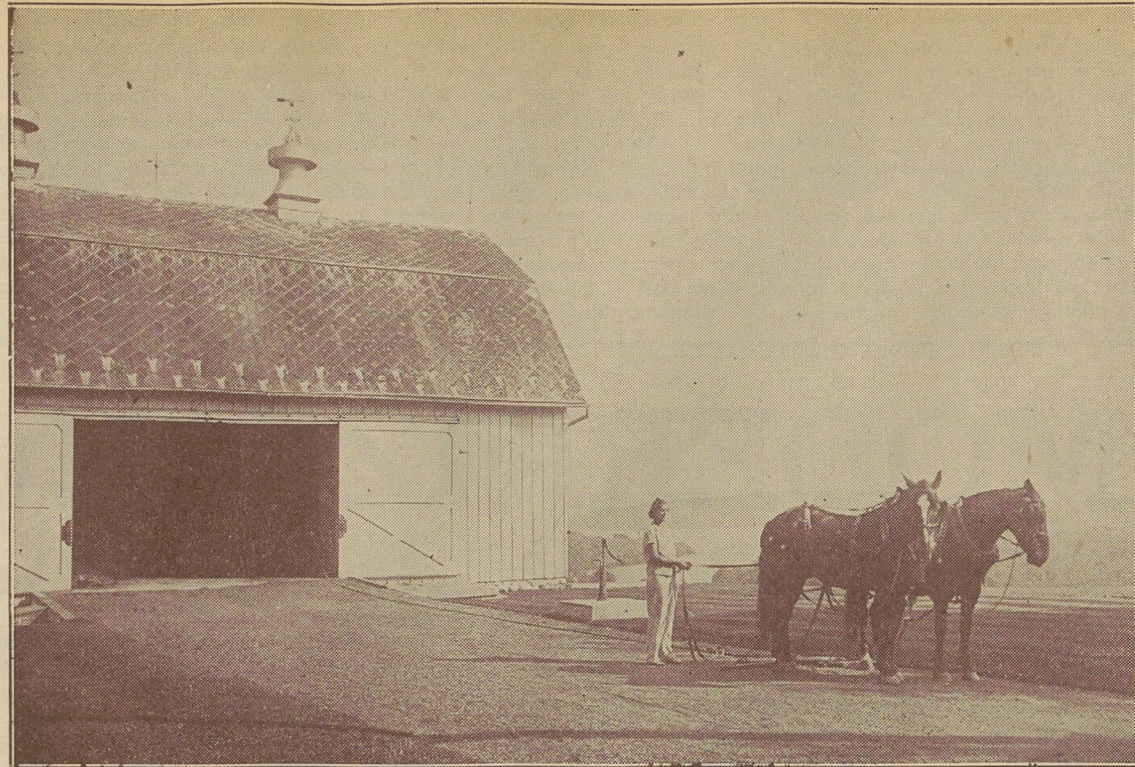
Real Estate Is Active At Harvey's Lake

Connolly Develops Teter Estate; Many Cottages Being Built

The residential and commercial development of Harvey's Lake, Huntsville and other local communities designed largely for summer vacationists will expand to a very great extent, particularly after the new Dallas-Harvey's Lake highway is completed; and the half million dollars which has gone into the development of the lake during the past decade should be far exceeded in the next few years.

More than 15 new cottages, ranging from two- and three-room dwellings to large restaurants, have gone up at Harvey's Lake since last year. Most striking development is at the Island, opposite Alderson Methodist Church, where five new homes have been built. Billy Woolbert, of Imperial Motors in Kingston, is constructing one there now. John Conlin has built a summer home on the old Teter Estate at Warden Place and plans to start a subdivision in that section. Two new cottages have been completed at Outlet, and Mike Grochek has another nearly finished.

The Farmer's Best Hired Man



Marion Elston drives King and Queen as they pull the fork rope during haying season at Mrs. F. C. Johnson's Orchard Knob Farm. The view of Huntsville Reservoir from this point is one of the most beautiful in the entire region.

Back Mountain's Blooded Cattle Are Among The Nation's Best

Its Great Farms Have Contributed Generously To Better Herd Standards

The Back Mountain Region is justly proud of its fine herds of pure-blooded cattle. Its breeders have produced some of the outstanding stock in the State and many of the animals bred on Back Mountain Farms are now helping to raise the standards of dairy herds hundreds of miles distant from the farms on which they were born. Time was when the average farmer paid little heed to the blood lines of his cows and bulls or the production records of their ancestors. Few farmers cared so long as their herds gave milk. Pioneer work—breeding and raising of purebred stock—was left to such farms as those owned by the Conyngham brothers, Dorrance Reynolds and such enthusiasts as the late D. P. Honeywell, W. B. Robinson, J. N. Conyngham, E. E. Hogg and William "Billy" Bulford—all outstanding breeders and authorities in the days gone by and devoted Holstein fanciers.

Little by little pure-blooded stock from these pioneer breeders found its way into the herds on nearby farms. With the advent of cow testing associations, production records, and premium prices for quality milk, skepticism began to disappear and herd standards started to rise.

Today there are scores of pure-blooded herds where once only gentleman farmers and hardy zealots dared to proclaim the advantages of pure-bred bulls over scrubs and the need to study production records before breeding if herd standards and high production were to be maintained with attendant profit to the dairy farmer.

There might be arguments over best breeds but there was no compromise over blood, and so profiting from the lessons learned, progressive dairymen chose their thoroughbreds and concentrated on three popular breeds, Holsteins, Guernseys and Ayrshires.

Ayrshire Herds

Among the Ayrshire breeders none has made a more impressive record recently than George Rice of Lehman, whose herd of sixteen registered animals finished third high last season in the Columbia-Luzerne County Dairy Herd Improvement Association with a 398.8 butterfat test. A splendid record for its first year in the association.

Another Ayrshire breeder is Dr. G. L. Howell of Trucksville with a herd of 20 milking head. Dr. Howell and Mr. Rice along with the Shoemaker Brothers of Wyoming and Waldron Frederick of Conyngham belong to the Luzerne County Ayrshire Bull Association—an organization devoted to the improvement of herds through the rotation of blooded sires.

Others whose devotion to Ayrshires is shown in their fine herds are: H. B. Schooley of Orange with a herd of fifteen; E. M. Green of Willow Grange Farm, Trucksville, with thirty head; William Naugle, Lehman Township school director, with twenty; Willard Cornell of Lehman with twenty-five; Callender Brothers of Sweet Valley with a large and productive herd, and the Shoemakers Brothers of Wyoming with fifteen. One of the two biggest breeders in the state is George Gabuzda of Freeland.

Ayrshire owners are impressed with the longevity of their animals, claiming that they maintain high production and fertility longer than other breeds.

While the quantity of milk is not as great as that produced by Holsteins nor as rich as that produced by Guernseys, it strikes a high average between both, making the Ayrshire a highly profitable animal to own.

improve his herd with a young bull will get wholehearted co-operation from Mr. Hutchison.

A. J. Sordoni's Sterling Farm has also started a plan of selling blooded bull calves to local dairymen for \$10 each—a policy that is bound to go a long way in improving milk production through the elimination of scrub bulls.

Back in 1860 Dallas township had 998 people, and in 1893, Dallas borough had a population of 500.

Outstanding among Guernsey breeders and with herds that have received local, state and national recognition are Goodleigh Farm, owned by Dorrance Reynolds and managed by Miss Mary Weir; Sterling Farm at Harvey's Lake, owned by A. J. Sordoni and managed by John Dershimer and the W. T. Payne Farm at East Dallas. Animals on these farms come from some of the greatest blood lines in America and their calves and young stock have been sold to local dairymen as well as leading breeders throughout the country.

The Reynolds, Sordoni and Payne herds each number above 100 animals. But others equally successful with this breed include C. F. Goeringer of Orange with seventy-five; Clifford Space with thirty-five, and Cory Major of Lehman with twenty. Others in the county include: Sam Price of St. John's—one of the most successful breeders in the state—Rolland Seely of Nescopeck R. D.; Harold Andrews of Stillwater; and Carl Stevens and Fred Bittenbender of Huntington Mills.

Holstein—the Stand-By

The oldest breed and the stand-by of many a profit-making dairyman is the Holstein-Friesian . . . a cow that produces milk in high quantity. One of the greatest breeders in the northwestern United States is the famous Hillside and Spring Brook Farm owned by William Conyngham. Its herd, ranging between sixty-five and eighty head was developed by the late D. P. Honeywell in co-operation with Mr. Conyngham. Its records of accomplishment have maintained a continued high standard over the years and have brought leading authorities of the country to Hillside to observe and study this herd. The Holstein was the choice during an earlier day of all the leading breeders in the Back Mountain Region. To list Holstein fanciers would be to name the honored list of those men who owned the finest herds in the Dallas Region a generation ago.

Today the Holstein finds its supporters among such alert dairymen as the Shoemaker Brothers of Wyoming R. F. D.; Herbert P. Reilly, Cory Major, and George Lewis of Lehman; Arthur Gay and Son of Dallas R. F. D.; Herman Sands of Wyoming; R. E. Smith of Pittston R. F. D.; Arthur Smith, Harris Hill; Oliver Ellsworth of Kunkle, Ray Prutzman of Huntsville, and Sheldon and Melvin Mosier of Dallas Township, who carry on the traditions of a fine herd developed by their father, the late Melvin Mosier. Marvin Elston and Sons of Kunkle and Olin Kunkle and the late Fred Kunkle were also early Holstein fanciers.

With such progressive men devoted to the raising of thoroughbred cattle it would seem strange that there are still others in the million dollar industry who fail to take advantage of the outstanding breeders in this vicinity and the blood lines available to improve their herds. With these great farms anxious to co-operate and in all cases favoring the local small dairymen there is no longer any reason why the owner of the smallest herd should be satisfied with a scrub bull and mediocre cows.

Probably no single person has done more to promote general herd excellence among small dairymen than James Hutchison of the Farm Bureau. He has placed scores of young blooded bulls at moderate prices with farmers having small dairies and any one who wants to

Coal-O-Matic Stoker Plant Locates Here

Fifteen Workmen Employed By Firm At Hillside Works

Coal-O-Matic Stoker Company, manufacturers of automatic coal stokers, are now established in new quarters in the old Hygiene Dairy building at Hillside, just off the Huntsville road. For a number of years the firm has been located in a part of the Wyoming Shovel Works plant, but a recent sale of that property made a change of location necessary.

The Coal-O-Matic company, headed by its founders, W. H. Croughn of Kingston and Paul L. Gross of Pioneer avenue, Shavertown, employs fifteen skilled workmen. The company sells its products through distributors in the eastern states, dealer contracts being handled by its New York sales office.

Mr. Gross designed the stoker, now manufactured in nine different models, about four and one-half years ago. It was immediately accepted by dealers and home owners and soon the youthful manufacturers were faced with the problem of meeting the demand. The firm has grown steadily since that time, constantly improving its product, and refusing to sell control to outside interests who might move the company out of the valley.

The firm manufactures a popular hopper spill-over model which is within range of everybody and eight other models in a price range from \$200 to \$500.

Commenting on the change of

location Mr. Gross, who is in charge of production, says that he does not find it inconvenient to handle production in the new quarters. Most shipments are made by pick-up truck service the same as they were in Wyoming and it is also just as convenient for employees to get to and from work here as in any other location in the valley. In addition light, air and surrounding are much better here than elsewhere.

The biggest problem right now, Mr. Gross said, is to get certain non-ferrous materials and the company may have to discontinue using aluminum fans and replace them with steel. On top of shortages because of defense priority, demand for stokers has increased beyond all expectations. This is true not only with his own company but with all stoker manufacturers, he added.

Mr. Gross said his company had never had a salesman in the Dallas area, depending upon dealer demand to keep production at a peak.

He said he was surprised, however, at the amount of interest shown in stokers by local home owners and that many prospects had stopped in at the plant voluntarily to discuss stokers.

Mr. and Mrs. Gross and their two children, Marcia Ann and Lucinda Jane, are making their home in the Luther Roushey property on Pioneer avenue. While general surroundings are much the same as his home town—Wyoming—he thinks the Back Mountain region is about the nicest place to live and work that he has found yet.

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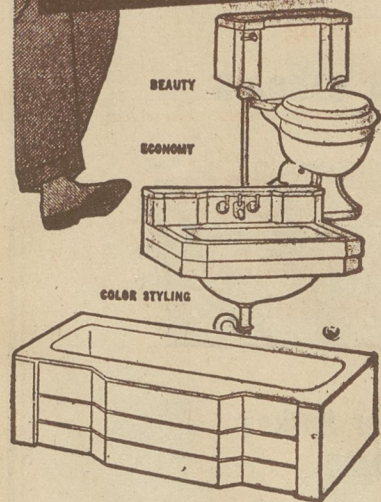
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