

Sands Farm Herd Leads Luzerne County Cow Testing Association

Report of Miss Carol Cook, Cow Tester for the Luzerne County Cow Testing Association, showed 22 herds with 477 cows in milk and 102 cows were dry on test during December.

Two cows were sold for dairy purposes and five for non-dairy purposes. Two cows were purchased. Willow Grange Farm Dairy, Trucksville, became a member of the Association.

One hundred sixty-seven cows produced over 40 pounds of fat, while 69 produced over 50 pounds.

One hundred sixty-five cows produced over 1,000 pounds of milk, while 87 passed the 1,200 pound mark.

Ten highest producing cows in butterfat for month:

Owner	Name of Cow	Breed	Lbs. Milk	P.C. Fat	Lbs. Butterfat
Sands Farm Dairy	Hartog	R.H.	1814	5.4	98.0
Shoemaker Bros.	S. Snowball 1	R.H.	2244	4.3	96.5
*Goodleigh Farm	Herina	R.G.	2254	4.2	94.7
Sterling Farm	No. 175	R.G.	1513	6.0	90.8
*Goodleigh Farm	Manet	R.G.	2105	4.3	90.5
*Goodleigh Farm	Le Fleur	R.G.	2145	3.6	77.2
*Goodleigh Farm	Silverdeal	R.G.	1423	5.3	75.5
*Goodleigh Farm	Rosebud	R.G.	1655	4.4	72.8
Sterling Farm	No. 176	R.G.	1457	4.7	68.5
C. J. Major	Phoebe 2	R.H.	1283	5.3	68.0

Ten high Herds in average butterfat production:

Owner	Breed	Cows Milking	Cows Dry	Average Milk	Average Butterfat
Sands Farm Dairy	Mixed	21	0	1164	43.63
Goodleigh Farm	R.G.	46	2	937	42.21
Harold Bertram	R.H. & R.G.	13	1	1214	41.68
Sterling Farm	R.G.	72	7	762	38.21
*Retreat	R.H.	54	4	886	30.68
Springbrook	R.M.S.H.	7	2	808	29.27
Wm. Valentine	R.J.	6	0	518	28.92
Richard S. Johns	Mixed	15	2	727	28.74
Shoemaker Bros.	R.H.	18	8	765	27.21
Geo. Rice & Son	R.A.	38	5	616	25.41

* Milked three times daily.

Library Adds Many New Books

Recent Best Sellers Are Among Shipments

The following books for adults and for children have been added to the stacks of Back Mountain Memorial Library since December 1, Miss Miriam Lathrop, librarian, announced yesterday.

Adult's Books

How to Stop Worrying and Start Living, Dale Carnegie; The Heart of the Matter, Graham Greene; Dinner at Antoine's, Frances P. Keyes; Sangaree, Frank Slaughter; Yankee Auctioneer, George H. Bean; I Hear Adventure Calling, E. Loring; Our Unknown Ex-President, Herbert Hoover, Lyons; The Spanglers, H. Castor.

The Plague and I, Betty MacDonald; The Fire Balloon, Ruth Moore; The Wild Country, L. Bromfield; Fire in the Heart, Buckmaster; The Big Fisherman, Lloyd Douglas; Hospital Zone, E. Eifer; The Hearth and the Eagle, A. Seaton; Kissing Kin, E. Thane; There's No Place Like Home, Ellenwood.

Fur Farming for Profit, Ashbrook; Up Front, Bill Mauldin; The decorative Arts of Sweden, Plath; Album of American History, v. 4, Adams; The Amateur Photographer's Handbook, Sussman; You Can Whittle and Carve, A. Hellum; Country Christmas, P. Hoffman; Elizabeth, Captive and Princess, Irwin; Slovak Proverbs and Sayings, Peter Yurchak; The day They Gave Babies Away, Eunson.

Children's Books

I Heard of a River, Elsie Singmaster; Riding Days, M. Oliver; Mountain Laurel, A. Emery; Mystery of Lost Valley, M. Wellman; Waverly, A. Walden; Five Puppies For Sale, Brann; Growing Pains, F. Taylor.

The Littlest Angel, Tazewell; The White Bunny and His Magic Nose, Duplax; Christmas Pony, W. Hall; The Jolly Season, L. Stirling.

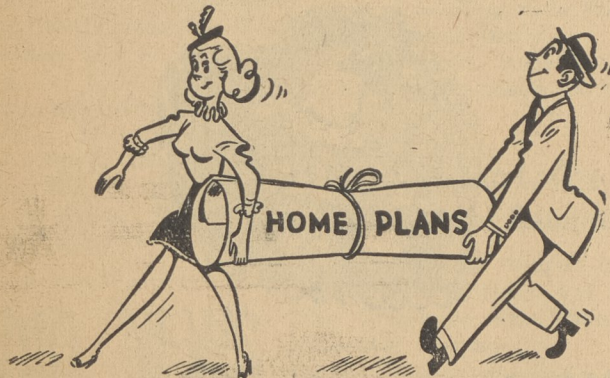
Pony Farm, P. Brown; Patsy Jefferson of Monticello, M. Vance; The Island Stallion, W. Farley; The Invisible Island, D. Marshall; Thidwick, The Big-Hearted Moose, Dr. Seuss; Anthony Wayne, Daring Boy, A. Stevenson; Eli Whitney, Boy Mechanic, D. Snow.

Many other new books have been received since the above list was prepared. The list of these will be published shortly.

Bees Swarmed, But Did More Work, Too

Bees did an unusually large amount of swarming in 1948, mostly as a result of crowded conditions in the hive, but still managed to produce 7,482,000 pounds of honey in Pennsylvania, an increase of 657,000 pounds over 1947, according to W. W. Clarke, extension agriculturist of the Pennsylvania State College.

While the honey supply which they carry with them lasts, swarms usually can be returned to the hive with little difficulty. Clarke favors returning swarms to the hives they vacated, after removing old queen cells, rather than make an increase in the number of colonies. Where increased colonies are desired, he says they can be made artificially by taking two or more frames of brood and bees with a queen cell, or new queen, along with two frames of honey. If made late in May or early June, this artificial swarm will build up to a good-sized colony by fall.



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